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Greed **Need** motivates teens to work

By Richard Park and
Andrea Bednar, Chaparral

"Excuse me sir, would you like fries with that?"

Many students are considering a job this year, and, like a majority of teenagers, they'll probably end up in some dead-end job working for minimum wage.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, nearly half (47.5 percent) of all 16-19 year-olds work on a full or part-time schedule. Fifty-five percent of the 5.4 million workers aged 16 to 19 were employed in three categories: sales, food service, and administrative support (including clerical).

As **Natalie Peters**, Chaparral senior, puts it, "I love it (having a job) because I love being stressed out and then having absolutely no time to get anything done."

Of course, she was being sarcastic, but her problem is something that most people with jobs face: lack of time, lack of sleep.

According to Jack Greenberger and Richard Steinberg, experts on adolescent behavior, the main motivation for teenagers working is "greed not need." This may very well be true.

Junior **Eva Jimenez** uses the money she earns from her job in the mall to pay for her shopping expenses.

Senior **Jenny Williams** says she spends most of her money on special occasions such as snowboarding or Christmas. Other students work for different reasons.

Junior **Sara Sylvis**, who works at Home Express, uses the money she earns to pay for her car insurance

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Have taste & decency gone to the dogs?

By Nicole Christian, Chaparral



I think the most commonly used words in a parent's vocabulary are "Turn that crap off." Whether it's your favorite *Hootie* song or the NBC Monday night movie, something is too loud, too long or too risqué.

So what do you do when that sentence tumbles out of a parent's mouth? Roll your eyes or mumble something under your breath? Did you really ever stop and think why they're demanding this of you?

Look what our parents grew up watching: *Leave it to Beaver* and *The Mickey Mouse Club*. They weren't exactly action-packed, but they were nice and clean and something that a family could watch together.

Now look at what we're growing up with: *Homicide*, *Unsolved Mysteries*, the psychos on *Melrose Place*...How many kids want to be in the same room with their parents when these shows come on?

Parents are appalled at the content, embarrassed at the sex and they lose count of how many times a "bad word" is said. They can't help but say "when I was your age..."

As kids we are automatically wired to disagree with our parents and think everything they say is irrational, out of control, or old fashioned, but this is one subject on which I have to agree with my parents.

Times have changed and there are more

things to write about than "Teen Angels" and "Blue Suede Shoes" but does it have to be filled with profane language and offensive references?

Next time you watch a movie pay attention to how many times a bad word definitely, positively has to be there without a doubt. Since we are used to hearing this kind of crude language every day, we don't even find it extraordinary to hear the "F-word" six times in one sentence.

Also, whatever happened to cute movies that gave you a warm, fuzzy feeling? I understand that most people like suspenseful, edge-of-your-seat type of movies, but do they all have to be so psychotic?

Where do people think those mass murderers get their ideas from? It's either on the big screen or becoming America's number one hit show. It's not our fault that the producers of *Full House* took a turn for the worse because people got sick of the happy, "dooda" endings. Maybe the producers of *Full House* should make Stephanie a deranged cannibal and then see how the ratings shoot up.

It's not teenagers that give Generation X a bad name — it's the things we watch!


Next time you feel the urge to resist put yourself in your parent's shoes.

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The first-ever Greater Las Vegas Inner-City Games will run from June 1 to October 19. It's a festival of sports (team and individual) and skills (writing and art). Sports clinics are offered, also.

There is no charge for you to participate. Free transportation is available for the sports clinics and the final competitions.

Arnold Schwarzenegger is the chairman of Inner-City Games. He and tennis star Andre Agassi will kick off the main competitions with an Opening Ceremony at the Thomas and Mack, Sept. 21.

DEADLINES

Art and Writing Competition

This will be held at schools in the Las Vegas area. Submit your entries no later than **April 26**. You may write a short story, a poem or news article on the theme "My Journey into the 21st Century." Or you may submit a two-dimensional piece of original art. Ask your school counselor for details.

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ON THE COVER

Spring Theatre in the High Schools

"The Wizard of Oz," one of the best-loved stories of all time, will again transport Southern Nevadans to a magical land.

The Rancho High School Drama Department will present "The Wizard of Oz" April 24-26 and May 2-4 at 7 pm, plus a 2 pm matinee May 4.

Tickets for this perennial favorite are \$3 for kids under 12, \$4 for students and seniors, and \$5 for other adults. Special rates are available for groups of 15 or more.

ON THE COVER: Dorothy (toting Toto) is played by Jaimie Hall. The ominous Wiz is Nevada Nichols, who doubles in two other roles. Skyler Williams is the Cowardly Lion when he's not "Zeke."



Carl Jamerson is first seen as "Hunk" before he appears as the lovable Scarecrow. Joe Parry jumps from his role as "Hickory," the farmhand, to his other identity, the Tinman. Glinda, the good witch, is portrayed by Joie Breen.

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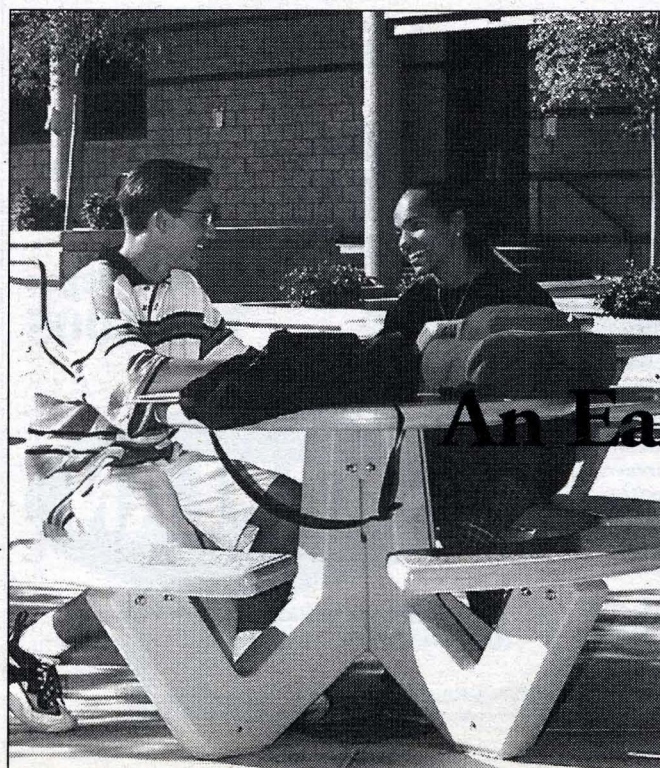
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Blithe Spirit brings on more than just entertainment

By Lindsay Rhodes

A wonderful gift from the senior class would be new seats in the Little Theatre. After watching *Blithe Spirit*, performed by the Chaparral Company Players, the audience had spent almost three hours in those chairs.

The "Blithe Spirit" consisted of **Lalae Azodi, Dusty Furlong, Jamie Mattern, Jeff Turner, Carla Torcaso, Stacy Schaffer, and Barbara Rollins.**

In the play, the actors used English accents on a wonderfully decorated set to tell of the return of a man's dead wife. The first scene was rather slow because it was just Charles (Mattern) and Ruth (Furlong) talking. It was also hard to understand them at first due to their accents.

As the play went on, Charles was having trouble communicating with his living wife because he was the only one who could see and hear Elvira (Rollins), his dead wife, who was brought back

through a seance. Of course Ruth didn't believe Charles until Elvira actually moved objects across the room.

Ruth told Madame Arcati (Schaffer), who was responsible for bringing Elvira back in the first place, about the situation. Madame Arcati could not do anything to help at that time. Which was too bad, because when the maid Edith (Azodi), noticed there was a ghost, she screamed with great volume and feeling.

In the next scene, Charles and Edith were both injured and Ruth suspected Elvira as the cause. Ruth drove off and a while later Charles received a call that Ruth was dead. The scene ends with Ruth's ghost attacking Elvira. The plot concludes with Charles and Madame Arcati finding a way to get rid of both his dead wives.

Aside from a sore heiny, the script and acting of these students was impressive and definitely worth the money.

Alger, Feinstein awards celebrate achievements

From a report by Richard Park

Bingo, rollerblading and exceptional students were the highlights of this year's Horatio Alger awards presentation.

Despite the many differences, all the speakers had one thing in common: they had overcome some sort of trial and achieved success.

The Alger Award, honoring a student who overcomes one of life's obstacles, went to senior **Heather Hoopes.** She also received \$5,000 and a trip to Washington, DC, where she will attend a formal dinner and mingle with celebrities.

The Feinstein Humanitarian Award went to junior **Becca Stewart,** who was honored as the student who has done exceptional work for the school and community.

The first guest speaker was Elaine Wynn, a director of Mirage Resorts Inc. and overseer of the company's education support programs. She discussed her early years as an average, middle-class woman and the changes that led to her current prominence in the community.

The Wynns did not start out wealthy. They built their success on a small bingo parlor that Steve Wynn inherited from his father and, later, as a partner in the Frontier Hotel. Throughout the years, Elaine and Steve Wynn have been generous in their support of education in Clark County.

The closing guest speaker was Larry Moses, principal of Moapa Valley High School, who also talked about the course of his life. After being abandoned by two families by age five, he completed school even though his reading level was no higher than eighth grade.

Moses told how his wife taught him to read and he completed college, which led to a long career in the Clark County School District. He advises students to "discover yourself."



Entertainment was provided by a Creative Writing class: a short skit honoring Horatio Alger. It featured students **Josh Stanley, Ryan Adams and Ross Wilkinson** as contestants in a rollerblade race. The skit raised an ethical question: did Stanley's character do right by stopping to help an injured competitor and losing the race? The audience decided that it was.

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Varsity Quiz "stomps" competition

By Ryan Adams

In the crazy, mixed-up Varsity Quiz world of lightning rounds and Amblad interrogations, the Chaparral team stood above the rest.

They had a remarkable record of nine wins and only one loss, which qualified Chaparral for state competition.

The team's only season loss, incidentally, was by a mere five points which occurred while several team members were attending a Forensics tournament.

Although the team won many matches, one stands out

most in team member **Steve Gomez's** mind.

"The game against Green Valley was our best game all season because our whole team played extremely well," says Gomez, of their 175 - 90 win.

Other members of this bodacious team include: **Michael Webster** (el duce of the team), **Justin Shiroff** (the highest scorer for the team with 315 points in regular season play), **Adam Villarreal, Pierre Gonsalves, Jeff Livingston, Jeremy Keen, Ben Keaton, Madika Bryant, and Dee Golightly.**

Here he is...our new Mr. Chaparral!

By Bridget Waldman

When you get ten, hot, hunky and sensitive senior boys on stage competing for the honor of being named Mr. Chaparral, you get a barrel of laugh, "because they are all acting like the studs that they are! Also because they are performing hard, Evil Knievel-type acts.

For example, TJ "Grand Funk Gigolo" Fogerty's talent act of tying his shoe, or Brady "Time for a Cat" Knapp's act of a shadow puppet show were hysterical.

The contest also included a swimsuit competition. Eric "The Latin Assassin" Vollmer wore a pimpish suit instead of the regular boxer attire, and for the talent show, Dave "Superfly" Jensen danced in '70s hip-huggers, to a Bee-Gees song. The best talent though, would have to have been Vollmer's, where he made a mixture of A-1 sauce, coffee grounds, Tang, Donald Duck orange juice, grape juice, prunes, Elmer's paste, and crackers, and drank all of it!

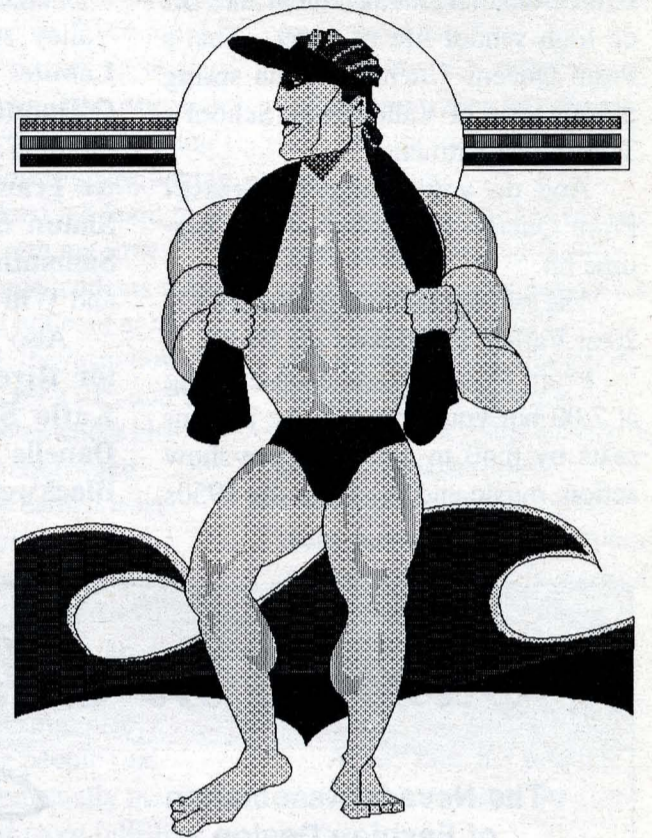
After the swimsuit and talent competition, they went into the second round where they eliminated all except Knapp, Jensen, Dave Jones, Ryan Adams, and Ben Fama, who were asked a series of questions, like "If your house was on fire, what three things would you grab, and why?" Ryan Adams answered, "My pet llama, which is my ride to school; the refrigerator, in case I get hungry; and my great, great grandma."

The answer that everyone is still talking about was Knapp's. The question was, "If you could be any animal in the world, what would it be, and why?" Brady replied, "An eagle.... A bald eagle because they fly and stuff."

In the third round only three guys remained: Fama, Adams and Jensen. They were asked only one question, "What qualities do you think Mr. Chaparral should possess, and why do you think you should be Mr. Chaparral?"

Ryan Adams replied, "He should have blond hair and freckles, and love, not just for a building

with paint on it, but for the students... the students. I can say that I love almost each and everyone of you."



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Prom Queens Unchained opens April 17

An alien invasion, murder, and sci-fi fun — all that plus a comical take-off on high school life of 1959. That's Prom Queens Unchained, the spring presentation of Valley High School's Theatre Department.

And do you remember Grease? Prom Queens is a spoof of that big-time hit.

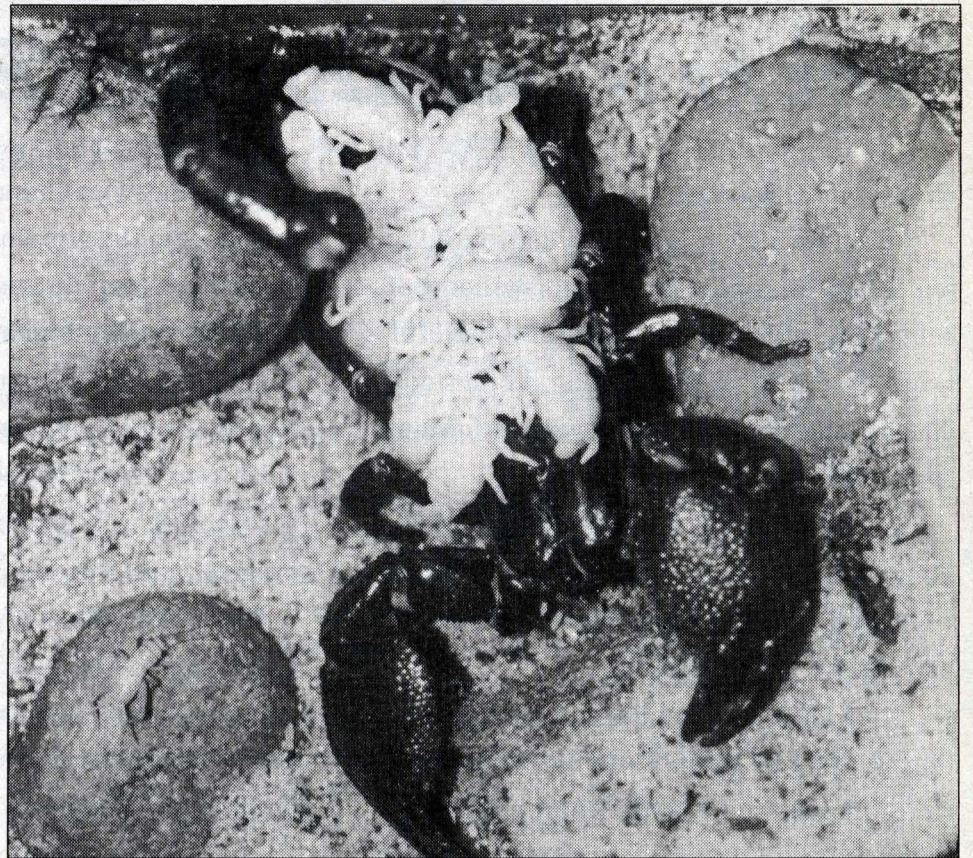
The two-act musical runs April 17-20 at Valley, and tickets are \$5.50.

Prom Queens starts each evening at 7:00 but you'll want to be in your seats by 6:40 to catch the pre-show action: music and fun from the 1950s

plus a talent showcase.

Featured in the musical are Valley students **Roger Guinn, Leonie Mowat, and Adam O'Donnell** — all of whom play multiple characters. Also featured are **Frankie Vigil, Vinny Spah, Shaun Shaffer, Nicky Brady, Samantha Rehkop, Randy Ruiz and Will Hatcher.**

Also **Hillary Hopkins, Victor Rivera, Trisha Littlejohn, Katie Shipp, Jamie Taylor, Danelle Bowerbank, and Joe Blackwell.**



Baby scorpions born at Valley

By Vanessa Cruz and Julio Salazar

Something happened recently at Valley High School that shocked the science department.

A seven-month-old scorpion gave birth to six offspring. As if that was not surprising enough, she produced six more the next morning.

"Everybody's excited," says science teacher John Wood. "I have had teachers come in and take it...to show their students and I have had kids come in from all over the place to look at them."

For the first two weeks, the newborns stay on their mother's back. It is not necessary to feed them because their plump, quarter-inch-wide bodies contain yolk for nourishment.

After the first molt, they stay with their mother for a day or so more before they go their separate ways to feed for them selves.

Soon after, the mother scorpion loses any maternal instinct she has. If her babies wander back, she may attack and eat them.

When her first bunch of young leave home, she may produce a dozen more. The female scorpion can be pregnant for up to one year.

The science department does not have much experience in raising baby scorpions, so they turned to the "Insects/Arachnids" section of the Internet for helpful tips. Surprisingly, they found many others around the country who were as excited as they were about scorpions.

Although the suggestions were helpful, Valley cannot afford to keep these scorpions. Once the babies are old enough, Wood will hold an "Adopt-a-Scorpion" contest, which will be open to all middle schools in the area.

Each school will be asked to write an essay on how to care for scorpions. The school with the best and most accurate essay will receive all 12 of the youngsters. A letter explaining the contest in detail will be sent to the schools in the next few weeks.

If the mother scorpion has a second batch of babies, there will not be another contest. Instead, Wood will trade the scorpions in at a pet store for credit. The store will sell them and Wood will get money that he can use to purchase necessities for the other creepy crawlies in his lab.

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DEBATE! P.E. Credit for ROTC training?

YES! ROTC is better training

By Ellie Eagle



I stand totally convinced that students should be allowed to take ROTC instead of P.E.

I am not biased on this subject: in my freshman, sophomore and junior years, I took P.E. I and II to complete my P.E. credits. I am now taking ROTC.

ROTC is definitely better than P.E. because, along with physical fitness, we get leadership, and navigational skills, and self-confidence training. All these are definitely more beneficial than learning how to dress out or play tag-football.

So many students can slide and get by in PE with a D. In ROTC, if you don't pass with a C and if you have excessive absences, you are kicked out. You have to prove yourself in ROTC...it is definitely not a slack-off class. It's a class that requires a lot more than just the fact that you can tackle someone in a P.E. uniform; it's a class that you take seriously. We are required to run a mile every Friday and wear a T-shirt for a uniform.

ROTC is by far a more beneficial class that stresses the importance of all-around leadership in addition to physical fitness. Not only is it fair that students take ROTC instead of P.E., it is probably a better choice for all students.

NO! ROTC lacks exercise, sweat

By Amy Howard



Anyone who has taken P.E. (and all of us have) knows that it is a year of grueling, tedious hell - not to mention the uniforms.

It is true that you can escape the second year by participating in a sport for 60 hours. Much better. There is actual physical education taking place.

Now administration has come up with the brilliant idea of allowing students who participate in ROTC to skip P.E. Am I missing something here?

P.E. means exercise and sweat, not standing in a line in the parking lot as obstacles for all the seniors zipping through in their cars. I admit that the embarrassment from having to wear the uniform should count for something, but a P.E. credit? I don't think so.

Wait! Every week ROTC has to run a mile. Oh, the agony! Break my heart. Try hitting tennis balls over a net with ping pong paddles for a month. That is P.E. — not having shiny boots. If dressing was a required class, I could understand giving ROTC credit. But P.E....

Drop and give me 50, then get into a P.E. uniform and sweat with the rest of us.

Throw bouquets! Stand and cheer! Valley shines in drama this year

By Josh Fennelly

The Valley High school theatre department performed many wonderful productions for the 1996 Drama Festival and earned medals for outstanding performances.

Leonie Mowat, Adam O'Donnell, Trish Littlejohn and Randy Ruiz received a Superior medal (the highest possible rating) for their performance in "Private Lives," a one-act directed by Mowat.

Will Hatcher received a Superior for his monolog.

Superior medals were also

(See Three Cheers, page 35)



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ATTC prepares students to enter health careers

Health Occupations I

From reports by Erin Marjie and Adrien Berryessa

Twenty-six juniors from schools all over Las Vegas have joined together at ATTC to further their education in the medical field.

The Health Occupations I class started by learning anatomy terminology and nurse assistant skills.

The class changed its clinical setting last month. Students now work at the Shadow Mountain Transitional Care and Rehabilitation Center. As part of their curriculum, Health Occupations students serve internships in such facilities and work with patients.

In recent months, the class has held fundraisers. They sold Valo-grams, sponsored a raffle, and sold candy to raise money for the VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) state competition to be held in Reno April 23-26.

Students participated in the recent disaster drill at McCarran Airport and enjoyed the first-hand experience in emergency medical situations.

Health Occupations II

By Keyunta Eason

ATTC recently gave awards for academic achievement to students **Classina Hawkins** and **Keyunta Eason**. **April Pagadillo** received honors as Student of the Quarter. **Kathy Leon** received a \$1,000 scholarship to attend UNLV.



MAKIN' REAL DOUGH! Culinary Arts classes prepared food for the recent Open House at ATTC. Channel 8 news attended and interviewed some of the students. Above, preparing tasty pastry, are (from left) **Jason Brandon**, **David Mangual**, **Chris Santos** and hard-to-see classmates.

Culinary Arts Class leads to career

From a report by Jessica Regeny



Regeny

The Culinary Arts program is not just an easy way to get three credits. It is a successful ATTC program that educates students to prepare fine foods in a certified kitchen. This program includes requirements such as the chemistry of food preparation, sanitation and preparing the dining room.

From the second guests walk through the door, they should be in awe from the delightful smell of food being prepared, the cleanliness of the surroundings, and the enchanting colors and table arrangement.

The Culinary Arts program is involved in VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America). Officers are: **Sue Ann Hedderman**, president; **Seth Sinclair**, vice president; **Jessica Rigney**, secretary; **Sheryl Pierce**, treasurer; and **James Newell**, Sergeant at Arms.

We recommend this program (or any other ATTC program) to any person willing to work hard toward a successful career.

Welding at ATTC: Red Hot...Right Now!

By Eric Ramos

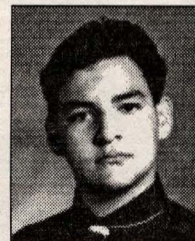
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welder means that you have mastered your skills and are ready for the work force.

Welding is the bonding of metal by the use of electricity and heat, and is one of the strongest forms of bonding metal together.

The Welding Department at ATTC has been a great learning experience and will put big \$\$\$ in my pocket after graduation!

There are many different forms of certification, and just as many welding techniques, such as: arc welding, MIG welding and TIG welding, which is used for aluminum.



Ramos

Open House at ATTC welcomes 300 guests

By Nicole Clark

The Area Technical Trade Center (ATTC) held its annual Open House recently. Principal Estella Hodgkin spoke about the many exciting opportunities available at ATTC.

Culinary Arts classes prepared food for more than 300 guests: meatballs, chicken wings, vegetable trays, cheesecakes, cookies and freshly-baked rolls.

All ATTC classes gave tours of their classrooms and provided demonstrations to show what students do at the school. Among the guests were Channel 8 news reporters who broadcast their weather report from the kitchen and cafeteria. **Jessica Rigney**, **Carlea Miller** and **Adam Dalton** were spotlighted and said a few words for the TV audience.

Shocking News in Electronics II

This year, students in Electronics II are doing more than learning about computers and becoming digital technicians. They are preparing for the A+ Certification Program.

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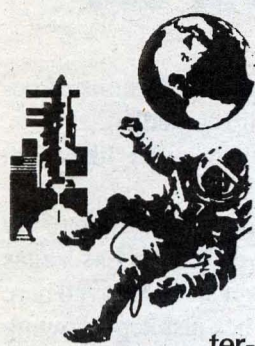
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Astronauts on our campus

By Gary Philips

It has been a semester-long project, and on April 9, it all became a reality. For an entire semester, the AMSAT Technology students have been calculating, erasing, painting, testing, and bleeding over the construction of a four-room space capsule simulator.

The crew consists of sophomores Jackie Brown, Nichole Wagner, Daniel Sigler, Jordon Yelinck, Danny Kovene, Nate Cannon, Josh Connell, and Pedro Medrano.

While inside, crew members rotate on eight-hour work shifts, when they accomplish work sent in to them through computer monitors.



Gary Philips

The Technology II classes set up a Net system, where other schools will be able to log on and gain access to the team's progress from the inside...as schools are able to contact actual astronauts while they are in space.

"Together, we're going to make it something Las Vegas and Clark High can be proud of," says astronaut Brown.

The project has attracted plenty of publicity and sponsors from corporations such as Delta Airlines, who is asking to sponsor a one-week trip to Space Camp for the crew members.

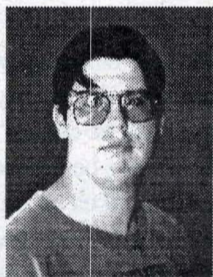
The *Charger I* crew was visited by veteran astronaut Dr. Tom Jones, a crew member twice on the Endeavor Space Shuttle. In addition, NASA donated official patches for the crew and Nellis Air Force Base provided flight jackets.

The only negative aspect is the cleaning of the latrine. This responsibility will be left up to one "fortunate" Technology II student to perform every two days.

Poetry from the heart

By Lailani D. Estepa

Have you ever loved someone
And knew they didn't love you
Did you ever feel like crying
And ask what good it will do
Did you ever look into their eyes
And say a little prayer
Did you ever look into their heart
And wish you were there
Did you ever fall in love my friend
You see it doesn't pay
Although it causes broken hearts
It happens every day!
You wonder where they are tonight
You wonder if they're true
One minute you're happy
And the next you're blue
Then all at once you see them
Your heart begins to dance
Your heart revolves around them
Although you have no chance
Love is painful my friend
And the price is very high
If he had to choose between life
You think he'd choose to die or death
So my friend, don't fall in love
You'll hurt before you're through
You see my friend, he ought to know
He fell in love with you.



Mike Weiss

Youth Summit discusses domestic violence in U.S.

By Mike Weiss

Stress and low self-esteem are major factors in domestic violence.

Students at Clark feel that there is a solution to ending the cycle of domestic violence and presented their proposal at last month's Youth Summit.

Clark's panel proposed a "Life Studies" class in which students would learn techniques in stress management, how to improve self-esteem, deal with stressful relationships, and end the cycle of abuse.

Clark's proposal was so impressive that they convinced state legislators and congressmen to adapt their "Life Studies" class.

Clark wins \$7,000 grant

By Monica Moradkhan



Monica Moradkhan

Clark SLAC Club (Students Learning to Accept Challenges) recently participated in a grant presentation of First Interstate Bank. SLAC presented a skit entitled "The Evolution of Reading."

The purpose of the skit was to try to receive a grant for scanners, which would help people learn to read. Clark took 1st place and received a \$7,000 grant.

High School Students Ditching Increases

By Lailani Estepa

It is the first week of the second semester. Sixty students are caught in an apartment ditching. Police are notified and students are taken to juvenile hall. Why do students ditch so often and risk the chance of getting caught? To skip school for a day may not be bad at all, but to skip school every day is another thing.

Students ditch often to hang out with their friends. But why? Don't they have enough time to associate with each other before and after school? And what about the weekends?

Talking to students around campus, I found that many students skip school because they don't feel like listening to the same old boring lectures they've heard over and over. Many say it is worthless to learn the same thing day after day. However, as some of us would know, teachers don't teach and say the same thing every day. There's always something

new being taught. Some even say they ditch because their group of friends are ditching. So, does this mean we always have to follow and do whatever our friends do?

Ditching has always been a problem not just at Clark High School but in every school across America. Students don't seem to realize that by skipping school day after day they are missing out on having a good education. Teachers, parents, and school administrators have always tried to find some kind of a solution for this problem. But what can anybody really do? You can't stop anyone from doing what they want to do. If students want to ditch, they will. Maybe it's best to leave these students alone. The day will come when they finally realize how they've messed up their lives, and it will be too late. Now is that really worth it?

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Key Club joins WalkAmerica

By Aliza Robinson

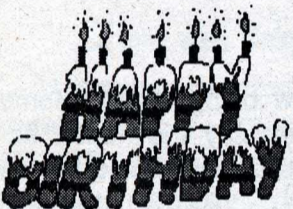
The March of Dimes is an important organization that raises millions of dollars for charities. Key Club is important at Durango, performing community service and helping those who cannot help themselves.

Recently, these two organizations joined forces for an event aimed at helping to conquer birth defects: a walk-a-thon called WalkAmerica.

Many other clubs also participated in the walk: STATUS, Spirit Club, Hero Club, Interact, NHS, and the Track.

Students see the event as a chance to make a difference in their community. "It's a great opportunity to help children and pregnant women," says sophomore **Picholo Dulay**. "There should be more service projects of this type."

Happy Birthday, Chelsea!



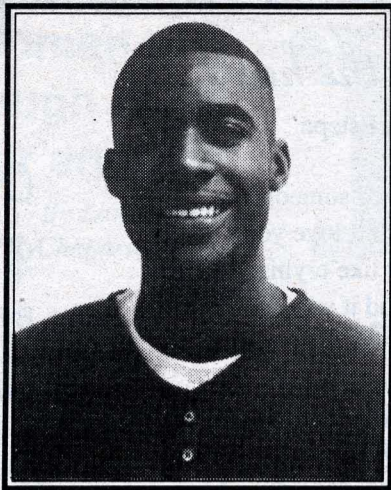
Close Up visits D.C.

By Rachael Fish

Six Durango students joined about 40 students from other Nevada high schools on Close Up Foundation's annual trip to the nation's capital.

Andrea Balfe, Tamara Domnitz, Athena Javier, Devrim Ozkan, Michelle Scheffer, and Manda Wheeler visited Colonial America in Williamsburg, spoke to our nation's leaders, and got behind-the-scenes information on Washington, D.C.

Participants say that the most memorable moment was attending "Les Miserables" at the National Theater...Bill, Hillary, and Chelsea Clinton were also in the audience, and, as they were taking their seats, the audience burst into song with "Happy Birthday" to Chelsea.



Sadat

Players named to All-Division teams

By Shannon Miller

If winning the state championship for the second year in a row was not enough fame and glory for students **Ra'oof Sadat, Jared Call, and Kevon Jones**—and for Varsity Basketball Coach, **Allen LaRocque**, they did not have to wait long for more.

The players were recently voted to the first and second All-Division teams and LaRocque was named "Coach of the Year" by the Southern Nevada Basketball Coaches Association.

Call was named to the second All-Division team as the point guard. Sadat and Jones made the first team as center and off-guard. The first team represents the best players in each position in Southern Nevada and the second team represents the second best. It makes a total of ten players, of which Durango has three.

In addition to being named as the top center on the first All-Division team, Sadat was voted the Most Valuable Player in the Southern Zone.

Hoop-star Sadat Signs with USF

By Tyler Nielsen

Ra'oof Sadat, Durango's basketball star, has signed with the University of San Francisco.

"I like the area and the diversity of the town," says Sadat. He also hoped to start in his freshman year, and SFU would give him this opportunity.

Asked about the chances of playing in the NBA (National Basketball Association), he grins and says, "That would be a dream come true for me. It is extremely hard to make it to the NBA."

Sadat won't rely on making it into the NBA, instead he plans to be a sports broadcaster, commentator, or a musi-

cian. He also has expectations of becoming a stand-up comedian.

Sadat, as much as he likes San Francisco, says,

"Durango has been a big part of my life," says Sadat. "I'll miss Las Vegas considerably. Ever since I moved here from Chicago it has just kept growing on me. I'll probably end up living here when I'm older," Sadat says.

Sadat is also involved with extra curricular activities. These include the Spirit Club, Leadership, and he has just enrolled in the newly formed group called the Animal Activist Foundation.

Wrestler eyes the Olympics

By Rachael Moser

A state-wide wrestling competition was held last month in Elko, and Durango sophomore **Gray Maynard** ran away with the title after three matches.

Maynard has been wrestling for 12 years, and he credits his dad for getting him involved in it. At the age of three he began his career and never gave it up.

At school, Maynard wrestles in the 130 weight division and has a 36-0 record which no one on the wrestling team has been able to beat.

Of all schools in the Sunset Division, Maynard found the competition from Silverado to be the hardest. Outside of school, Maynard continues to wrestle and has won numerous awards.

At the state competition, Maynard felt pressure to do well, and most of it came from himself. He says neither his father nor his coach ever pressured him to do anything that he couldn't. The entire team knew it was possible for Maynard to take first, since he had defeated his opponents in previous matches.

Wrestling takes an important place in Maynard's life, and he plans to continue to the highest level--the Olympics.

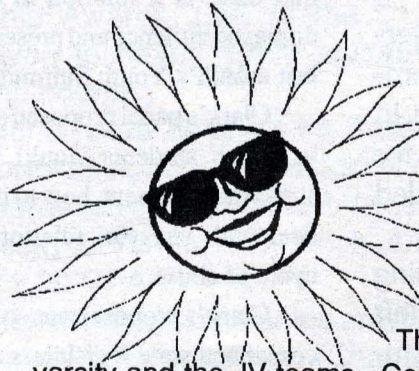
Overall, Durango took eighth in the state with two other wrestlers from Durango taking third. This is the highest place that Durango has taken in the State Wrestling competition in the history of the school.



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Finally! Spring has sprung! Lady Blazers fired up for zone competition

By Rachael Moser

Durango softball didn't wait for spring. The week of Feb 26 was try-outs for the varsity and the JV teams. Competition was fierce and the final cut was hard to make.

Expectations for this year are high. The Lady Blazers are looking to qualify for zone which means they have to be ranked in the top five. On the way to zone, however, there lies a difficult path.

The Blazers' arch rivals, the Silverado Skyhawks and Bishop Gorman High School, are expected to be the toughest competitors for both the Sunset and the Sunrise Divisions. Durango is already fired up, anticipating the head-to-head competition.

According to Coach Sandy Morgan, this year's team is one of the best prepared and most capable of achieving these goals. Four additions were made to the varsity team from the freshman class. The incoming freshman are very skilled and strong.

Reclaiming lost houses: Gathercole's Christmas in April

By Mandi McDonald

Ever thought about giving someone a Christmas in April? That's what **Jason Gathercole** is doing April 27.

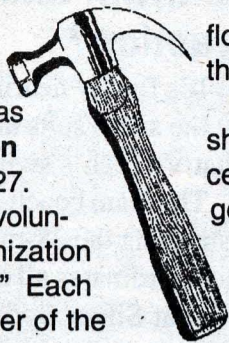
Last year, Gathercole volunteered for a national organization called "Christmas in April." Each year the Las Vegas chapter of the organization picks 20 houses from low-income families in Las Vegas that are falling apart and fixes them free of charge.

This year, Gathercole decided to head his own team. He would like it to consist completely of high school students.

"There has never been a team of just high school students before," Gathercole says.

This would be the first time a group of high school students would be doing it by themselves. He hopes this will inspire students from other high schools to get involved next year.

Volunteers will spend a day painting walls, redoing electrical work, plumbing, dry-walling, fixing



floors and ceilings, and even fixing up the front yard.

Each volunteer will be given a T-shirt and at the end of the day, in celebration, everyone will get together and discuss their good work.

Gathercole and his volunteers will be given one house to begin with. If there are enough volunteers, they will be given two houses.

"Anyone who wants to volunteer materials or time is welcome," Gathercole says, "Just contact me."

Talent show, but no pet tricks

Reported by Rachael Fish

Dancing, singing, pantomimes, maybe a monologue, possibly a magic show, perhaps even dumb parent tricks.

"And no pet tricks," says Colleen Brown, Durango's *Drama Mama* about the school's first-ever talent show, April 12 and 13.

Durango produced this talent show as a fundraiser for the school's spring musical, "Kiss Me, Kate."

The show was the senior project of **Joy Campbell**, who directed the production.



Angela Namba (left) was recently elected Executive Council President. Other officers are **Tom Doxey**, Vice President of Athletics, Assemblies and Activities; **Jamie Jewell**, Vice President of Clubs and Organizations; **Brenda Wong**, Secretary; and **Sharlet Jacobsen**, Treasurer. **Jamie Johnson** was unopposed for the office of Historian. Executive Council Representatives are **Linda Dickie**, **Anna Pesco**, **Janet Saucedo** and **Phuong Vuong**.

DHS Silent Auction gives positive rewards

By Tyler Nielsen

Staff members reward the positive behavior of their students by distributing a silent auction coupon, as part of the POPS (Power Of Positive Students) project. Students are rewarded for being helpful, improving grades, or by doing anything above and beyond normal expectations.

Every week, the names of 11 students are drawn from a box in the office. The first student picked gets a \$10 gift certificate to The Warehouse. The remaining 10 receive free Big Mac coupons. "I think that it will help the students get motivated in school and break up the monotony," says Amy Houser, social studies teacher.

Beginning May 7, students will use their accumulated coupons to bid on items donated by people in the community. The highest bidder for each item will be notified Friday, May 10.

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Here is a description of many in line with you:

Budger - A rather pushy person who has no business trying to squeeze to the front of the line.

Breather - Someone who stands on the back of your neck and refuses to give you breathing room in the lunch line.

Freshman - One who stands bewildered in the front of the line, staring at the same menu that's been there since the beginning of time, and still doesn't know what he wants.

Salvation Armyist - Someone who feels the need to purchase the lunch of everyone they've ever met (only for the good of the students, of course).

Senior - Someone who allows everybody and their mother to cut in front of you.

RECOGNIZE YOURSELF?

If you fit any of these descriptions, you need to wake up and understand that the "little folks" in the back of the line will no longer tolerate such injustices.

In case you have difficulty

figuring out what's really going on, here are a few clues:

To Budger - The line goes from front to back, not back to front. Instead of spending time trying to get to the front of the line, take some time to learn your directions.

To Breather - Back off! You don't realize the devastating effect that hot, stinky breath has on the back of one's neck. The line will not move any faster with you riding someone's bumper.

To Freshman - Wake up and smell the formula! Make up your mind before you get in line. Staring endlessly at the menu will not make better food appear. Believe me, I too tried that when I was a freshman.

To Salvation Armyist - If you feel inclined to do good deeds, try volunteering somewhere.

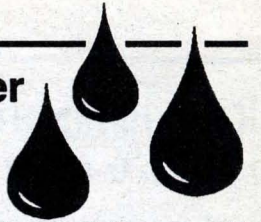
And last, to the ever-popular, so nice, so considerate Senior: Save me a spot in line because...no senior should be given anything but top priority.



HOLD THE PRESSES!

The stories on this VoTech page were all submitted by **Nicole Chenoweth**, a Special Correspondent for CLASS!

Who needs water for swim team practice?



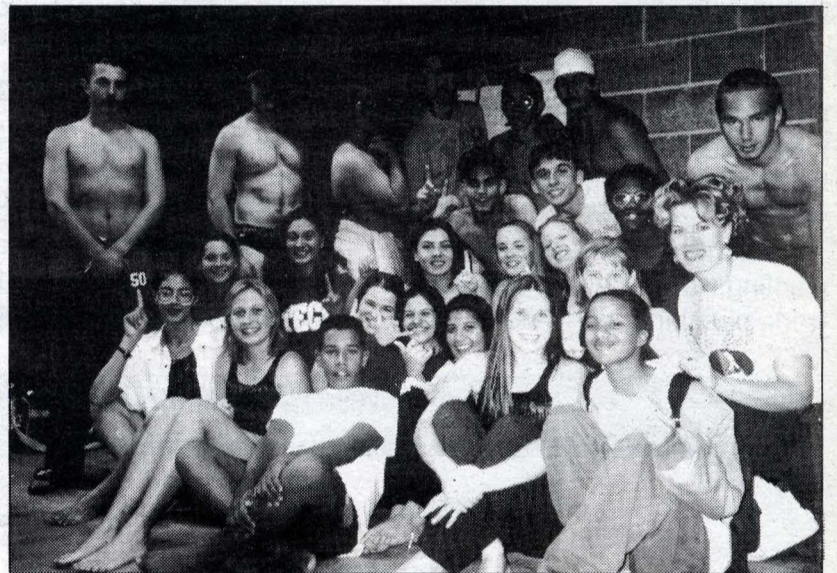
It's finally nearing summer. Time to pull out the swim suits and trunks. That's exactly what VoTech's swim team is doing.

The team coach, Stacey Koenen, has been instructing the 28-member team for two years and coordinates all district swim teams. They swim at Silver Springs Recreation Center in Green Valley.

When asked what was most interesting about their practice, Koenen says,

"Dry land exercises. They lift weights three times a week and run laps on VoTech's field twice a week. After exercising each day, they swim at the recreation center.

"Most amazing," she adds, "Is that they practice even on Saturdays."



SPLASH DOWN.

VoTech's 1996 Swim Team posed for this photo after their first win of the season

Making Mickey Mouse run

Everyone who comes to VoTech High School looks forward to the vocations. One of the brightest stars is computer animation, the first animation class of its kind that teaches 3-D animation and a first for Clark County schools.

All work is checked and corrected by a large animation studio. Two former students, now employed by Disney Studios, review student work. Another graduate, now at Ad Art, had his work featured at the Super Bowl.

This program was expanded from one year to two-years for the 1996-97 school year. The teacher, Don Sypien is a really cool guy. He's been working at VoTech for 30 years. On average, he says, animators make about \$60,000 a year.

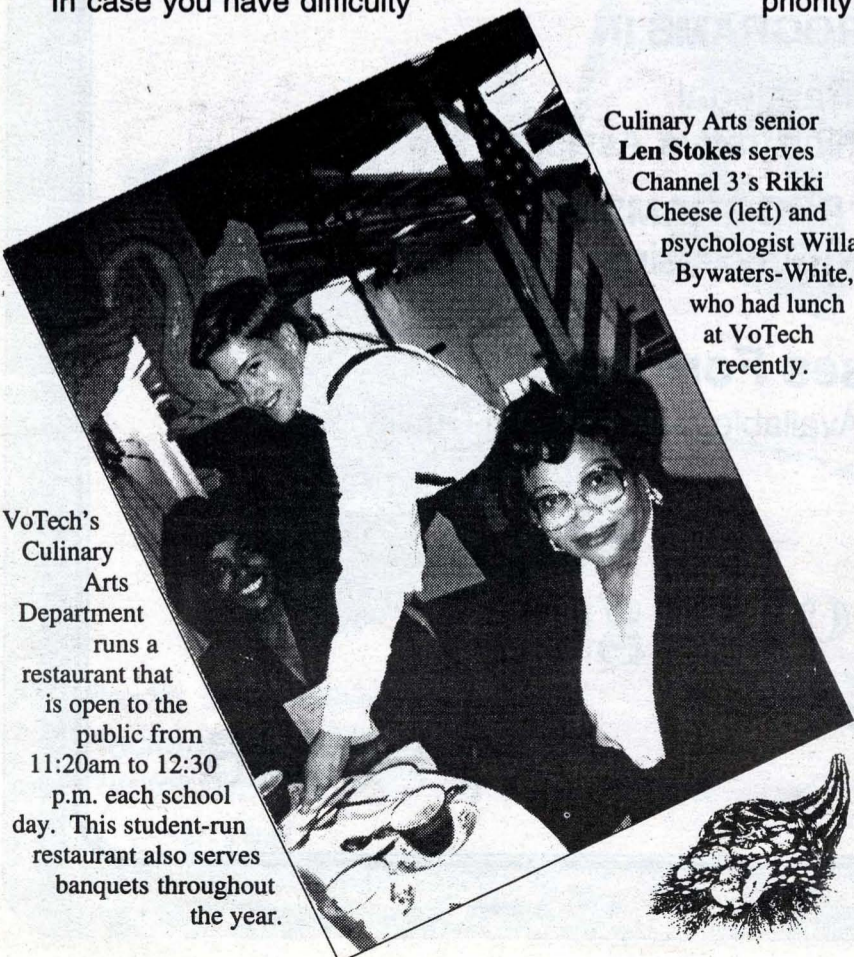
Seniors and juniors can start out making \$10 an hour or more. Animators can do work such as animating billboards. Three recent grads were offered such jobs.

They also do the special signs that you see at hotels.

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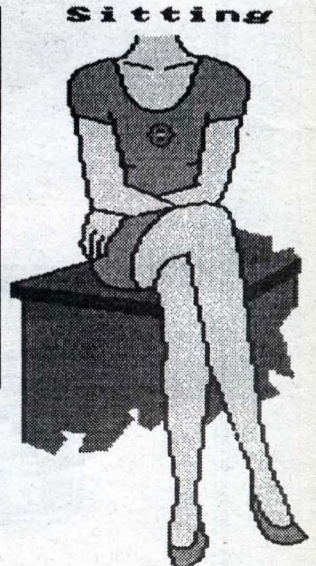
"Our students make Mickey run," Sypien concludes.

(Samples of computer animation by student Jill Montgomery)



Culinary Arts senior **Len Stokes** serves Channel 3's **Rikki Cheese** (left) and psychologist **Willa Bywaters-White**, who had lunch at VoTech recently.

VoTech's Culinary Arts Department runs a restaurant that is open to the public from 11:20am to 12:30 p.m. each school day. This student-run restaurant also serves banquets throughout the year.



Funky, fun, cheap.

Jeans get new life

By Lauren Walsh, Silverado High School

A new shop in town is destined to become one of your staple stores. It's Vintage USA on Desert Inn and Sandhill, far from the other vintage stores.

That's not the only thing that sets it apart from the rest of them. It has friendly owners, lots of space, and above all, it's dirt cheap! HOW cheap?

Try \$3-\$12 for jeans,

\$7 for a genuine polyester shirt, and \$5-\$10 for cords.

Vintage USA also buys your used stuff — for example, they pay up to \$50 for a pair of Levis 501s!

The items for sale are not outdated: jeans are low-slung and broken in, and the collection of '70s shirts are out of this decade! They offer a major selection of Hawaiian shirts (\$3 a pop) and lots of camouflages, jean jackets and overalls.

There's a line of one-of-a-kind pieces by Iris Price...vintage jeans made into jackets, purses and shirts.

Even the store is unique, decorated with 100-year-old railroad ties and barbed wire found in the desert. The theme is "rust and wood," says Yossi, one of the owners.

Yossi opened Vintage USA to offer the clothes that kids want at cheap prices...it's the kind of clothes sold at thrift stores, for a dollar or two more, but without the hassle of shoving through endless racks of smelly, itchy items.

Las Vegas is changing, Yossi says, and he wants to take part in dressing the new crowd in town.

LEFT:
Lacey Jones, a junior at Cheyenne High School, wears original Levi's bellbottoms made in the '60s but never worn! You can tell they're originals by the big E on the pocket. (\$19) Her top is a 1950s bowling shirt (\$7)



LEFT:
Amber Kemp, a Green Valley junior, wears genuine Dickies bib overalls...the real sturdy kind farmers used to hop into before sunrise every day (\$12). Completing the outfit, Amber wears a cotton baseball shirt made by Wilson (\$5).

Lacey Jones lolls around in Levi's corduroy pants (\$10) and a handmade, embroidered 1970's blouse (\$7).

RIGHT:
Lacey wears a print cotton mini-dress (\$5) while propped in front of a mannequin decked out in a 1960s man's polyester suit. (The suit's a collector's item and not for sale)



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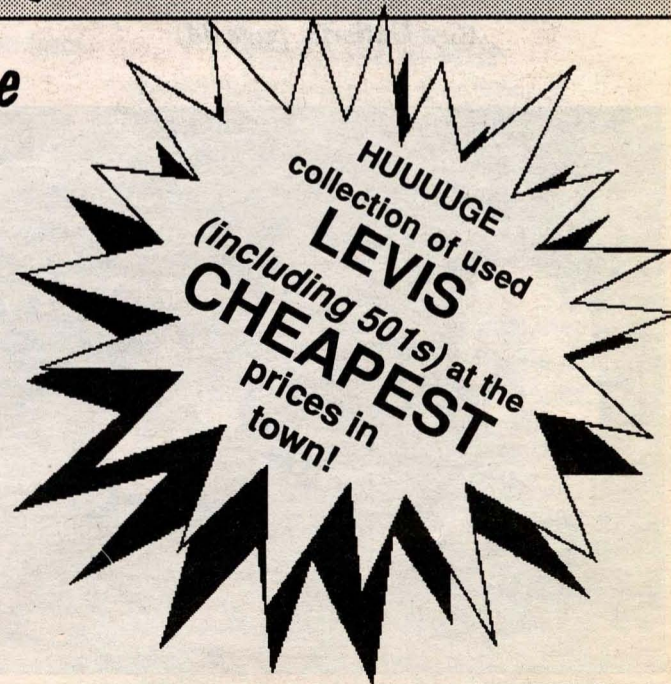
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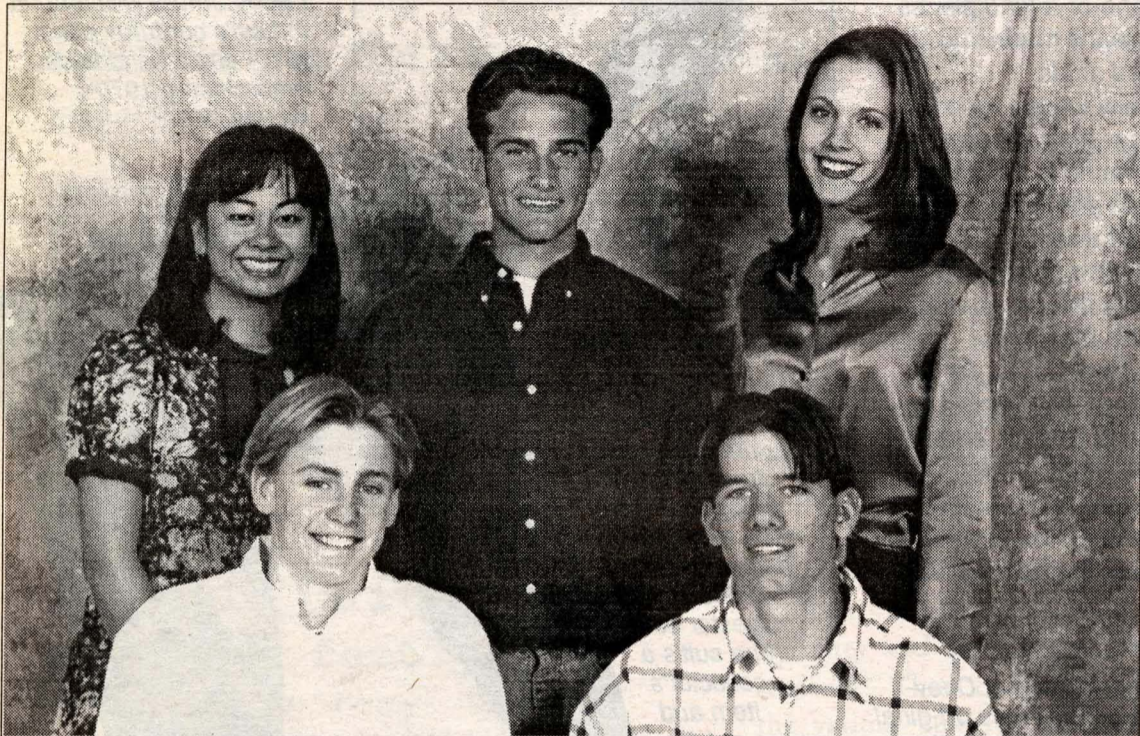
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1996-97 Student Body Officers: (Back row, l-r) Chako Suzuki, first VP; Chris Walker, president; Suzi Grgurich, second VP. (Front, l-r) Matt Amoia, secretary; Brad Frei, treasurer.



CHALLENGE MEMBERS: Standing, Ayana Robinson and Carron Allen; seated, Bryan Hennagan and Tiffanie Carroll.

GV wins African-American challenge

By Samantha Nanda

GVHS brought home the first place trophy from the annual *African-American History Challenge* for the second year in a row.

Even though team members **Carron Allen, Tiffanie Carroll, Bryan Hennagan, and Ayana Robinson** lacked experience in a challenge competition, they managed to beat their opponents by 20 points.

The team prepared for the jeopardy-like competition by holding study sessions. The game, which was televised on Channel 10, consisted of six rounds with categories such as *Jump, Joop, and Jams* (sports and

entertainment) and *The Real McCoy* (science and inventions).

"I think we won because we worked well as a team," says Hennagan. "I went in with the strategy that I was going to buzz in as often as possible!"

The purpose of the challenge was to increase awareness of contributions African-Americans have made to society, and to promote understanding of African-American history and culture.

Although the competition is open to students of all ethnic backgrounds, the GVHS team was made up of only African-American students.

"Not only black kids need to know about black history," says Allen.

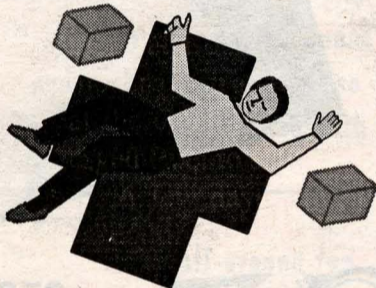
Shop 'til you drop...

By Jill Anderson

After two years of bulldozers and tractors, the Galleria—the first major mall to open in Las Vegas in 15 years—finally opened its doors.

GVHS students are especially excited about the Galleria because it is so close to school and they get out so early.

"The mall is a place where kids can hang out and have fun, instead of becoming involved in gangs and violence," says sophomore **Nicole**



Craney.

With 18 places to eat, students also enjoy the added options for lunch.

"It's a great place to go after school for food...quicker than those packed drive-thrus," exclaims junior **Nick Veohongs.**

The Galleria employs over 1,000 people.

"Since there are almost 100 stores

Interact juniors 'have a blast'

From a report by Jennifer Goscicki

Green Valley Rotary Club sent six juniors (out of 10 applicants) from GVHS's Interact Club to the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) camp in Idyllwild, CA, recently.

Santo Goswami, Annemarie Pimentel and Ruxandra Pond attended this annual event where for 300 students meet and learn how to be leaders in community service. The alternates were **Kim Hesse, Sean Dougall and Hina Khan.**

Pimentel, Interact junior class rep, was very happy. "I've done tons of community service and feel I was qualified."

At camp, the students developed useful skills for the real world, but they also had time for fun and socializing.

"The friends I made there will last a lifetime, as well as the skills I learned," says Hesse.

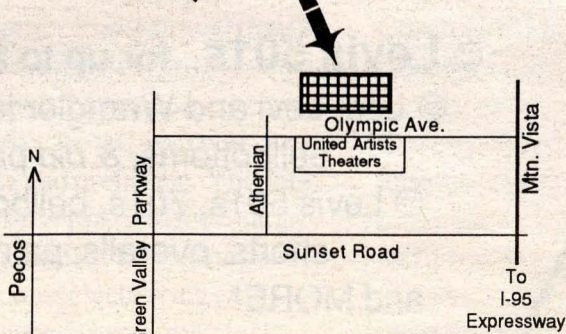
Steve Mangapit, a senior who went to the leadership camp last year comments, "You learn about team work and cooperation. I had a blast!"



DOWN AND DIRTY. Green Valley junior **Kay Kitsuki** (#5) slides into base a split second before Bonanza sophomore **Rachel Milligan** bags the ball. Photo by Bob Horton

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explore the strange

Dare to visit the Sci Fi Store.

By Paul Dodge

There's a place in Las Vegas where the science fiction fanatic can find everything pertaining to his or her favorite oddity, and can join others on a trek into the extraordinary.



"From a certain perspective it's all out of the ordinary," laughs the Science Fiction Store's owner, Erin Lale, "Fantasy, horror, and good old space exploration; it's all about exploring the out-of-the-ordinary."

The Science Fiction store, in Maryland Square at Twain, opened last August with the plan to supply the market for fantasy-related collector's items, books, and games. Now the store has become not only that, but a meeting place for several clubs, and a hub of role-playing activity.

"We have everything imaginable — from *Star Trek* to *Battlestar Galactica*, and even *Planet of the Apes*," says Lale. "We host meetings of role-playing groups such as the Vampire Club, the Highlander card game club, and the Filk Circle. This is a place where people get together and have fun using their imagination."

Lale stresses the difference between role-playing games and "normal" games. In most cases, there are no boards, pieces, or cries of "You sunk my battleship!" The games are played with cards, dice, paper, and vivid imagination.



Prom '96 waltzes in with totally new look

By Jennifer Goscicki

Every prom committee hopes the prom they plan will be the best ever. This year's committee wants "An Evening to Treasure."

Although it's at the same location as last year, the committee is promising a new look and is positive "you won't even recognize it."

There are six candidates each for king and queen. Candidate **Jamie Lee Foster** says, "I'm really excited about the nomination; that in itself is an honor. Out of all the girls in this school, it's pretty cool to think that I was nominated. Regardless of who wins, I'm sure '96 Prom will be a blast!"

Prom king candidate **Trevor Jensen** felt the people aspect of the experience was most important.

"I'm just really happy to be on the court, having a good time with all my friends."

This year's prom committee consists of **Katie Barto, Aja Fergert, Brad Frei, Suzi Grgurich, Bri Gruszka, Aaron Gubler, and Chris Walker**. They have been hard at work going through taste tests, deciding on a theme, and decorating to make prom a night to remember.

Gruszka states, "It will definitely be a unique and romantic setting."

Committee members will not say exactly what to expect. The only hint Grgurich gave was "It's something you'll dive right into."



Green Valley hosts first senior Beta Club

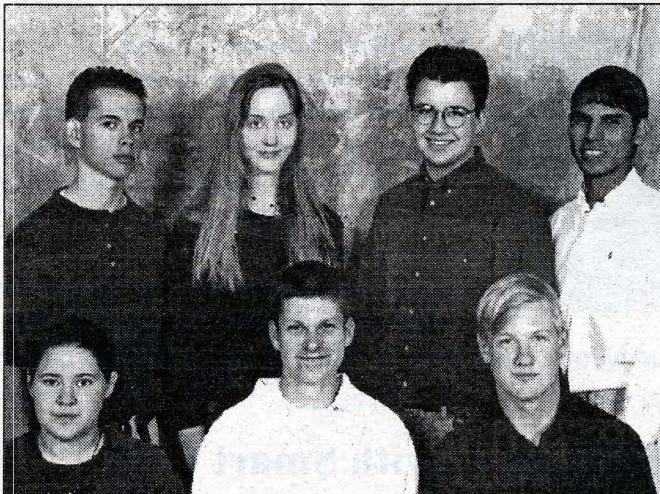
Green Valley High is the first high school in the state to host a senior chapter of the national Beta Club. Beta members perform both school and community projects.

Charter members of the club elected officers

Lisa Bauer (president), **Adin Francis** (secretary), **Kim Newman** (treasurer), **Christina Salcedo** (corresponding secretary), and **Samantha Slade** (vice president).

For the coming school year, Beta Club projects include Teacher Appreciation Week and activities during National Education Week.

Community service includes trash pick-ups, visits to children in local hospitals, and fundraising events for the technology alliance at BVHS.



LEFT: National Merit Finalists from Green Valley Standing (from left): Nathan Donald, Jolene Yukes, David Sommer and Wilfredo Escobar. Seated (from left): Catherine Fenoglio, Val Tramonte and Ryan Stofferahn. These students were among 14,000 finalists from which group will be chosen 6,900 Merit Scholarship winners.

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What are your plans after graduation from LVA?

Catch 22 and the flu

By Sybrina Bernabei (below)



Woe is me, sitting here in class, my tummy aches, my head is heavy, and my nose runs like a faucet.

I should be home right now. I should be sleeping in my warm bed. Instead, I am at school, and I am getting everyone

else sick. How many times have you felt this way? Many, I'm sure. But you, like me, still come to school. Why? Because we have to.

A new eligibility rule for participating in after-school activities has been established by the administration. They say we can't come to these events if we have missed class that day. Granted, if you are ill, you shouldn't be up to dancing or acting or such, but we have to. If we don't show up for rehearsals or auditions, we don't get in the shows. So here's the catch:

Come to school sick, make everyone around you sick, go to rehearsal, you're in the show. So how shall we solve this problem?

Instead of just succumbing to the sicknesses that are almost inevitable this time of year, we should take a stand. The first step is showing the administration the problem. This is it: At the Academy no day is complete without special events, auditions, and exhibitions of all kinds and if we don't show up, we don't get in. The answer: More lenient audition and rehearsal times, and more lenient absence rules.

Walking for dollars

LVA will participate in the Las Vegas AIDS Walk, April 21, at the Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy. If you haven't already committed, get your end in gear and join us! Dust off your Nike Walkers and squeeze into the spandex for a three mile walk to help fight AIDS. The walk starts at 11 a.m. and there will be free food and entertainment.



By Ashleigh Tagliaferri (left)

"I would like to go on to sell my screenplays for Tales from the Crypt, to Universal Studios. There I will meet the producers of the show. If all else fails, I'll work my way into college, even if it kills me!" - **Nikole Williams**

"I'm moving to Reno, going to UNR with Jess (my boyfriend), or going to Community for a year, then having a family. - **Stacey Berard**

"I have applications to all institutions that I am interested in. I am starting to fill them out and send them in. My top picks are Glasgow in Scotland, majoring in medieval studies and theatre, in the U.S. I am strongly looking at Loyola in New Orleans and Boston University." - **Jennifer Knighton**

"I'm going to go to UNLV or Community College and try to get a job, maybe for Channel 10 because I want to be a broadcast journalist." - **Amanda Arzberger**

"I'll go to college and move out. I'm not sure about it yet." - **Jessica Friedman**

Seniors shine with Smart Grad

By Jaime Daehler (left)



The Academy is preparing seniors for the school-to-work transition using the Smart Grad program. The program assists seniors with resume writing and job interview skills.

The seniors this year prepared resumes following the Smart Grad format.

In January Smart Grad Mock Job interviews were set up for seniors participating in the Smart Grad Program. Each student was interviewed for 15 minutes and then critiqued by the interviewers.

Participating seniors will receive their Smart Grad resumes during awards night in the spring.

"The program is a good idea to get us ready for jobs after high school," says **Alex Popescu**, who participated.



S.T.A.R strives to purchase rain forest

By Hagar Labouz (left)

S.T.A.R, a club made up of students promoting animal rights, is asking for pennies and hoping to raise approximately \$500 to buy an acre of a rain forest.

Sophomore **Debbie Moore**, club president, says, "STAR is the awareness of animals and the environment. We don't just want to talk about the problem. We want to take action and fix what can be fixed." Over three years, the club has been in charge of other inspiring projects such as Petition Gillette (students boycotting Gillette projects).

Mr. Wittmann goes to Washington

By Tiffany Breaz

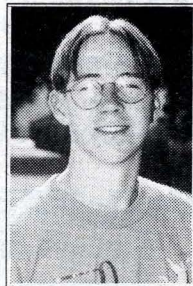
Robert Wittmann is definitely the senior at large. A third-year German major, captain of the Varsity quiz Team and the president and founder of the Model U.N. Club, Wittmann has worked hard, and it paid off when he was accepted to attend an honorary national conference in Washington.

Wittmann went to Washington recently to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum of Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy, which focuses around the introduction of careers in International Affairs.

"I really got a chance to see how our country interacts with foreign nations in the international arena."

LVA Performers head to China

By Bryan Wilson (left)



This summer, several LVA students are going to the "Land of the Rising Sun" to shine.

The trip, June 2-17, is part of a student exchange program to improve relations with China.

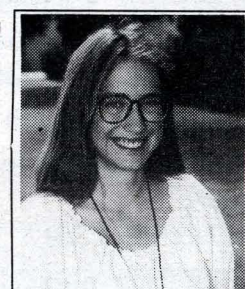
A musical revue about American teenagers will travel to the Far East to share our country's culture.

Among those participating are **Jared Haddock, Brooke Volle, Adam Kaopept, Rachel Benke, Chris Ingenthron, Lyndsey Hudgins, Kelly Connolly, Julianna Jaffe, Steel Wallis, Kelly Fotheringham, and Theresa Ryan.**

Rachel Benke is looking forward to the trip. "It will be my first time out of the country and I'm looking forward to a new culture and new people."

Russel and Dryanski: victorious voices

By Jennifer Knighton



Suzanne Russell, senior, and **Allen Dryanski**, junior, won first and second place in the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Association of Teachers

of Singing at their Annual Study Competition, high school division.

Each contestant sang three songs for two judges, attempting to reach technical and emotional perfection. "It is the best experience, performance-wise," says Dryanski. "It's fun to do the victory concert, and I will compete next year!" He tied for second place with a student from Bonanza.

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Hazing Hazards

By Mandi McDonald, Durango High

Have you ever watched that often repeated sitcom situation where one school takes the other school's mascot, and then the other school gets even by kidnapping the first school's mascot?

Usually it's male teens who take hazing to the extreme. Is this some weird male sports ritual that we women do not understand?

I mean, what's the point of it? To show who is going to win? School spirit? A way to kill time? Masculinity?

The strange thing is that this type of activity is usually carried out by people who are not involved in extracurricular activities or sports. Is this their attempt to show school spirit, or is it a lame excuse to vandalize school property?

Toilet papering a school, spraying shaving cream on the campus, even stealing the mascot is one thing, but to spray paint the exterior is going too far. It's permanent and destructive. It will cost you or your parents money in the long run, and, if you are caught, you could be in serious trouble.

Most high schools ban hazing, and the Clark County School District regulations even restrict them. Hazing used to be fun for seniors when incoming freshman were about to enter a new school, but even those mild pranks have been banned, thanks to students who went too far.

Take what happened between Durango and Bishop Gorman High School for instance. Durango started by shoe polishing the windows at Gorman. Then Gorman decided to teach Durango a lesson (which did not work) by spray painting "BGHS #1" on the side of our high school, along with throwing eggs and pineapples into

the interior of the school.

This was considered a challenge to Durango, so our own "vandals" retaliated by spray painting "You've Been Blazed" on Gorman and painting their statue of the Virgin Mary purple and gold.

Have you ever tried to clean up spray paint? It is very hard to do. If it does not come off after numerous attempts, then it stays there until someone paints over it.

School rivalry is acceptable. In fact, I support it — that is, I support the fun and school spirit involved. It makes the outcome of school competitions seem more important.

Most rivalries start when opposing schools are competing for the same thing, such — a State Championship, for instance.

The rivalry between Gorman and Durango started when our varsity football team beat them (Durango's first win ever) during Homecoming 1994. This started a tradition of hazing for both schools and will probably be evident for years to come.

However, when it becomes destructive (spray painting), it has gone too far. Both schools should choose less destructive ways to show school spirit in the future.

If the rivalry between schools is friendly, administrators might turn their backs and look the other way. Just remember, you could be the one who is setting the school traditions for years to come.

Curfews stomp on parent rules; What's the big problem?

By Traci Ann Carpenter, Green Valley High School

Curfew, from the French word "Couvrefeu" used in medieval times, means to cover a fire. Okay, could someone please explain to me what covering a fire has to do with teenagers hanging out at night?

Being a 17-year-old resident of Las Vegas, I have a really big complaint about the curfew law and the police who enforce the laws.

As we all know--Las Vegas is the 24-hour town that never sleeps. **NEVER SLEEPS!**

Now let's talk about the curfew here. Sure, this town is made up of casinos, for 21-year-olds or older, but some people (like my father) take kids into consideration by building bowling alleys and arcades in casinos.

This gives kids an opportunity to have fun while their parents gamble in the casino until all hours of the night.

So why should we be harassed for bowling all night? I don't see anything wrong with bowling all night. Other towns have bowling alleys, don't they?

The curfew in Vegas should apply to residents under the age of 16. On a school night, curfew should be 10:00 p.m. and midnight on

weekends, or later if the teenagers' parents consent to that. The cops in Nevada are very hard on teenagers when it comes to the curfew, especially on the Strip. Here's a question for you:

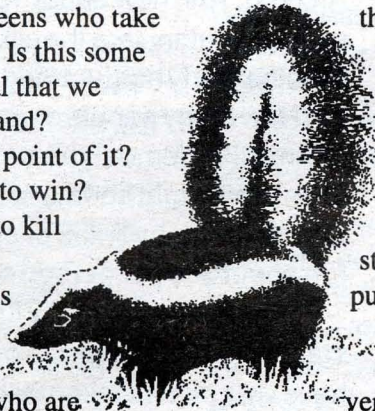
Let's say that your friends come to Las Vegas for the first time. You take them to the Strip for dinner and you get stopped for the 9:00 p.m. curfew. It's now 9:17 p.m. and your friends are under 21. What do you think will happen? Nothing, right? Wrong!

The police will give you a ticket along with a ridiculous fine, and you may even be sent to juvie and your parents will have to come pick you up. So not only is curfew a hassle on you but on your parents as well.

PARENT RULES

My parents say to be home by 2:00 a.m., so why should the police give me some other time to be home by? Remember, this is my opinion, but if you were to ask others in my age group, they would agree with me.

Carpenter



School uniforms: the wrong question

By Nicole Chenoweth, VoTech

Seventy percent of all principals surveyed around the country believe that requiring school uniforms will dramatically decrease violence in schools.

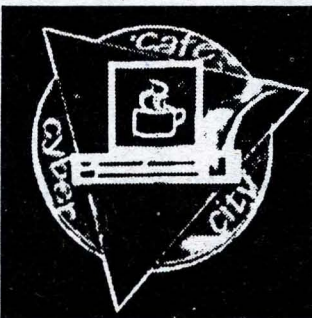
I asked more than half the students at VoTech how they feel about uniforms at school. Not one person agreed with the principals. That was not surprising, because half the students who are in vocations don't like their uniforms either.

"I like to be an individual and like being able to pick what I wear. Having to wear a uniform makes me feel deprived of my rights."

So wearing school uniforms at VoTech is not a hot topic. I believe if we want to decrease violence in the schools, we need to ask more than what kids are wearing.

We need to ask what they are thinking. How do they feel when they come to school? Do they have supportive people in their schools to turn to? Now that's something to think about.

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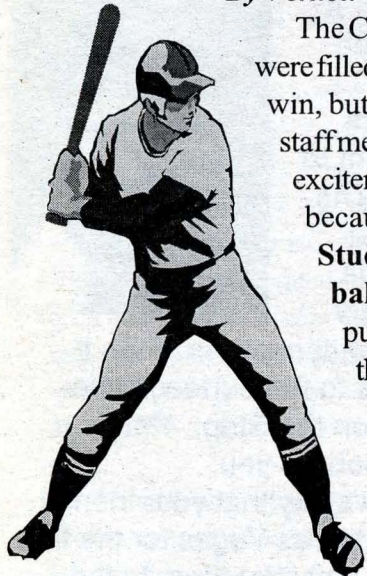
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Students stomp seasoned teachers

By *Vernon Tillmon*



The Cheyenne baseball players were filled with cheers after their first win, but some of the coaches and staff members did not share in this excitement. The reason for this is, because it was the fifth annual **Student vs. Faculty Baseball Game** and the students pulled out a 6-3 victory over the faculty.

The "old guys" had a great defensive start. They started the game off with "living legend," Coach Danny Holden, on the

pitcher's mound. He frustrated the "youngsters" with his dazzling pitches by not allowing a single run to score for three straight innings.

In the fourth inning, age finally began to catch up with Holden on the pitcher's mound. He was replaced by Dave Snyder, which gave the students a chance to get back in the game. The students brought in three runs before the inning was over.

In the sixth inning Snyder and Coach Perry worked together to give the students the game. Coach Perry made two errors at first base and Coach Snyder gave up three more runs before he was replaced by Coach Gomez, who brought them out of the inning.

A few students had a great game offensively. **Tommy Krier** was one of those students. He hit two singles and got a walk. **Josh Laidlaw** also went two for two, both singles. Also **Scott Kellogg** hit three consecutive singles.

Both teams came out to play with full intentions to win the ball game, but the students earned a victory and the right to be called the 1995-96 Student vs. Faculty champions.

Music and the hills of Austria



A dashing naval officer, a lovely singing nanny, a gaggle of talented kids. Ah, what else but *The Sound of Music*?

This much-loved musical comes to Cheyenne High School May 9-11 at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Prices are \$3 for students with I.D. and \$5 for adults.

Featured actors are **Cyndy LaDue** as Maria and **Jeff Mayer** as Captain Von Trapp.

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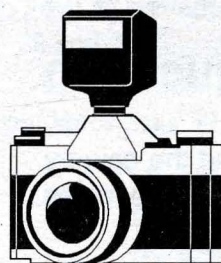
By *Jennifer Godinich*

With all the clubs at Cheyenne, there should be one to inspire your after school interests. If your forte happens to be creativity or self-expression, the Photography Club is most likely your cup of tea.

Vice-President **Suzy VanCamp** says, "I love it, taking pictures in the raw (referring to uninhibited expression). And field trips, it's all about the field trips."

"I agree with Suzy," says **Tyson**, a third year Photography Club member.

Among the spectacular locations visited by the bunch is Floyd Lamb State Park. Club President **Algis Fong** says, "It was amazing up there. We had perfect photo opps." They are also planning an excursion on Mt. Charleston.



Where do you find cheap thrills? It sure isn't Prom Night!

By *Kristine Buist and Michelle Sproul*
Prom.

The word inspires visions of a dream date, complete with candlelight, hours of dancing and a good-night kiss.

Yeah, right. Let's face the facts: prom will cost you big bucks.

First of all, both guys and girls need all the bare necessities. For the guys, be prepared to shell out at least \$30 for a cheap (really cheap) basic black tux, and add \$10 for the really spiffy footwear to match.

For the girls, you have to have a dress. Depending on your tastes and your budget, a nice dress will cost you \$75-\$300 and up. Shoes, purses, nylons, and other accessories are all added expenses.

One other necessity is the prom tickets, \$30 for singles and \$45 for couples.

Everyone knows you can't just go to prom and go home, so add a few more

"date" expenses.

Dinner, at least \$20 per person to upwards of \$100 (unless you plan to patronize the Golden Arches). And how about the extravagant corsage or boutonniere the couples exchange? (Another thirty hard-earned dollars).

How many people do you know who attend prom in their lemon-yellow '76 Chevette? Very few. Prom night seems to find many couples arriving in flashy limos or sports cars. Limos run about \$80 per person or \$350 for six hours.

Now here's the really fun part of prom: standing in that line for two or three hours to have your picture taken with that significant other you really didn't want to go with in the first place. After this horrendous wait, many couples leave the prom without even dancing and head off to a show.

Wouldn't it be great to see *Starlight Express* or *EFX*? Sure, got the money?

Is one night really worth all these expenses? Many students think so. Why else would they attend? With the right person by your side, the costs may seem trivial when compared with the fun you may have.

You may be young, but you are not immune

By *Trinisha Walker*

AIDS is a controversial concern in today's society. Most of the public is still uninformed about the virus.

It only happens to homosexual people, right? No, that's not true. It can be transmitted by having unprotected sex in heterosexual relations as well as homosexual.

All too often the same lines are said, "It can't happen to me. I'm too young. I've done nothing wrong and I am not a homosexual."

I would like to tell you a story of a woman; not just any woman, but a woman who was my

cousin as well as a good friend.

"My girls" she would call my sister and me with her arms holding us close to her.

"Sally" was born in 1957 in Arkansas. She attended Arizona State University and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1986. She soon met and married "Paul".

Sally was informed of her diagnosis in 1990. She was five months pregnant with her second child. Sally was heartbroken, not because of the AIDS Virus, but because her children may have contracted the virus also.

While doing an interview, Sally was asked what comforted her during this traumatic time and she replied:

"When the doctor told me both of my kids tested negative for the AIDS Virus." She smiled her prize-winning smile and there was not a dry eye in the studio.

Sally was a loving woman, although she knew her time was limited, she made every day a worthwhile experience, educating others about AIDS Virus.

If you are having unprotected sex, please get tested for the AIDS Virus. Remember those who have the AIDS Virus never thought it could happen to them. You must be responsible for your own actions if you choose to be sexually active.

If you don't take care of yourself, who will?

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El 20 de Marzo de 1996 la Unión de Estudiantes Hispanos organizó una fiesta en la que participaron, El Grupo "VIDA" de Western High conquistó los mayores aplausos por su brillante y variada interpretación de los ritmos latinos. EL GRUPO ANAHUAC: Los integrantes del grupo Anahuac se caracterizan por un dominio de los bailes folklóricos mexicanos en forma prácticamente profesional. Algunos de sus integrantes son estudiantes regulares de Rancho. Las bailarinas del Grupo Anahuac despliegan sus amplias y coloridas faldas en la interpretación de uno de sus mas vistosos números de la noche. EL CLUB DE ESPAÑOL DE RANCHO: Luis Ramírez y Valentina Vásquez y compañeros en su interpretación de "La Quebradita". LA ORADORA DE LA VELADA: La señora Liliam Hickey dio muchos consejos a los jóvenes hispanos: "Aprendan luego el inglés", les dijo, "pero nunca pierdan su idioma y su cultura. Siéntanse orgullosos de quienes somos y a donde vamos". Personalidades del mundo hispánico en Rancho: Virginia Donosso, Directora del Conjunto Club de español, Liliam Hickey, Presidenta del Consejo Estatal de Educación y Presidenta de la Cámara de Comercio Latina, Alma Guzmán, Presidenta de la Unión de Estudiantes Hispanos, y Charles E. Jauregui, Director de la Escuela Superior Rancho

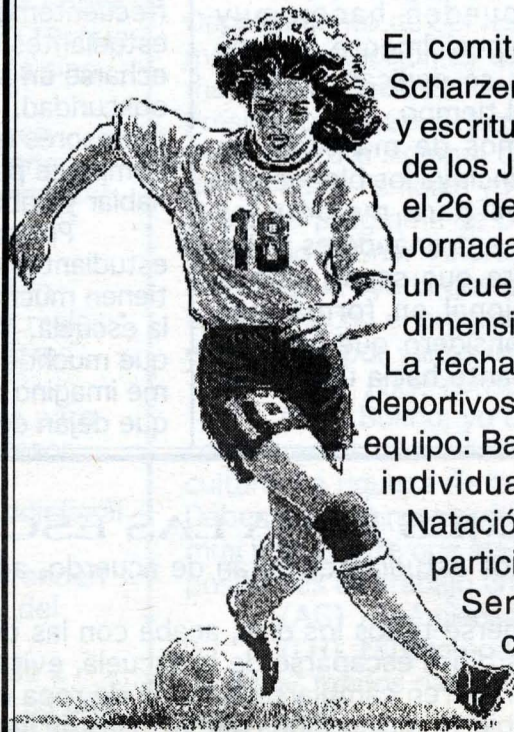
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Bloques o no bloques en las clases

Algunas escuelas superiores han ensayado el sistema de bloques, esto es dos períodos seguidos de la misma clase, durante dos días de la semana. Los resultados han sido controversiales.

A FAVOR •

Con el bloque se aprende mas



Por Ariadne Monarez, Rancho High

La verdad es que si de aprender se trata, el sistema de bloque ofrece

muchas ventajas que permiten estudiar los temas mas a fondo. Esto se traduce en un mayor y mejor conocimiento de las materias, lo que nos da una mejor preparación para la vida académica. Podemos mencionar varias razones.

Las explicaciones de los temas difíciles se pueden hacer con mas calma y el maestro puede contestar preguntas que los estudiantes quieren hacerle. Esto favorece un intercambio que es muy importante en la clase.

En las clases de ciencias los laboratorios se pueden desarrollar en forma mas completa porque hay suficiente tiempo para terminar los procedimientos que el maestro ha programado. También hay oportunidad de aclarar algunos aspectos que estén algo confusos. En las clases de ciencias sociales y otras, a veces se quiere mostrar una película de largo metraje y con el bloque de dos períodos se puede ver toda en una sola sesión. Esto da mas continuidad al tema.

Si se trata de matemáticas, en algunas oportunidades el maestro presenta gráficas que lleva algún tiempo comentarlas y explicarlas. Con el sistema de bloque no hay prisa por terminar antes de que suene la campana. Las tareas se pueden revisar durante la clase y hay mas tiempo para que el maestro le dedique un rato a cada estudiante que lo necesita. Esta situación ayuda a aclarar dudas que uno tenga.

También es cierto que algunos maestros aprovechan los bloques de dos períodos para ensayar nuevas formas de enseñanza. Esto hace las clases mas interesantes y se aprende mejor. Cuando se trata de algún examen largo, el sistema de bloque permite que uno lo termine sin demasiada prisa. Buenos resultados en los exámenes ayudan a mejorar las calificaciones.

Cuando hay reportes pendientes por hacer, los maestros permiten a sus estudiantes que vayan a la biblioteca para consultar algunos materiales de investigación. Esto da lugar para lograr mejores referencias para los temas en estudio.

A mi me gusta, en lo personal, el hecho que cuando los trabajos del día se han terminado, el maestro nos permita por unos minutos socializar entre nosotros los estudiantes. Un mejor ambiente existe entre compañeros que se aprecian. Personalmente, considero muy agradables los descansos de 15 minutos entre un bloque y otro. Estos ratos me dejan descansar agradablemente.

Lo que también hay que reconocer es que algunos maestros no están preparados para el sistema de bloques de enseñanza y no saben bien como llenar el tiempo adicional. Y entonces, las clases se pueden hacer muy aburridas, especialmente cuando los maestros se dedican a hablar para cubrir el tiempo.

Debemos de mantener un sistema que incluya los bloques de dos períodos para mejorar las clases, pero entrenándoles a los maestros para que sepan usar el tiempo adicional en forma mas efectiva. Considero que esto es un paso adelante hacia una mejor educación.

EN CONTRA •

No solo es aburrido, sino cansado



Por Valentina Vásquez, Rancho High

El experimento de las clases por bloques

no ha resultado. A mí no me gusta y la mayoría de mis compañeros tampoco les gusta y lo que es mas a la muchos de los maestros parece que no les agrada y lo demuestran en sus clases.

Da la impresión que a los profesores de la escuela no les dieron tiempo para prepararse con el nuevo sistema de juntar dos períodos de cada clase los días miércoles y jueves de cada semana. Posiblemente, los profesores no recibieron un entrenamiento suficiente para aprender a hacer interesantes dos horas con el mismo grupo de estudiantes.

Algunos profesores no le permiten a los estudiantes levantarse de sus asientos. Y pasar dos horas en el mismo banco es incómodo, pareciera que el banco se pone cada vez mas duro y termina uno mas cansado.

Otros profesores prefieren dar películas frecuentemente y muchos estudiantes aprovechan para echarse un sueñito en la obscuridad. Y hay otros profesores que para llenar el tiempo se ponen a hablar y hablar y hablar.

Por supuesto que los estudiantes que se aburren no tienen muchas ganas de venir a la escuela. A mí no me extraña que muchos estén faltando y me imagino que habrán varios que dejan de venir del todo.

Esto no es bueno para la escuela, ni para los estudiantes.

Sería mas adecuado si los profesores dieran una variedad de trabajos que lo mantuvieran a uno entretenido y aprendiendo cosas nuevas con formas diferentes de aprender. También se podría aprovechar mejor parte del tiempo si dieran oportunidad de intercambiar ideas y opiniones con otros compañeros.

Claro que hay algunos profesores que sí les gusta el sistema. Ellos se salvan y logran mantener la atención de los estudiantes durante los dos períodos, pero esta es la excepción y no la regla.

Se podrían hacer muchas cosas interesantes, pero no se hacen. Trabajo de grupos para que todos sepan trabajar en equipo. Proyectos que nos mantengan entretenidos y que no permitan el cansancio y el aburrimiento. De lo contrario, el sistema del bloque se hace pesado, tanto para los profesores como los alumnos.

Yo pienso que no sería difícil arreglar la situación. bastaría con hacer una encuesta entre todos los alumnos y los profesores para que se dieran cuenta de que la gran mayoría no quiere el sistema del bloque.

Lo mejor sería regresar al sistema del año pasado, al que ya todos estábamos acostumbrados, con una clase diferente cada período y un poco de mas variedad y gusto en la escuela. En cuanto a qué hacemos con el bloque, se me ocurre que en un hoyo bien cuadrado lo podríamos enterrar para que no se salga. Mas vale lo viejo conocido que lo nuevo por conocer.

¡Debate del mes de Mayo !

UNIFORMES O NO UNIFORMES PARA LAS ESCUELAS

Muchos padres de familia los piden, algunos estudiantes están de acuerdo, administradores de escuelas los están considerando. ¿Qué piensas tú?

Es mas barato tener un uniforme para ponerse todos los días, acaba con las diferencias de dinero entre los ricos y los pobres, se evitan las vestimentas de los "cholos", sería mas difícil escaparse de la escuela, evitaría que personas no relacionadas con la escuela se metan ahí. Por otra parte, muchos estudiantes prefieren cambiarse el estilo de ropa cada día.

Escríbenos una página y media a renglón abierto diciéndonos que piensas de los uniformes obligatorios para publicarlo en el debate del mes de mayo. (calling for the May debate: Do we want school uniforms?)

OPINIONES

DE NUESTRO CORREO

Estimado Editor:

En la edición de Febrero de CLASS! publicaron una sección para estudiantes hispanos. No solamente se dirigía a hispanos sino que estaba totalmente escrita en español.

Con todo el racismo que existe en nuestra comunidad, ¿Por qué tenemos en un periódico que cubre todas las escuelas del distrito una sección que fomenta la segregación aún más?

Vivimos en una sociedad Estadounidense. Si ellos (los hispanos) quieren que se les considere parte de la sociedad con tanta vehemencia ¿por qué es que tenemos este tipo de excepciones para segregar las razas aún más? Si se consideran Estadounidenses, ¿por qué no pueden leer y escribir el lenguaje de la gente de los Estados Unidos?

Con pedir una sección especial para si mismos, ellos (los hispanos) agregan al problema de segregación y favoritismo.

¿Qué sugerirá después? Una sección especial para los chinos, para los japoneses, para los coreanos, alemanes o para los franceses? ¿Dónde acabará esto? Cada vez que se hace algo por un grupo, habrá otro grupo que pida ese mismo trato preferencial.

Con cada grupo que se queje, solo habrán más problemas raciales. Antes de que alguien se entere de lo que está pasando, habrá tanta discriminación en las escuelas del distrito que será difícil corregir el problema.

Debemos ponerle un alto a los favoritismos antes de que lleguen muy lejos. O eliminan la sección en español o agregan una sección para cada idioma que se habla en el distrito. Esto sería lo correcto. Recuerden que el español no es el único lenguaje que se usa para comunicarse en las escuelas.

¿Cómo podrán hacer para dar cobertura a cada una de las escuelas, dándole una sección especial para cada idioma diferente que se use? Deberían pensar en lo que se están metiendo.

Firma: **Anónimo**

Un estudiante preocupado en Western High.

Nota del Editor:

Nos gustaría que mandaran su opinión al periódico CLASS!

LILIAM HICKEY, nos visita



Liliam Hickey, Presidenta del Consejo Estatal de Educación y Presidenta de la Cámara Latina de Comercio, mientras era entrevistada por Alma Guzmán, Presidenta de la Unión de Estudiantes Hispanos de la Escuela Superior Rancho.

Por Alma Guzmán, Presidente de Hispanic Student Union, Rancho High (AG) Señora Hickey, nos da mucho gusto recibirla en la escuela superior Rancho. ¿Cómo se siente?

(LH) Bueno, Alma, me siento muy bien; me es muy agradable acompañarles en esta noche de celebración. Con tanta música y alegría hasta me dan ganas de bailar. Realmente quiero felicitar a todos los participantes y organizadores por una velada muy de mi agrado.

(AG) Muchas gracias. ¿Quisiera contarnos algo de su persona?

(LH) Con mucho gusto. Déjame decirte que yo nací en Cuba y he vivido en Las Vegas por muchos años. Cuando yo llegué a los Estados Unidos yo hablaba varios idiomas pero casi nada de inglés. Así que me propuse a aprender el idioma y lo he logrado.

(AG) ¿Cuál fue su motivación para aprender el inglés?

(LH) Bueno, yo quería un mejor trabajo. Todo el mundo lo quiere. ¿No es cierto? Y yo me di cuenta de que si no sabía bien el inglés me iba a costar mucho lograrlo. El sistema que hay aquí en los Estados Unidos te da muchas oportunidades, pero necesitas estar preparada para aprovecharlas. Todos tenemos ambiciones y es bueno alcanzarlas.

(AG) Si, claro. ¿Cuál ha sido su mayor satisfacción?

(LH) Trabajé muchos años y me retiré recientemente del Departamento de Servicios Humanos del Estado de Nevada. Pero, mi mayor satisfacción es que he podido dedicarle muchos esfuerzos a mejorar la educación de la juventud hispana. Soy actualmente Presidenta del Consejo de Educación a nivel estatal y desde esa posición trato siempre de lograr una mejor educación para los jóvenes de Nevada. También yo estuve a cargo, durante los primeros diez años, del programa de becas del "Career Day" de la Cámara de Comercio Latina. Ahora, como Presidenta de la Cámara, pienso aumentar la ayuda que damos a los jóvenes de Nevada. También me agrada mucho el programa de "School on Wheels" que he estado empujando por varios años y que va muy bien.

(AG) ¿Qué consejo tiene usted para nuestra juventud?

(LH) Bueno, yo creo es muy importante que los hispanos conservemos nuestro idioma, que es lo que nos une, y nuestra cultura. La riqueza de nuestra cultura en todas sus manifestaciones. Debemos sentirnos orgullosos de lo que somos y adonde vamos. Es muy importante que los jóvenes hispanos aspiren a las mejores posiciones de trabajo en donde nos toca vivir.

(AG) ¿Qué piensa hacer en el futuro?

(LH) Espero poder hacer un festival similar a este para recaudar fondos para mas becas para que los hispanos vayan a la universidad.

(AG) Bueno, doña Liliam, le agradezco mucho sus palabras,

(LH) Ha sido un placer para mí, Alma.

La ciencia es un negocio en la escuela Chaparral...



Por Chris Alo, Chaparral High

Los estudiantes de ciencias del profesor Jeff Hobbs no asisten a clase, sino que van a trabajar. Lo que es mas, no se les refiere como estudiantes sino como investigadores jóvenes.

Firman "contratos de trabajo" y reciben salarios con dinero falso. Sus obligaciones son de estudiar, salir bien en los exámenes, completar su tarea y trabajos en clase y portarse bien.

Si los estudiantes no cumplen sus obligaciones deben pagar "multas" con el dinero falso. Se les multa por decir malas palabras, por interrumpir la clase, por llegar tarde, y por otras faltas.

El dinero que usan en clase también puede servirles para hacer compras de dulces y refrescos en la tienda del profesor Hobbs.

Los estudiantes también pueden comprar crédito adicional a razón de un punto por cada \$10 en moneda falsa.

El profesor Hobbs comenta que los estudiantes aprenden bastante, trabajan duro, y además disfrutan de la clase y del proceso educativo.

La estudiante Verónica Sánchez dice que "me ayuda a darle valor al dinero." Mientras que Sal Portillo dice que "es una responsabilidad distinta a la de otras clases." Y Jason Hubbard agrega, "nos prepara para trabajar en la vida real."

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PRIMAVERA

Rodolfo Obeso
Valley High

Primavera, símbolo de esperanza
y vida nueva.
La naturaleza renace,
consigo trae alegría, paz, amor y riqueza.
El sol sale mas brillante sobre el horizonte,
anunciando la llegada
mas esperada del año.
Es tiempo de vivir, de sentir,
de saber el por qué de existir.

Los árboles muestran
sus nuevos retoños
como un recordatorio
de la belleza de la vida.
Las flores de mil colores,
olores de perfume místico,
de olor suave y persistente,
se quedan en mi mente,
para siempre
en primavera.

LA PRIMAVERA

Con sus olores tan lindos
viene llegando hacia mí,
con sus hermosos recuerdos
la primavera ya está aquí.

Blanca Olivas, Rancho

Primavera es alegría
felicidad y armonía,
las flores nacen
y nuestro amor renace

Esmeralda Curiel, Rancho

En aquella primavera tan hermosa
es donde tu y yo nos mirábamos
cada tarde tan esplendorosa
donde siempre nos besábamos.

Esmeralda Basilio, Rancho

Ayer acabaste de llegar
y yo ni cuenta me di...

María López, Rancho

SEGUNDO LUGAR

MI QUERIDA PRIMAVERA

Héctor Martínez
Rancho High

Siempre que la primavera llega,
un espíritu, una fuerza de vivir
te nace dentro de ti como una flor
que abre sus pétalos,
así es una persona que abre
su corazón para dar paso al amor
y a la fuerza de vivir.

Por lo que mas quieras
y lo que mas tu anhelas,
nunca pierdas la fuerza de vivir
y de ser tu;
siempre sal adelante como cuando
llega la primavera... y si te encuentras
en la penumbra, recuerda que siempre hay
alguien que te aprecia y te quiere de veras,
tal como es la hermosa primavera.

TERCER LUGAR

NUNCA ES BASTANTE

Alberto Maldonado
Las Vegas High

Nunca es bastante el tiempo procurado
la manzana del agradecimiento a un maestro
el entendimiento a un amigo,
ni el llanto a una madre.

Nunca es bastante, el ímpetu a nuestro trabajo
la oración a nuestro Dios,
el estudio de cada día,
ni la meta emprendida.

Nunca es bastante, el amor a un ser querido
la escritura de un poema
la atención a un amor
la entrega total de un corazón.

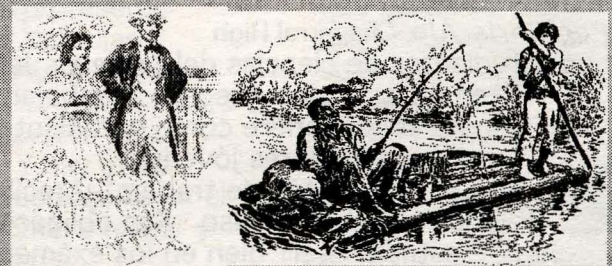
Nunca es bastante, la enseñanza de los libros
el despojo de nuestros pecados ante Dios
la dedicación a nuestra vida
la caricia a una flor.

DURANGO INICIA A ESTUDIANTES DE OCTAVO GRADO

Por Rachael Moser, Durango High

Los estudiantes que principiarán el high school el año próximo se sentirán mas contentos si están familiarizados con su nueva escuela desde un principio. Este es uno de los motivos por los que la escuela Durango tuvo tres días de visita para 450 estudiantes del octavo grado de la Kenny C. Guinn Middle School. Cada estudiante de Kenny C. Guinn siguió por todos lados durante la mayor parte del día a un estudiante de Durango. Los visitantes fueron a todas las clases y se les tomó en cuenta en las actividades del día.

VARIAS CULTURAS SE PRESENTAN EL "SPECTRUM" DE VALLEY HIGH



Por Tasha Pittman y Jenelle Willits, Valley High

Los estudiantes de Valley High School están aprendiendo a cerca de las distintas culturas en nuestra comunidad a través de una nueva publicación llamada "Spectrum" y una serie de asambleas con el mismo nombre.

La revista se publica cada dos semanas y enfoca a distintos grupos culturales en cada edición. Los estudiantes escriben acerca de sus experiencias en forma de ensayos, historias cortas, poesías y arte étnico.

Este proyecto surgió por una donación de \$2,500 que le dieran a Valley High School por parte del First Interstate Bank, durante su competencia anual de las mejores ideas (Best Ideas) para las escuelas superiores.

Las asambleas de Spectrum representan una variedad de culturas a través de canciones y bailes.

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WORD IN TIME SAVES... LOTS OF SCREAMING

'We snuck a pet peeve'

By Monica Taryn

Did you know that "snuck" isn't proper English?

My whole class sure didn't; we truly thought it was the correct form of the verb. However, when one girl used "snuck" in a vocabulary sentence, the teacher started screaming frantically and waving her hands in the air.

It should have been she "sneaked" into her bedroom. Then, she proceeded to tell us that "dove" wasn't correct either. It's "she dived into the pool" rather than "she dove."

The class complained that "snuck" and "dove" sounded better than "sneaked" and "dived."

Since no one understood why it was "sneaked" instead of "snuck" and "dived" instead of "dove," the teacher explained that they were just "vulgar" words much like the word "ain't."

Being a smart-aleck, I picked up the *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and started reading out loud. Within the first paragraph I pointed out that Mark Twain used "ain't" in every other sentence. The teacher replied that if I was Mark Twain I could use "ain't" anytime I wanted to!

As we walked out of the classroom, everyone was using "snuck" and "dove" in sentences to tease the

teacher. I decided to give the poor lady a break and politely told her, "Don't worry, I ain't gonna say a word."

I asked my older brother later that night if "snuck" and "dove" were really words and he said, "No, the correct terms are 'I did be sneakin' and 'I did be divin'."

What is it with teachers and their desperate need for proper English? All English teachers seem to hover over us with their bright red pens ready to attack every linguistic mistake we make.

Other teachers have pet peeves, too. In chemistry, having the wrong label on a mole problem is a big, if not a bigger, catastrophe than almost blowing up the lab.

If you get the wrong sign in math or the date wrong in history, then you might as well be history! What seems like a minor mishap to us is almost a failure in the eyes of our teachers.

Sometimes I think they should have support groups for their pet peeves.

"Hello, my name is Jane Roe; I'm an English teacher and a correctaholic! I can't stop correcting improper English!"

"It's OK Jane, we can help you; just hand over the red pen."

Science Bowl — a matter of x, y and z

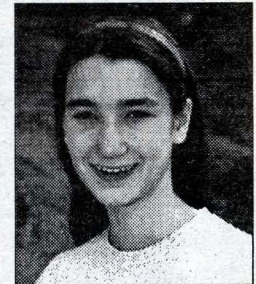
By Kate Martin

High school students from Nevada, California and Utah converged on UNLV for the fifth annual Science Bowl, sponsored by the Department of Energy. The competition had its exhilarating moments, especially as the final rounds drew closer.

Two of the teams were from Las Vegas High School, Teams X and Y. Led by **Nancy Williams**, Team X was composed of **Lauren Barnes, Clifton O'Berry, Carrie O'Berry, and Kate Martin**; **Eric Rapp** was their coach. **Jane Hsu** was the captain of Team Y, which included **Cressi Coots, Ian Needham, Antonette Andres, Juli Nguyen** and Coach **Andree Reed**.

Although neither team advanced to the final rounds, they represented Las Vegas High with tenacity and vigor. One game between Las Vegas X and Green Valley X was so close that the answer to one question decided its outcome.

In the end, Clark High School took first place, receiving \$2,000 and an all expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. where they will compete in the National Science Bowl competition. Green Valley Team X took second place



To be or not to be...March celebrated theatre

By Monett Haley



March was "Theatre in our Schools Month," a time for teachers and students to become more aware

of what theatre is...not only an educational tool, but also a method of teaching valuable lessons in everyday life.

The LVHS Thespian Club conducted fundraisers and other events to support theatre: selling buttons

promoting Theatre in our Schools Month, as well as passing out book-marks and posters to all English classes. They also attended a special performance of Shakespeare's *King John* at UNLV.

Robby Flores, a senior, won a \$500 Technical Theatre Scholarship from the Nevada State Thespian Society. at the State Thespian Conference.

Audrey Zemp, Rachel Cram, Bryan Severance, Adam Rushfield and **Bryan Todd** from Las Vegas High participated in last month's CCSD Drama Festival.

Senior finally discloses secret of sexual assault

By Antonette Andres

For five years I have concealed a horrible secret. My parents, my best friend, absolutely no one knew what happened. I was sexually assaulted. This is an autobiographical account.

After months of consideration, I decided that sharing this incident with others will not only be helpful to me, in that I will be releasing a secret I have long concealed, but perhaps it will help others. If it does, I will be satisfied with having touched another person.

I was eleven when the army stationed my father at Fort Ord. Growing up there was a four-year roller coaster ride, twisting, spiraling, climbing, then plummeting downhill. I stepped into the roller coaster an innocent, young girl and stepped out a seasoned survivor.

It happened one day in the seventh grade during lunch break. Everyone had a case of spring fever...the "Love Bug" was busily at work stinging many students including my best friend. She had fallen in love with an eighth grader, "Jack," the cutest guy in our entire school...but Jack never took notice of her.

Deciding to do her a favor, I pulled Jack aside to talk about her crush on him. There was a golf course next to the campus where he suggested we go to talk in more privacy and also to show me some hatchlings in a bird's nest he had found there. I very much wanted to see the baby birds, so I followed Jack into the golf course.

Complaining that there was a stone inside his shoe, Jack stopped to remove it. I searched the trees for the

(See Secret revealed, page 32)

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Tall lunches and pinched faces: just part of welcome to *Spring*

By Peggy Berger and Tiffany Porter

Spring Fling Week, sponsored by the Student Council, took place March 25-29.

"Magic in the Moonlight," the semi-formal Girls' Reverse Dance, kicked off the week. Originally scheduled for the court yard, the dance was moved inside when the weather turned windy and cool. The gym was decorated in royal blue, gold and white to accent the star, moon and sun decor. Dale Dudley and Dynamic Sound provided the music as nearly 500 Spartans enjoyed the evening.

Monday was pajama and sweats day. Students received spirit points for participating in dress-up days. Lunchtime activity was the "tallest sandwich contest." Participants had to build the tallest sandwich in a specified order without the use of their hands. Cash was awarded to the winners.

Tuesday was G.Q. day: students wore their most stylish clothes for the day. Lunchtime activity was the "clothes-pin pinch contest." Spartans gathered in the cafeteria to pinch the most clothes-pins onto their faces in one minute in order to win movie passes.

The Mr. Spartan Pageant was also on this day. Adults judged the male applicants on poise, character, talent, personality, and how well they answered questions. A \$100 prize went to the winner, **Chet Lenczewski**, who says,

"It was a lot of fun working with the

most talented guys on campus. I was surprised I won because everyone did such a good job." And he adds, "Long live the king!"

Wednesday was sports day - hats allowed on this day only. Lunchtime activity was the "Gatorade drinking contest." An after-school field day and barbecue were held, with a carnival and booths set up by each grade. Events included the dunk tank, a ring toss, an obstacle course, and a tug of war in which teachers and students competed.

Thursday was class color day. Seniors wore white; juniors, blue; sophomores, black; freshmen, green; and staff, yellow. The lunchtime activity was an egg hunt.

"Best of the Best" premiered Thursday evening. The show was composed from several acts from the "best plays."

Friday was spirit day. To earn points, students had to dress in the maroon and silver school colors. To conclude the week, an assembly was held, during which the sports teams were introduced and the winner of spirit week was announced.

[Additional reporting by Cameron Langer and Monica Lake]



Peggy Berger



Tiffany Porter

"I AM NOT ASHAMED TO CALL MYSELF BULGARIAN"

By Margarita Natchera



Margarita Natchera

Hi! I am an exchange student from Bulgaria, which is in Eastern Europe. It is surrounded by Romania to the north, Greece and Turkey to the south, Macedonia and ex-Yugoslavia to the west, and the Black Sea to the east...where we go during the summer.

Bulgaria is a pretty country and smaller than a state in the United States. Compared to the USA, Bulgaria is an old country, founded in the year 681, and the language we speak is Bulgarian.

Our alphabet is similar to the Russian alphabet; the only difference is that Russian has more letters.

Almost everything is different for me here, not only family and the atmosphere, but also school. Here school is much easier. You have just six subjects that you can choose, according to what you are interested in.

In Bulgaria, we have more than 10 subjects and we are obliged to study all of them. I know it sounds awful, but indeed it's not so hard...you learn

many things and you have a higher general knowledge.

Sometimes I think of my stay in the United States and I realize that I had a large amount of courage to come here. The first two weeks were really hard for me, but now I am not so homesick. Most of all, I miss my friends because I don't have any here. I've come to the conclusion that making friends when you are new in the United States is extremely difficult.

Maybe you want to know my opinion of your country. Well, the USA is not a perfect country. For example, I have noticed that many people eat too much. This is one reason why there are many overweight people. I'm sorry if I have disappointed you, but even your country has shortcomings.

Let me give you some advice: be yourself wherever you are and wherever you go because, this way, you will feel satisfied. If you are abroad somewhere, you will see how many people really do care about you.

I am not ashamed to call myself Bulgarian because I love my country and, most of all, the precious people there.

Fill 'em up with numbers!

We thought you'd like some statistics about CMHS. They always make good party talk, even though the numbers are from the previous school year.

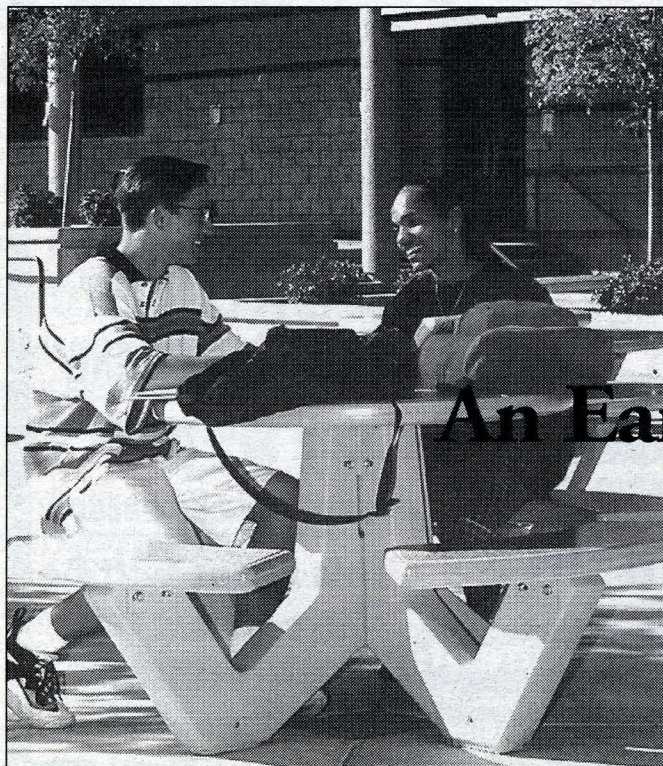
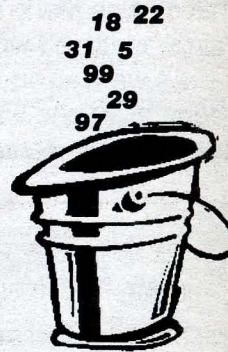
CLASS SIZE: Cimarron-Memorial averages 31 students in English and math classes, compared to an average of 29 for the district. Science classes have 30 and social studies have 32 students each, compared to 28 and 30 district-wide.

ATTENDANCE: Average daily attendance was 91%, compared to

the district average of 92.1%. C-M also topped the district average for 10+ unexcused absences: 23% to 17%.

NEVADA PROFICIENCY: 99.5% of C-M students passed the Nevada Proficiency Exam for math, compared to 97.9% throughout the district. C-M also excelled in reading scores (98.6% vs. 97.5% for CCSD) and writing (99.5% vs. 98.3%).

SPENDING PER STUDENT: For instruction, C-M spends \$2,438 while the district spends \$2,727. But Cimarron-Memorial spends \$511 per student for "Student Support," compared to the district average of \$443.



"Do you know you can take classes this summer and get a head start on college?"

"Ya, I took classes this year as a part of UNLV's Early Studies Program."

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Senior **Nathaniel Carson** has been named a finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Black Students. The award is based on scores earned in the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test).



Robotics, wind tunnel— a taste of engineering future

Thirty-six pre-calculus and calculus students from CMHS recently were invited to tour the Howard R. Hughes Engineering Complex on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus.

The tour, sponsored by the Clark County School District's School-Community Partnership Program, was conducted by UNLV students from the

College of Engineering.

Students visited the Wind Tunnel, Tinous Oslon Machine, Thermo-Fluids Lab, Robotic Lab, Water Treatment Lab and the Super Computer and Computer Lab.

In the computer lab, several students had "hands on" experience in using the network capabilities of the super computer.

Close Up

A touch of Colonies and Congress

Five Cimmarron-Memorial students visited Washington, D.C. and experienced our federal government in a fantastic "on site" tour.

Shauna Nolte, Beth Riesgraf, Nicole Schaefer, James Tomsicek, and Marcy Zimmerman spent this year in a variety of activities to raise money for their "Close Up" experience.

The students participated in seminars on the federal budget, gun control, terrorism, the envi-

ronment, the Constitution, our Judiciary, and international relations. They also joined in discussions and debates on the issues with guest experts and heard the views of students representing every section of our country.

The trip featured more than just a study of our government. Students spent a day and night in colonial Williamsburg, Virginia to get a feel for how our founding fathers lived and the problems colonial settlers experienced. They explored original shops, toured the House of Burgesses, and dined on Colonial cuisine.

Evenings were filled with fun and excitement. At the John F. Kennedy Center they saw the modern, madcap comedy "Sheer Madness." This audience participation of a "who-done-it" was truly a unique theater experience.

Students also visited the many Smithsonian Museums, Washington historical sites, and the various monuments. The experience ended with a farewell dinner and dance attended by 250 student participants.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT CMHS: fun, friendly, fitness & cans of food

Second semester physical education for girls includes aerobics, weight training for specific muscle groups, line dancing twice a week, and a grand array of general fitness activities.

Each student brought in cans of food to use as weights (regulation hand weights would do, as well). At semester's end, the food will be donated to a food bank.

This is the fourth year for this popular program at CMHS.

Future Homemakers 'bring home the bacon awards'

Cimmarron-Memorial's Future Homemakers of America chapter attended the State Conference in Reno last month and walked away with an armload of awards.

Chapter Banner:	Regina Walker	
	Tiffney Grace	
	Tinesha Ellis	Gold Medal
Total Look:	Alisha Cicero	Silver Medal
Focus on Children:	Antoinette Oddo	Bronze Medal
Illustrated Talk:	Alisha Fowles	Silver Medal
Illustrated Talk:	Shannon Raagas	Gold Medal
Fiber Art:	Shannon Raagas	Gold Medal
Fiber Art:	Alisha Fowles	Silver Medal
Entrepreneurship:	Britiney Cisneros	
	Candace Turner	Silver Medal
Job Interview:	Myra Aploan	Gold Medal
Job Interview:	Tiffney Grace	Silver Medal
Job Interview:	Alisha Cicero	Silver Medal
FHA Fact Team:	Shannon Raagas / Tiffney Grace / Regina Walker	
FHA Scholarship:	Myra Aploan interviewed for the scholarship	

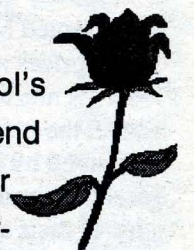
Pre-Prom Fashion Show open to the public

The DECA Chapter at Cimmarron-Memorial High School will host its **Third Annual Pre-Prom Fashion Show**, Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the CMHS Student Activities Center.

Admission is just \$5. Proceeds

will help the school's DECA students to attend the National Career Development Conference in Florida, April 26-May 1.

More than \$800 in door prizes will be awarded.



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Abstinence: A lesson in self-respect

By Mary McMurrin

Abstinence is a word that not everyone knows about. It's a word that some people laugh at and others respect.

The worst things that used to come out of teenage sex were unwanted pregnancies, curable sexually transmitted diseases, emotional pain and devastated self-esteem.



McMurrin

cated about sex and its disadvantages. Talking about the issues is a proven way to emphasize abstinence.

Not only the mechanics of sex, but the emotional, psychological and moral issues are stressed.

Teens think they know everything about the facts of life. The problem is, we don't know as much as we think we do.

Abstinence is the only way to be completely safe. Some say they are abstinent because they have enough respect for themselves to say NO. Others reflect on their emotional levels and believe they are just not ready to be sexually active and create emotional ties with someone.

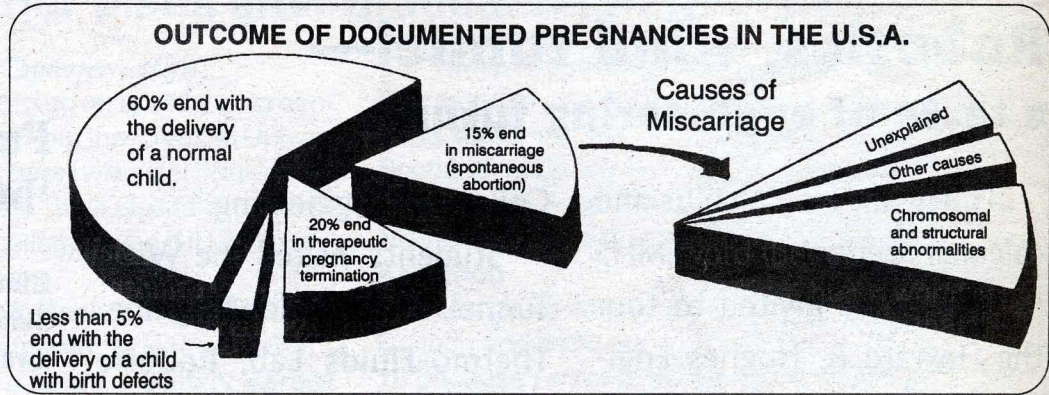
Take time to educate yourself on sex and its consequences. Sex is a risk; is it one you are willing to take?

Now HIV and AIDS add to the list of dangers.

Today it is not uncommon for the average teenager to be sexually active. After asking several teens why they think their friends are falling to peer pressure, the response is, generally this:

Many are sexually active out of fear of rejection, which later causes them guilt, jealousy and — the worst — emotional bondage to someone who doesn't care about them.

Officials believe that now, more than ever, teens need to be edu-



Responsibility: the "R" word of the '90s

By Devon Jean

Responsibility is a word that every teenager has heard a million times..from families, friends, even bosses.

Getting up every morning and getting to school is your responsibility. Feeding the dog is your responsibility. And, like it or not, your body is your responsibility.

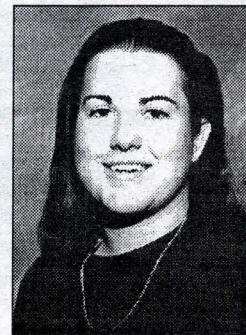
Teenagers having sex in the 1990s is no surprise, but for many of them responsibility is not an issue. But, in truth, sexual responsibility is waiting for an adult, fully committed relationship, even marriage.

With the growing incidence of STDs [sexually transmitted diseases] and teen pregnancy, the numbers of those taking responsibility for themselves and their own bodies is growing.

Abstinence is increasingly becoming the "in thing," but, as always, there are those who are putting their lives in the hands of other persons.

Movies, music and television have done more than their fair share to promote sex, but where does that leave the youth of today?

Boys somehow feel compelled to share their "manhood" with as many partners as possible; on the other hand, girls just aren't quite sure when or why to say "No!" When you are a teenager, often times are tough, but what's to say



that sex is the answer? If you think sex is the answer, then your problems are just beginning.

Picture yourself pregnant or facing fatherhood; think about even dying from AIDS. Yes, it can happen to you — you are not invincible!

Sexual responsibility is not controlling your partner or even taking charge of how many times you have sex. Responsibility is having the will power and confidence to say "NO."

Even if you decide to have sex, responsibility is the will to protect your body, your primary concern.

The fact is, what happens to you from now on is your fault and no one else's.

Do yourself a favor: sit down and make a plan of where you want your life to go from here on.

Do you want to go to college and become a successful doctor? Or maybe you like the idea of living on welfare with two or more kids before you turn 20.

You are only a teenager once. Living life in the fast lane may seem simple enough, but some of the speed bumps will send you flying.

So many kids are racing to grow up, yet once you are there, there's no turning back.

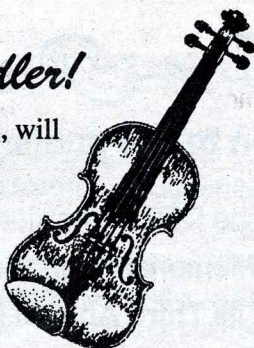
Welcome to reality, kid!

Who's that on the roof? The fiddler!

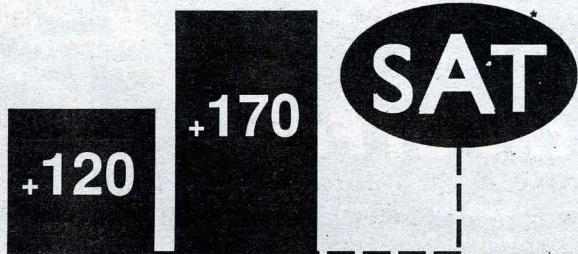
"Fiddler on the Roof," an all-time favorite musical, will be presented May 9-11 in the Silverado Theatre Hall. Ticket prices are \$5 in advance and \$7.50 at the door.

This musical drama features Eric Weissman as Tevye, the major character. His wife Golde is performed by Lynsey Pereira. Sarah Dykema, Sandra Stimmel and Janene Speltes are cast in the roles of their daughters. The girls' love interests are played by Casey Clifford, Gavin Haverstick and Scott Johnson. Of course, there's a Match-Maker, Yente, performed by Abbie Spoor.

The director, Linda Kieper, is assisted by Abigail Meirs and Nicole Woodruff. Tonya Truelson is the technical director and scenic design is by Scott Kieper.



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Government classes spread democracy

From a report by Jason M. Le Jeune

The public was invited to join Silverado government classes to mark Democracy Day on March 12.

From 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., the school theatre was the site of a community-wide program to inform people of their rights and freedoms in a democratic society.

The event was also geared to registering people to vote.

Prominent citizens and political leaders spoke throughout the day and evening. These included former State Senators Bill Gregory and Hal Smith, Assemblywoman Sandra Tiffany; and Steve Schorr, director of government affairs for Prime Cable.



Ruel Meikle
Senior
Bonanza High School

A Model Guy

When Ruel Meikle was a sophomore at Bonanza High School, his mom saw an ad for a modelling class at the Community College and she urged Ruel to sign up.

A few days later, the instructor asked him to audition for a German company that often comes to Las Vegas to shoot for a catalog, mostly clothing. Since then, Ruel (now a senior) has been in front of a camera or on a fashion runway throughout the area.

He has also been in Chicago for a shoot, one of just a few models selected, but he didn't make it into the catalog after all. He has been photographed at Lake Mead ("It was really, really cold"), in the desert, the mountains, even in a junkyard.

"We are always getting pampered," he says, admitting it's one of the best things about modelling.

"We're surrounded by about four people, everyone taking care of your hair, your clothes, your make-up...you feel kinda important."

Born in Jamaica, Ruel came to Las Vegas when he was three years old. He has a typical model-slim body and is five-foot-eight. That bothers him:

"I need more height," he admits, but sounds as though he will be doing some growing in the next few years. How? "Mostly I keep hoping."

"You'd think I would be teased a lot, being a guy," Ruel observes, "but that doesn't happen." His friends are excited about his career and some of them ask how they can get into modelling, too.

Next fall, Ruel will study at the Academy of Hair Design and hopes to open his own high fashion salon someday in the future.

Elks present scholarships

Nine Clark County seniors have received scholarship awards from the Las Vegas Elks Lodge #1468. They are:

Scott Bailey (Silverado) and Alicia Foyt (Chaparral) were named recipients of \$1,000 scholarships. Eric Peterson (Bonanza) and Jolene Yukes (Green Valley) each received \$800 awards.

Seven-hundred dollar awards went to Kelly Brinkerhoff (Las Vegas High), Melanie Borom (Clark), Jason Lappe (Silverado), Jennifer Larsen (Chaparral), and Jennifer Navarro (Valley).

The scholarships are based on scholastic achievement and potential, leadership ability and financial need. Funds for the awards come from the annual Helldorado Days proceeds.

Foyt, Bailey and Yukes also took top honors at the state level, winning an additional \$1,000 each from the Elks National Foundation.

Growing up with hope in a climate of fear (Part 2)

Teens have some ideas on how to deal with the crime and violence that holds some neighborhoods hostage. The actions taken most often are: change friends, avoid parks, cut school, and carry weapons.

Last month, CLASS! reported the conditions many teenagers throughout our country face on a daily basis. Most of the kids surveyed (nearly 9 out of 10) are willing to do something about it, but they want and need help from others.

Meanwhile, what are teens doing to avoid crime and violence? How do they cope? Here are some answers from a wide range of kids:

- 22% changed their group of friends.

- 20% now avoid certain parks and playgrounds.

- 12% of teens report carrying a weapon for protection

- 13% changed their routes to school

- 11% stay home or cut classes because of crime and violence.

- 10% have gotten someone to protect them.

- 10% have stopped going to a particular activity or sport.

- 12% report getting lower grades in school because of crime and violence.

Now compare these replies to responses from kids who live in at-risk neighborhoods — those with high incidence of drugs, crime and gang activity:

- 42% avoid certain parks.

- 38% carry weapons for protection.

- 34% have stayed home from school or cut class.

- 31% report lower grades.

DISTRUSTING OTHER KIDS

Teens worry about people they don't know and about people who look different.

- Two-thirds of all teens say they would feel nervous if they were walking down the street alone and saw a group of kids who did not live in the neighborhood.

- 83% would be nervous about walking alone through an unfamiliar neighborhood.

- 60% say they'd feel nervous if they were walking down the street and there was a group of kids about their age but of a different racial or ethnic background.

DISTRUSTING THE POLICE

The teens say they have an "uneasy" relationship with police in their community.

- 49% say they or their friends have been hassled by the police at least once when they weren't doing anything wrong. However...

- This is true for 72% of teens living in at-risk areas.

- 25% of the teens overall believe that police in their communities don't like people their age;

- 52% of kids in at-risk neighborhoods say this.

- 25% don't believe the police would help them immediately if they called about an emergency.

- 34% disagree with the statement "Knowing a police officer is nearby makes me feel safe." In fact...

- 68% try to stay out of the way of people who are patrolling the street.

GANGS: MIXED VIEWS

The study wanted to measure how strong a presence gangs have in neighborhoods — and they asked teens who live in at-risk areas. It's not a pretty picture.

- 71% say gangs play a big part in the daily life of their neighborhoods.

- 66% believe most younger kids in their neighborhood look up to gang members.

- 57% believe that belonging to a gang is "like having a family that will always be there."

- 75% say that gangs protect them from people outside the neighborhood.

TEENS KNOW WHY

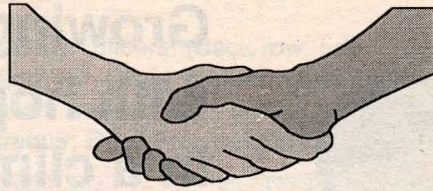
Teens themselves cite a number of factors contributing to teen violence.

The top three causes they list are drugs, lack of parental involvement, and peer pressure. Very few named economic hardship, television, or music they listen to.

But...about TV and violence: the study found that the more time the kids spent watching television (four hours or more a day), the more they were likely to fight, have favorable views of gangs, and approve of retaliation when "dissed."

The May edition of CLASS! will report what teens said about being able to do something about crime.

This study is part of a joint program of the National Crime Prevention Council and the National Institute for Citizen Education in the Law, with support from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Dept. of Justice.



Because as brothers, we are one

By Jeff Hoskins



Brotherhood Week was a time to celebrate our cultural differences, while coming together as one in the Gorman community.

The week's celebration began with two days of free dress to celebrate cultural diversity.

An assembly showcased the many cultures represented at the

school. The event kicked off with the Côtème dancers showing traditional African dances; the dancers, in appropriate dress, were Joe Coury, Keith Kudrewicz, and Megan Burton.

Five Star Group awarded a scholarship to Erica Johnson commending a paper she had written on her heritage. The focal speaker was Barbara Costas, who spoke to the student body of issues about race.

The event continued with speeches and poems presented by students. These conveyed aspects of the various cultures represented in the student body.

The day concluded with the Côtème dancers after Crystal Robinson led the student body in singing "We Shall Overcome."

The week turned out to be a great way for Gorman students to celebrate their cultural differences. The assembly also gave students a chance to see certain traditions of other cultures in the Gorman community. It is hoped that Brotherhood Week will become a tradition at Gorman and more and more cultures can showcase their heritage during this week of cultural celebration.

Two lucky colleges sign up Gorman grads

By Jeff Simonin



Two of Gorman's most prominent athletes finished out their careers in style this year, both signing letters of intent to play at Division I schools.

Senior basketball star **Jim Roban**, this year's MVP and member of the All-State first team signed early with the University of Montana. He follows in the footsteps of his father Mike Roban, an alum of Montana, who was also starting

quarterback for the Griz.

Scouts around the city have been quoted as saying that Jim Roban going to Montana is one of the biggest "steals" of this recruiting season.

"Sure," says Roban, "I've heard that. But I've always wanted to go to Montana, and in the long run, that's what mattered."

Two-sport sensation **Sarah Watters** also signed her letter, pledging to play volleyball next season for the University of Massachusetts.

"I can't wait," says an excited Watters, "UMass is a great school, not only for athletics, but also for academics. This is a great opportunity for me." As for continuing her softball career, Sarah is a bit wary.

"UMass is a softball powerhouse," she says, "But I don't think I'd like to play. I'd like to just take a little while off and enjoy college life."

Both Jim and Sarah will join programs that are looking for marked improvement and both athletes feel they will contribute to their respective teams next season.

"I'm extremely happy," says Jeff Wagonseller, head basketball and softball coach, "They're both great athletes and they're both going to a school where they can get a great education and contribute right from the get go. That's the most important thing. As long as the student is happy."

Bonked guitars and bleedin' feet.

By C.R. "Tube Dude" Fleiger



Put on your Bermudas and grab your board 'cause it is time to hang ten with your buddies, the Ovalteens.

These all-around fun guys have added a little bit of sunshine to a droopy local scene by playing an innovative

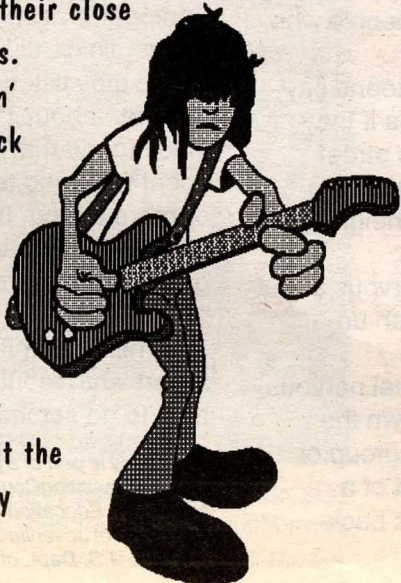
mixture of 60's surf and ska music.

Sporting St. Anne's red V-neck uniform sweaters, white shirts, black pants, black ties, and bushy-blond wigs, the Ovalteens consist of Stu Berfman (senior **Brian Horn**) finger-picking his life away on guitar, Louie Ledezma (Green Valley senior **Tyler Beauregard**) goin' crazy on the drums, and Stan "Guitar" Binx (Green Valley senior **Clayton Pruzinski**) dancin' 'till his feet bleed on guitar #2.

This relatively new band already have their sights on the soon-to-be legendary first annual Gorman Talent Show, as well as a 7-inch record that they will share with their close friends, Loafin' Zetas.

These hard workin' Man of Astroman/Dick Dale wannabe's have managed to play over a half-dozen shows in only a few months.

Berfman has only one thing to say about the 'teens. "We're pretty gnarly, bra!"



West Side Story still riveting

On March 20-23, the drama department produced *West Side Story*, directed by Jane Talley. Packed houses watched with awe.

This play parallels Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. The so-called Romeo and Juliet in the play are Tony, as played by **Louie Latina** (in an admirable performance) and the star of the evening, **Crystal Robinson** as Maria. Robinson carried the star-crossed duo with an absolutely beautiful voice and wonderfully understated charisma.

The Jets and the Sharks are the two rival groups separated by race and prejudice. The Jets are led by Riff (**Nate Hunterton**) and the Sharks by Bernardo (**Brian Dermody**). The scenes with the groups as a whole become electrifying with **Chris DeJoseph** (in a superb performance), **Brian Horn**, and **Evan Sooper** standing out as the top Jets. The Sharks have little to do, but Dermody's performance as Bernardo, shows he

truly has something special as an actor. Female favorites include **Monique Derenia** as Anita, and Jet girls **Molly Raftery** and **Melissa McKinley**.

Zack Bradner played Lt. Schrank, checking in with a tough and gritty performance. **Paolo Raho** was very good as Doc, and Coach Smith and Mr. Haycock were crowd pleasers as Gladhand and Krupke.

The music hasn't changed much since it was first produced some 30 years ago. Most of the tunes are catchy, which means you weren't able to get them out of your head for a week. The orchestra stayed faithful to the material.

The writing has lost some of its original controversial edge, but that was overcome by fine direction. Production problems plagued the crew intermittingly, as microphones failed and time lost between scenes was costly.

News Briefs

Girls' sports grow

Two new girls' sports will be added to The Meadows School's program. Girls' Softball started this spring, Girls' Soccer may be added next year.

Colleges accept 3

Three seniors have early acceptance to college. **Roger Peltyn** has been accepted to Penn State, **Sarah Wagstaff** has heard from Pomona College, and **Derek Goffstein** has positive response from Claremont McKenna.

CHORUS TO PRESENT 'INTO THE WOODS'

By Lindsey Thomas

Musical Theater will present the musical "Into the Woods," in mid-April.

This will be the first semi-staged musical ever presented by the singers in the chorus. It involves a cast of 16 students, four of whom are new to Musical Theater.

"Into the Woods" is a mixture of several different childhood fairy tales. Characters include Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Ridinghood, Rapunzel, and many others.

The students of Musical Theater are very excited about this performance because it is their chance to show their talent to the public.

Meadows School presents drama trio

Three classes in the Drama Department at The Meadows School will present challenging theatre experiences next month.

"Theatrical Appeal," grades 10-12, will present "Hotel Paradiso" on May 25. Ninth grade actors in the Drama I class will perform Neil Simon's comedy "Rumors" on May 26. And the 8th grade Middle Schol Drama class will present the well-known "M*A*S*H" on May 31.

Details and cast members will be featured in the May issue of CLASS!

2 Meadows trips offer opportunities

By Tara Hamilton

The 1996 Meadows School Golf Team is the first sports team to leave the country to compete. The Golf Team, their families, and faculty members spent Spring Break in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Golf Team members **Ryan Hamilton** and **David Snyder** are the first to play as a team outside the United States.

Three students visited Washington, D.C. with the Close-up Foundation during Spring Break.

Christina Hruska, **Suzi Spezzi**, and **Serena Tawney** learned about the government and politics through workshops and seminars.

Meadows students give back to community

By Melissa Simon

All Meadows high school students are required to complete community service hours for graduation. Each student will fulfill two hours of community service for this year.

The seniors plan to tutor students from an at-risk elementary school. Students who attend at-risk schools are those who come from impoverished areas and are lower achieving students.

The Junior Class will visit Opportunity Village and work on a project with mentally challenged clients.

Sophomores will help out at the Las Vegas Convalescent Center. They will read to senior citizens and call numbers for bingo games.

Freshmen began their service in pediatrics at Sunrise Children's Hospital. They brought coloring books, helped the children make Valentines and decorated the playroom for the holiday. The Freshman Class plans to have four students help out each Saturday until every ninth grader has fulfilled his two hours of service at the hospital.

Megan Riordan was one of the first students to volunteer in the pediatrics unit. "I enjoyed brightening the kids' day and look forward to continuing the project," she says.

Next year, high school students will be required to complete four to six hours of community service.

Students need test schedule to balance home study hours

By Isaac Blumberg



Isaac Blumberg

The Meadows School needs to create a policy that would limit and regulate the number of tests that are allowed to be given in one day. Many times a student will have more than just two tests in one day, added to their regular daily homework. Preparing for several major tests creates a burden and raises the level of stress on a student. Leaving school at 3:30pm, in one night, a student cannot possibly have enough time to study thoroughly for more than two tests.

The Meadows School prides itself in being academically strong, and the school also encourages students to participate in after-school activities, such as sports. Most athletic practices run until 5:30pm, eliminating another two hours to study for tests. Granted, students should not procrastinate, but sometimes there is only one day's notice before a test.

A test schedule has already been adopted by some schools in this country. A sample schedule allows only two tests maximum per day by specifying which academic areas may

test. For example, testing could be done on the following schedule: Monday, Math and English; Tuesday, Language and History; Wednesday, English and Math; Thursday, Science and Language; Friday, History and Science.

In some schools, teachers must give the students three homework nights for preparation before a test. Essays and research papers can be assigned any time; however, a week's notice must be given. Weekends count as only one day.

An alternate schedule could be designated periods. For example, Monday periods one and three can test; Tuesday, periods two and four; Wednesday, periods three, one and six; Thursday, periods four, five, and six; Friday, periods five and two can test.

At The Meadows, many times students ask teachers to move their tests to another day because they already have too many tests. With a definite schedule, teachers will not have to change the date of their tests. Likewise, students will know what tests are possible on a given day. Most important, students will have time to prepare for the tests which, in many classes, are a major factor in determining grades.



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Sony PlayStation takes video games to new level

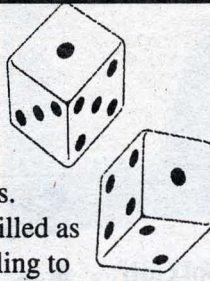
By Steven Hayden

Well, video game fans, it is finally here. Sony is entering into the video game market with a bang. Running at 33 Megahertz, Sony's PlayStation system takes video games to a whole new level.

Sony's infant system has yet to face any competition from Nintendo, but it is locking horns with Sega even as it is released. The Sega Saturn, Sega's next generation machine, is Sony's only real competition. It is fairly obvious to the consumer after purchasing a PlayStation why Sega is being outsold nearly eight to one.

Games with graphics such as *Battle Arena: Toshinden* and *Loaded* help players understand why the PSX is dominating the Saturn in the stores. This is also sending a clear message to Nintendo, which has been planning to launch its next-generation system, dubbed the "Ultra 64" this month.

(See *PlayStation*, page 35)



By Mike Smith

Las Vegas was built as a playground for adults. People come to what is billed as the hottest spot for gambling to enjoy themselves and maybe win a few bucks. It seems harmless, but gambling can also become a disease and destroy lives and families. Yet, it seems that families are exactly what casinos are trying to attract.

When a consenting adult gambles, it is fine and perfectly legal. What that individual might not realize is that there are children watching his/her every move.

Children also see gambling as harmless. They want to try their luck as well. When they feel they are old enough, they may enter a casino and try the machines or tables that hold all that treasure. They do not realize what is at stake, not only for themselves but for the casino and for their parents.

If a casino allows a minor to gamble, the establishment is held responsible and can pay a great deal of money to the state for such an

offense. The parent of a minor is also responsible, and can also pay a huge fine if his/her child gambles in town.

"Security is here to protect, not annoy legal gamblers," says a Mirage source who wishes to remain anonymous. Workers in the casinos are ready and willing to confiscate fake I.D.'s and call the police at any time."

This is the basic procedure for casinos. The majority of them do this well, although there have been certain casinos that have not and have paid the consequences.

One hotel received a complaint about underage gambling. There, a 19-year-old was allowed to gamble. He lost \$6,300 dollars on blackjack.

The money he used was presumably from a pot that he and his friends put together hoping to win some cash. He was discovered while using a system of counting cards that was designed on his computer. Although it seemed to be failing miserably, and he was losing

a great deal of money, he should not have been there in the first place. The casino suffered the consequences, a large fine, and has since tightened security.

Other hotels that have never been accused of allowing minors to gamble, have some interesting ways to enforce security. One such hotel "cards" everyone who looks underage at the door," says a source.

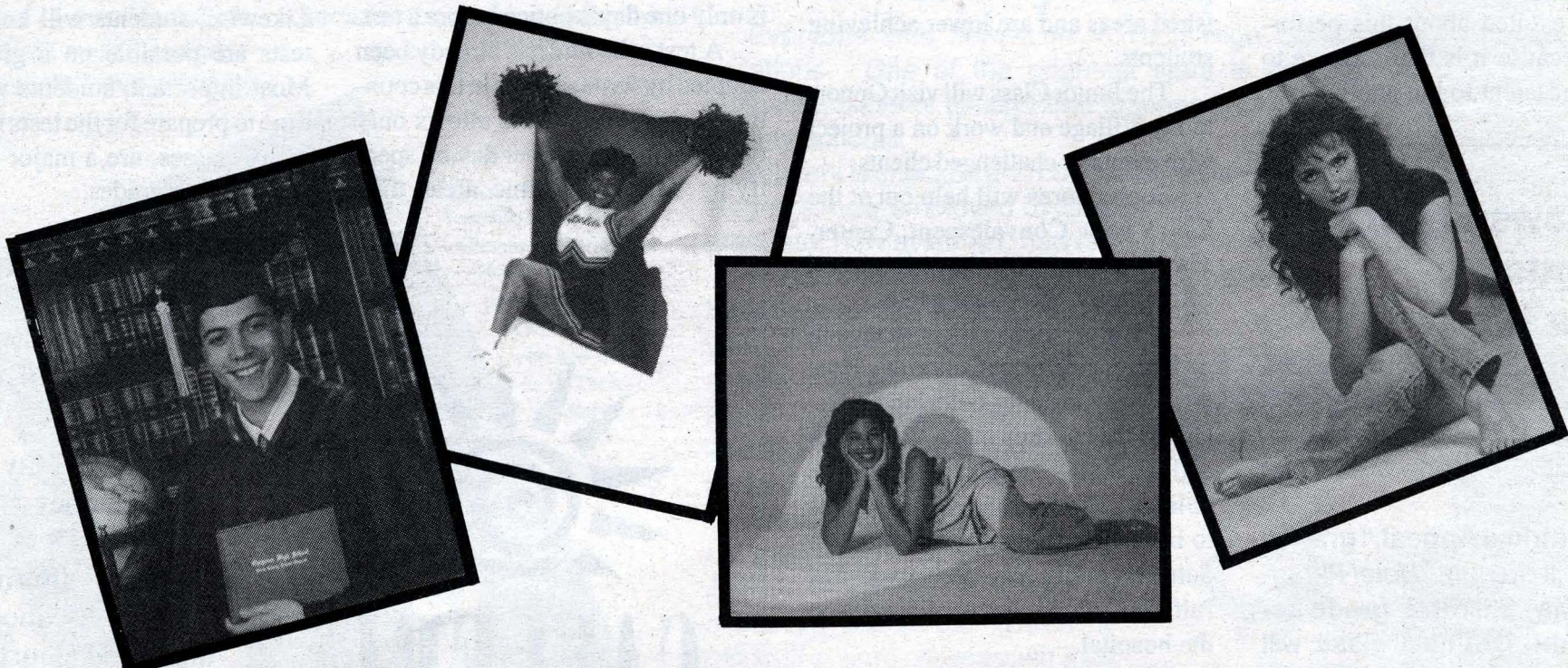
Another hotel has cameras, even in the parking structure, to ensure safety and to see who is entering the hotel. They can identify minors before they even enter the hotel. "We're not sneaky, just efficient in our ways," says a hotel official.

The problem with underage gambling isn't with the parent or the casinos, it is with the gambler. It seems that if people would realize that the odds are in the casino's favor, and that most people just end up losing their paycheck, gambling wouldn't be that appealing.

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BHS swim teams hope to go to state

By Lindy Buckles (right)

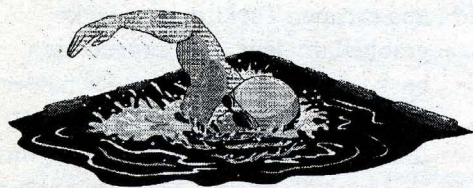
Starting a new season, the swim team is working hard to improve their times, compete well in zone, and advance to State.

Junior **Eric Johnson** says, "I went to State last year in a relay. I hope to go again this year in my own event and the relay."

The team coach, Amy Warmington, hopes to bring back the team's moral and spirit. She considers this a "rebuilding" year.

Junior **K.C. Wilkins** says, "This year is more fun than last year. Coach Warmington gives us more of a variety of things to do."

Junior **Jason Hafen** says, "This year more freshman and others have come out to add more potential to the team."



Many swimmers are working hard to improve their times. Junior **Steve Summers** says, "I would like to improved on skill level in my strokes, like the butterfly." Wilkins says he would like to improve his time in the breaststroke.

The swimmers better their times by working hard everyday in practice. "We do a mixture of long distance drills and shorter drills. We do separate drills that isolate a certain part of our stroke," says Wilkins.

Closed Campus: A Debate

By Billie Rasmussen (right)

Closed campus will be a really good opportunity for students to make new friends during lunch hour.

Sophomore **Brandon Gatewood** says, "It's a good way to meet new people and to relax and hang out with your friends."

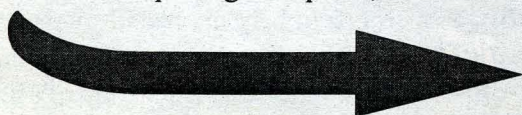
Freshman **Missi Jacobs** says, "It will keep people from getting into so much trouble."

If we do have closed campus, many people won't have to worry about being left behind at lunch or where they are going to eat because everybody will be in one place together.

Senior **Will Bendik** says, "People with no friends and no cars will have people to hang out with."



For an opposing viewpoint, read on...



El Lobo receives '95 Gold Crown yearbook award

By Misty Windholz (left) and Lindy Buckles



The Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) awarded its top honor to Basic High School's El Lobo Yearbook for last year's edition *Between Extremes*.

The Gold Crown Award is given to only twenty-one yearbooks in the U.S. El Lobo was the only book from Nevada to win.

Junior **Lindsey Brown** says, "I was so happy when we won the Gold Crown. We finally got the recognition that we deserve."

According to the CSPA the Association presents the Gold Crown to the top one percent of those publications entered in the annual contest.

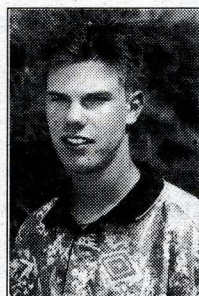
Men's Golf Team swings into action

By Steven Zyla (right)

The Basic High Men's Golf Team coming off a 10-6 season in '95 goes into battle in '96 with many new and younger faces.

The Men's Team is returning only four letterman from last year: **Steve Zyla**, **Jerry Cram**, **Nick Nelson**, and **Ryan Smuskiewicz**.

The team members have set certain goals for the '96 season. Cram, now in his third year on the team, hopes to make zone, either with a team or as an



individual for the first time.

"If the team doesn't make zone together, I think it will be a battle between myself, Steve, and Ryan for the two zone spots," Cram says.

Sophomore Nelson says he hopes to improve on last year's average and make a solid contribution to the team every time out. Smuskiewicz says that he hopes to be either number one or two on the team, make it to zone, and then ultimately qualify for state.



By Kelli Gallacher

When it comes to making friends it is never easy, but it won't suddenly become easy because we are all stuck in a little cafeteria like a bunch of laboratory rats.

How is this possible going to make our enemies all of a sudden like us and begin to be friendly? Or perhaps people we have never even seen before will become our new best friends? I seriously doubt it.

What is all this a sick joke? Or some experimental way to stop fights? **WHAT-EVER!!!!**

In high school there are people who don't

like us and people we don't like. I am positive that we all have a person whose name, when mentioned, makes us feel like screaming. Is this going to make you like them any more? I doubt it!

Junior **Louie Patterson** says, "It's ugly because now we have to eat school lunches."

Doesn't the school board think that we will find a way to get out? If people have the means of transportation I guarantee that some will leave.

Sophomore **Elaine Norris** comments, "If people want to go out to lunch, they are going to do what they want."

Women can tough it out for equality

By Laura Trefl, Chaparral High

Everybody has bad days. But... when a girl is having a

bad day, a lot of guys suspect she has PMS. There are guys who want to blame everything on PMS and those are also the ones who think women belong at home cooking, cleaning, barefoot and pregnant.

This is sexism. A lot of young people don't know the difference between sexism and feminism. Sexism is prejudice or discrimination against a sex, especially women. Feminism is the theory that women deserve the same rights given to men, as in political and economic status.

...a long way, Baby!

American women have come a long way. Around 1852, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady started the fight for women's right to vote. Women didn't get that right until 1910 and, in the 1920s, the 19th Amendment was passed allowing women to vote.

After that, many groups formed to help women gain equal rights, such as NAWSA (National American Women's Suffrage Association) and NOW (National Organization of Women).

Daddy's rights

In the 1970s the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) was written to help women have the same rights as men. This amendment was constantly in debate and did not pass. One of the problems was that men complained that they should get the same rights as women in return. If a woman can get maternity leave, why can't fathers get time off?

Even though ERA failed, the Pregnancy Disability Amendment to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act passed. It prohibits discrimination against pregnant women in all areas of employment.

Ten-hut, Ma'am!

The military has also been faced with sexism. In 1951, the DACOWITS (Defense Advisory Committee on Women in

the Services) was formed to help women get equal treatment on military bases.

Training programs are aimed at prevention of and education about sexism. In 1987, the Navy and the Marine Corps were prosecuted for the way women were treated at a base in the Philippines. In 1990 the Defense Manpower Data Center did a survey on women in the military: 64% of the women surveyed had dealt with some form of sexual harassment during a 12-month period.

Women have also turned all-male military academies into co-ed academies. Cadet Kristin Baker was the first woman selected as a Bridge Commander in the U.S. Corps of West Point.

Illegal activity

In June 1986, the Supreme Court determined that subjection to an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment was a form of illegal sexual discrimination. Such things as sexually-oriented posters, jokes and remarks, and physical touching and assault can lead to a law suit.

Men are faced with sexism, too. In 1988, Pete Schaub at the University of Washington was expelled for asking questions in a class about women. Schaub showed up for a demonstration and was recognized. Women began to shout, "Stop sexual harassment!"

The only thing Schaub was guilty of was being a man. Sometimes the roles are switched and it's the woman who is guilty. The fight for equal rights may never end, but so far, the fight has changed the future for women.

HEAR YE! Announcing Student awards

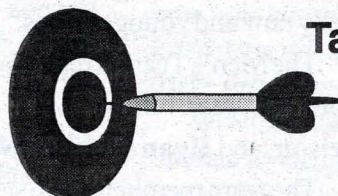
Three honored for Youth Citizenship

Three Southern Nevada high school students have received Youth Citizenship Awards from Soroptimist International (SI), Sierra Nevada Region.

Alicia Foyt of Chaparral High School has been chosen as SI of Greater Las Vegas' award winner. **Melanie N. Borom** of Clark High School was SI of Creative Las Vegas' YCA recipient. **Jennifer Willis** of Sunset High School East was the YCA winner chosen by SI of Las Vegas Valley.

As YCA winners, Foyt, Borom and Willis will receive \$100 and are now eligible for Soroptimist regional and federation-level awards.

YCA is a Soroptimist of the Americas award that is given to a graduating senior from any accredited high school or its equivalent. To qualify for the awards, which are judged on the merit of the applicants, a student must have demonstrated the following during high school years: service, dependability, leadership, and clear sense of purpose.



Target stores target 12 winners

Twelve local high school seniors have been honored with Target All-Around Scholarship Awards, part of the \$1.5 million given to nearly 1,400 students around the country.

Recipients were honored by Target Stores, not for being straight-A students or exceptional athletes, but on volunteer service, an essay on the role of the family, and at least a 2.00 GPA.

Recipients of the scholarships are **Alicia Foyt** and **Jennifer Larsen** (Chaparral), **Joshua Brummett** (Rancho), **Erik Reynolds** (Gorman), **Lisa Bauer** and **Phuong Urga** (Green Valley), **Keri Yacono** (Basic), **Sheri Delp** (Boulder City), **Amanda Williams** (Clark), **Tejal Majmudar** (Cimarron-Memorial), **Elizabeth Milet** (Durango), and **Maryann Reeder** (Bonanza).

Among the speakers at the awards ceremony was Ray Sconiers, District Team Leader for Target Stores in Southern Nevada.

Secret revealed

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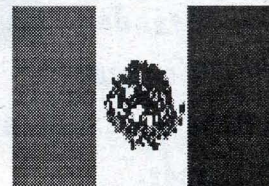
bird's nest and inquired whether we were close to it or not. Jack answered that we had reached the spot and asked me to sit beside him so we could look at the nest together.

I stared up at the sky, not noticing Jack scooting closer to me...when suddenly he kissed my neck. The more I pushed him away the tighter he held me. He grabbed my legs and straddled me. He rubbed my legs. I struggled to get out from under him.

"These are cute shorts," he said. "You wouldn't mind if I took them off so I can see the color of your panties?" I slapped him, momentarily knocking him off enough for me to crawl out and escape. Tackling me, Jack grabbed my legs and dragged me back. Punching, kicking — whatever it took to defend myself I did! Anything — pine cones, sticks, rocks, dirt — I hurled. Thank God, I fought him off and eventually got away.

When it was over, I could not stop thinking about it. All the places he touched burned as if he had seared my skin. I continued thinking about it for days afterwards...even today. I try to understand. How can anyone assault another person and be totally unconscious of the torture they are inflicting? Moreover, I try to understand what I had done to deserve it.

Until then, I lived in a fanciful land where I was queen of the sea. But now my eyes are open. Ultimately, I am a young woman. I do not live a fantasy life, I live in reality.



May 5:
Cinco
de
Mayo

Las Vegans & Mexican Patriotic Committee salute neighbor to south

May 5, 1862 is the day when Mexico was victorious against the French army and truly became a nation of the world.

During the time of the American Civil War, Mexican leader Benito Juarez had his own war: fighting off the French who were occupying Mexico to protect their investments.

As he had promised Abraham Lincoln, Juarez kept the French from moving toward the U.S. At the end of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln sent troops to help his friend Juarez.

We all celebrate the continuing cooperation and friendship of Mexico and the U.S on May 5 each year.

Distributive Ed Clubs 'over the top' at Rancho

By Leslie Nino

A record-setting 37 Rancho students competed in the recent 36th Annual State competition of Distributive Education Clubs of America. Categories ranged from fashion and apparel to vehicle and petroleum, from restaurants to finance and credit.

Competency tests decided the top three overall winners in each category. The winners will go to the National Competition in Orlando, Florida, April 26 - May 1. Continuing a tradition of national qualifiers, seven of Rancho's DECA members qualified for Nationals. **Nydia Licon** qualified in fashion and apparel, **Brian Allam** took first place overall in food marketing, **Chris Munson** took third place overall in general marketing, **Frank Fama** took fifth place overall in general marketing, **Erin**



Garbutt qualified in general marketing, **Victor Bernardino** qualified in quick-serve restaurant management, and **Leslie**

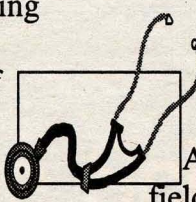
Nino took third place overall in finance and credit.

Due to the high cost of the national competition, not all the qualifiers will be heading to Florida. Allam, Garbutt and Nino will compete; Bernardino is going as a voting delegate; and **Tom Partridge** and **Yesenia Arano** will attend the DECA Leadership Academy.

AIDS display at Leid Discovery continues

From a report by Veronica Perez

A serious virus is spreading through the country and the world, infecting hundreds of thousands of people. It is HIV, Human Immunodeficiency Virus, the virus that causes AIDS...which is 100% deadly.



There are many misconceptions about who gets it and how it is contracted. Some believe they know enough, but a person can never know too much.

The Leid Discovery Museum, has an exhibit entitled "What About AIDS?" that will be in place until May to educate those who are willing to listen.

Josh Lamothe feels the exhibit is a great thing. "It's good that there is a place where teenagers can go to find the truth about AIDS and HIV, because if they do not know the facts, they may get themselves in trouble."

FIELD TRIPS?

Unfortunately, the exhibit was not greeted with open arms. The Clark County School Board decided against field trips to the AIDS display.

The outcry from concerned individuals prompted the school board to rethink its verdict.

Last month, the school board

approved field trips, to a point. Only 9-12 graders will be allowed to take excursions to the "What About AIDS?" exhibit. The field trips are allowed only during health or PE classes, or after school.

Although many are happy with the decision, some still believe field trips should be allowed in every class.

Faruk Williams says "It shouldn't matter what class you're in because AIDS is a part of life, not just health and PE." Hopefully the board will realize that field trips should be for any class.

Sarah Arnao states, "I think people should be informed about AIDS and become more aware of how you can be infected and how to protect yourself."

Leia McLean adds, "If they are educated maybe they will think twice about not protecting themselves when having sex."

AIDS has no eyes, does not sympathize, and it will not bargain. Any person can contract HIV, no matter what race, sex, or age.

Please educate yourself and others by taking an hour or two out of your day to see the exhibit.

Hispanic Student Union: kids, cookies

By Carrie Thompson



To help build a stronger relationship between two local elementary schools and Rancho, students of the Hispanic Student Union (HSU)

and the advanced French class read stories to the children of Walter Bracken and C.P. Squires Elementary Schools recently.

HSU read books in Spanish to the Bracken students, then explained what the books meant. The French class read and explained books written in French to the kids at C.P. Squires.

Nino wins journalism award

By Amanda LaPointe

Leslie Nino, layout-editor of the *Rancho Rampage*, has received a \$1,000 journalism scholarship from the National Association of Hispanic Publishers, for writing an essay on the significance of her Hispanic heritage. She also received an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to learn more about the government.

During her trip, Nino was involved in a special program called Presidential Classroom (PC), which is similar to Close-up, but an elite program available by invitation or application only. Students from 35 states, Puerto Rico and Honduras attended the program with Nino.

At PC, Nino spoke with important people such as Senator Harry Reed and Congressman John Ensign.

She attended a Supreme Court hearing concerning the Whitewater case and visited the Smithsonian and many other sights.

Reading the bilingual stories went with the theme for Nevada Reading Week: "Embrace the World, Read!" The Rancho students enjoyed the experience and hope to include more clubs and schools next

No Cookie Monsters here!

The Hispanic Student Union at Rancho won first place in the High School Division of the Second Annual Cookie Creation Contest sponsored by the Frontier Girl Scouts.

Students had to develop cookie sculptures according to the theme, "Reach for the Stars." They could use only edible materials, except for the bases, which were cookie boxes.

The HSU's winning entry featured a platform with steps leading up to a graduation cap and diploma.

LaPointe

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GALLERIA: Food, fashion, fun jobs

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here, there are lots of job opportunities for students," says Galleria Marketing Coordinator, Elizabeth Asherman.

"I love having the mall so close. It makes for an easy commute for my job," says **Josh Winchell**, a senior who works at *Leed's* shoe store.

Asherman commented on rumors that groups of teenagers

are being asked to leave the mall.

"Galleria security does not single out teenagers. Security will disperse any group that is causing a disturbance or making excessive noise. We want the mall to be a peaceful environment for people of all ages," Asherman clarified.

Galleria, like all malls, enforces a dress code: shoes are required and gang attire is prohibited.



A LEAP IN TIME.
Basic High School senior **Travis Tilman**, shown here taking a long jump, is a three-sport letterman: adding football and wrestling to his track achievements. Tilman is a top student at Basic and has been accepted to West Point Academy.

Photo by Bob Horton



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- Softball Tournament, Friday & Saturday, Arroyo Grande Sports Complex
- Parade, April 27, noon, Water St. starting at Ocean Ave.
- Barbecue, April 27, 2-5pm, Civic Center Plaza
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Three cheers for Valley High drama

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awarded to **Hillary Hopkins** for musical theatre and to **Heather Dixon** for solo pantomime. "Excellent" medals went to Dixon for serious ensemble; **Synet Hines** for musical theatre; **Vinny Spah** for monologue, musical theatre and serious ensembles; **Littlejohn** for monolog and serious ensemble; **Leonie Mowat** for serious ensemble; **Mandy Barber** and **Deianna Barefield** for monologs.

LaToya McLeod, Roger Guinn, Marshall Marion and **Frankie Vigil** were honored for serious ensemble; and **Ray Hoffman, Victor Rivera, Allison Martin, Victor Cotoia, Will Hatcher, Justin Clohesy, Renee Pearman, Meliesa Gomez,** and **Sunnie Villalobos** for group pantomime.

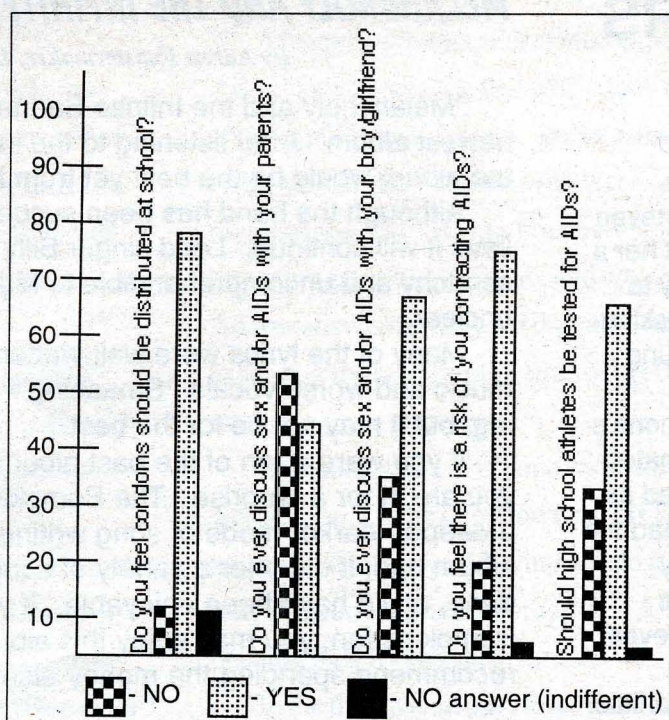
Answers to Movie Quiz, page 36

1. 1984
2. Rob Reiner
3. c
4. a
5. Kevin Spacey for *The Usual Suspects*

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Students speak out on sex & AIDS



WATCH FOR IT IN MAY!

An anonymous letter from a student at Western High School protested the new DIGANOS section. Next month, we will print reader responses (with writers' names) and the anonymous letter in full. Following is the beginning of this letter; the original has been sent to journalism teachers at all local high schools. Please send us YOUR comments.

Dear Editor
In the most recent issue of CLASS! there was a section written for Hispanic students...entirely written in Spanish.

With all the racism going on in the community, why should we set aside a section in a newspaper that covers high schools around the district to segregate the races even more?

We all live in an American society. If they want to be considered part of the community so badly, why should there be exceptions made to segregate the races even more? If they can claim themselves as Americans, why can't they speak and read the language of Americans?...

For information, call
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INNER-CITY GAMES

one of only 10 cities to host the games. The others are L.A., Atlanta, Miami, Orlando, Chicago, Houston, New York, San Antonio and San Diego. The Inner-City

Games committee hopes to involve 8,000-10,000 local kids in this first Games year. Many community organizations and businesses have come together to support the event.

SCHEDULE

Preliminary competition:
Aug. 17-Sept. 21.
Finals: Sept. 21- Oct. 19
Closing ceremony when winners are announced: Oct. 19.

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Team Sports Competitions

DEADLINE

Sign up by May 10th. Twelve sports competitions are offered: five are team sports, and the others are individual sports.

TEAM: Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball and Flag Football.

INDIVIDUAL: Boxing, Golf, Martial Arts, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, and Hip-Hop Dance.

Schwarzenegger hopes to bring the games to every inner-city in the country. Right now, Las Vegas is

Greed: is that why you work?

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and a computer she recently bought.

While juggling a demanding job schedule, there are AP and honors classes to occupy whatever free time she has. Sylvis says, "Even though I don't have much time to spare, having a job has helped me learn to be responsible with my time."

While some students may slack off and not care at all about school, they can however, go out, get a job, and be productive somewhere else. In fact, many unmotivated students have earned titles such as "employee of the month," among other things.

According to Jeffrey F. Newman, executive director of the New York based National Child Labor Committee, "Many young people find work developmentally more satisfying and more fulfilling

(than school)."

However, some students have found that juggling a job and school has been too challenging. So, when school rolls around, they bag the job and attempt to spend more time studying.

One senior worked at numerous jobs, including busboy, movie theater usher and go-kart supervisor at Mountasia. He gets these kinds of jobs every summer to pick up some spending money, and as soon as summer ends, he quits.

Whatever their reasons, many teenagers today find that getting a job was only worth it if their school performance isn't affected and they still have some time to enjoy their wealth.

At any rate, it's possible to work and be a kid at the same time.

PlayStation (Continued from page 30)

Sony has been well received by the video game playing public, making it a force to be reckoned with as the Ultra nears store shelves.

The Ultra has been in the making for several years now. Sony was formerly working with Nintendo to design this "dream machine," but pulled all of its stuff out of the development team and designed the PlayStation a short time later.

Nintendo has since delayed the Ultra's release for two years and critics wonder if it has been too long. Now that Sony has established a firm foothold in the market, only time will tell whether or not Nintendo will be the leader of the next-generation systems.

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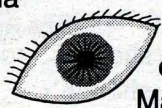


THE MOVIES AND THE STARS

By Shannon Raagas, Cimarron-Memorial High School

Winona Ryder: A Rising Star to Catch

Just 24 years old, Winona Ryder is often considered to be the next Grace Kelly or Lana Turner.



Her performances in "period" movies such as *The Age of Innocence* and *Little Women* (the films for which she received Oscar nominations) has earned Winona the title of "actress of all movies."

She has been applauded equally for her contemporary roles (*Reality Bites*) and for the 19th century characters she has portrayed.

Winona makes a reported \$4 million per picture and in her spectrum of movies are such films as *Heathers*, *Beetlejuice*, *Edward Scissorhands*, and *Bram Stoker's Dracula*.

She is able to choose from a

wide array of scripts. Steven Spielberg, himself, sent her a copy of the script for *How to Make an American Quilt*, asking her to play the part of a young woman living in the '90s.

No other actress of Winona's generation has been nominated twice for an Oscar or worked as long (12 years). She has had the honor of working with many outstanding actors, such as Christian Slater, Keanu Reeves and Daniel Day-Lewis.

Born in Petaluma, CA, a little town north of San Francisco, Winona has had no trouble finding the men in her life - although her former fiance and *Edward Scissorhands* co-star, Johnny Depp, has. ("Winona Forever" is tattooed on his arm.)

Preview: *Two if by Sea*

When asked to steal a beautiful priceless painting and deliver it to an upscale buyer on a New England island, Frank (Denis Leary), a small-time crook, and his outgoing girlfriend, Roz (Sandra Bullock), take up residence in a vacant beach house on the interesting island.

With the FBI, some struggling criminals, and a crew of police hot on their trail, Frank and Roz attempt desperately to blend in with the locals. This romantic comedy rocks back and forth from happiness to sadness, and viewers will never forget Roz's vow that the painting will be her last scam.

My rating: four (out of five) stars.

Green Valley does Disney at *ShoWest '96*

From a report by Mindy Leckburg

GV's Forensics Team, the Advanced Women's Choir, and the Concert Choirs took part recently in a Disney promotional performance during *ShoWest '96* at the Aladdin Theatre.

The students performed in *Topsy Turvy*, one of the main musical numbers to be included in the animated film "The

Hunchback of Notre Dame," which will be in theaters June 21.

The Gators had time for a five-hour rehearsal before being costumed and taught the dance steps.

"The whole experience was great," says junior Corinne Williams. "I loved the costumes and excitement of it all."

Movie Trivia Quiz

(Answers are on page 35)



1. In what year did *The Terminator* make its debut?
2. Who directed the 1990 hit *Misery*?
3. In which of these films has Christian Slater not starred?
a) *Heathers*, (b) *Young Guns 2*, (c) *Stargate*
4. In what city did this year's Academy Awards show take place? (a) Los Angeles, (b) Las Vegas, (c) New York
5. Who won the best supporting actor Oscar this year and for what movie?

LISTEN!

THE SMASHING PUMPKINS *MELANCHOLY AND THE INFINITE SADNESS*

By Aaron Fenstermaker, Las Vegas Academy

"Melancholy and the Infinite Sadness" is the Smashing Pumpkins' newest album. After listening to the instrumental title track, I thought the album would be the best yet from the band. I was sadly mistaken.

Although the band has been successful in the past, I do not believe it will continue. Lead singer Billy Corgan's voice ranged from scratchy and incomprehensible to high pitched and even more unclear.

Many of the lyrics were well-written but fell unnoticed under bad music and worse vocals. Smashing Pumpkins are definitely changing, but it may not be for the best.

If you were a fan of the past albums and the peppy, upbeat songs, you are in for a surprise. The Pumpkins seem to have switched into a deeper, darker mode of song writing. Despite the problems this album had, it did offer a variety of songs which, had they been well done, could have been enjoyable. If you are a die-hard Smashing Pumpkins fan, you may enjoy this album. If you are not, I would recommend spending the money elsewhere.

Death of an idol

By Elizabeth Cicco, Las Vegas Academy

With the death of the Grateful Dead's lead singer Jerry Garcia still fresh in our minds, one reflects on the many ways the deaths of music idols affect us. As time passes, reactions become stronger and more dramatic.

One of the most publicized deaths was that of Kurt Cobain, lead singer of the alternative band, *Nirvana*.

"I was shocked," says Stephanie Kirrerman, LVA sophomore.

"If a famous [non-musician] died, it would be just another person," says Carolyn Pretiss, sophomore.

In addition to Cobain's death, Shannon Hoon of *Blind Melon* also died recently. While all these idols are dying, dead legends are being resurrected.

Stars from the '50s, '60s, and '70s are becoming idolized once more...Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and the Beatles are becoming favorites of America's youth.

While John Lennon is the only member of Beatles who is dead, the group in a way had also died. Even though they have just released two new songs, without Lennon, the group is dead, but their music is still alive, as is the work of many other loved idols.

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Senator Bryan: Warrior for a Day

United States Senator Richard Bryan took a break from Washington politics to address 250 Western High School Government students, recently. Senator Bryan discussed the importance of active political participation by young Americans.

Bryan then answered questions from Western students on a variety of topics and concerns: term limits, government waste, foreign policy, taxes and the upcoming Republican nomination.

Student reaction to the Senator's visit was positive and they were eager to discuss and evaluate his answers in government classes the next day.



On to the Future!

ROBIN HOOD

April 18 & 19

The adventure awaits you. With Robin Hood and his sidekicks Jacob and Little John saving the kingdom, the sheriff of Nottingham is forcing maid Marian to marry him. True love, death, dancing, and fights, with much more in store, and everything still turns out fine. Show days are April 18 & 19 at 7:00pm, tickets are \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door.



Spring Concert

May 21

Western High School Department of Music will present its annual Spring Concert on May 21, 1996, at 7:00 pm in the Western High School Little Theater. The

concert will feature the Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Chorus and Orchestra. Admission is free.

Nevada Youth Summit on Domestic Violence

Twelve Western High School seniors took part recently in the Nevada Youth Summit on Domestic Violence. The summit, which brings seniors together from area high schools, was held at the Grant Sawyer State Office Building. The purpose of the summit is to hear the students' proposals to solve some of the domestic violence in our community.

Western students that participated were from Mr. Grillo's U.S. Government classes. The students were: **Rick Ahmad, Joe Bailey, Jessica Baker, Sarah Boucher, Kristel Condo, Erin Dugger, Jennifer Ellena, Christen Hendricks, Anita Jaramillo, Dan Layton, Liz Spaulding and Jessica Willett.**

A number of prominent legislators, including State Senate Minority Leader Dina Titus, Senator Mark James, and Assemblywoman Gene Segerblom, were in attendance at the afternoon session to hear the students' final proposals. It was a good learning experience for the students in working together to help solve a difficult problem.

Happenings!

SENIOR WEEK

Thursday, April 25

Senior BBQ - 4:30pm

Slide Show - 6pm

Movie - 7pm

Saturday, April 27

Senior Breakfast - 8am

Prom

Theme: "An Evening of Enchantment"

Where: "The Grove" at Silk Purse Ranch

Time: 8-11pm

Western student artists invited to Durango show

Three ceramic art pieces made by Western students were chosen to be on display at Durango's first Juried Ceramics Fair.

Pots made by **Christina Sanderson, Rob Sisk and Arianne Sorreta** were selected out of 183 entries. In addition, Sisk won the Judge's Choice Award for his articulated coil teapot.



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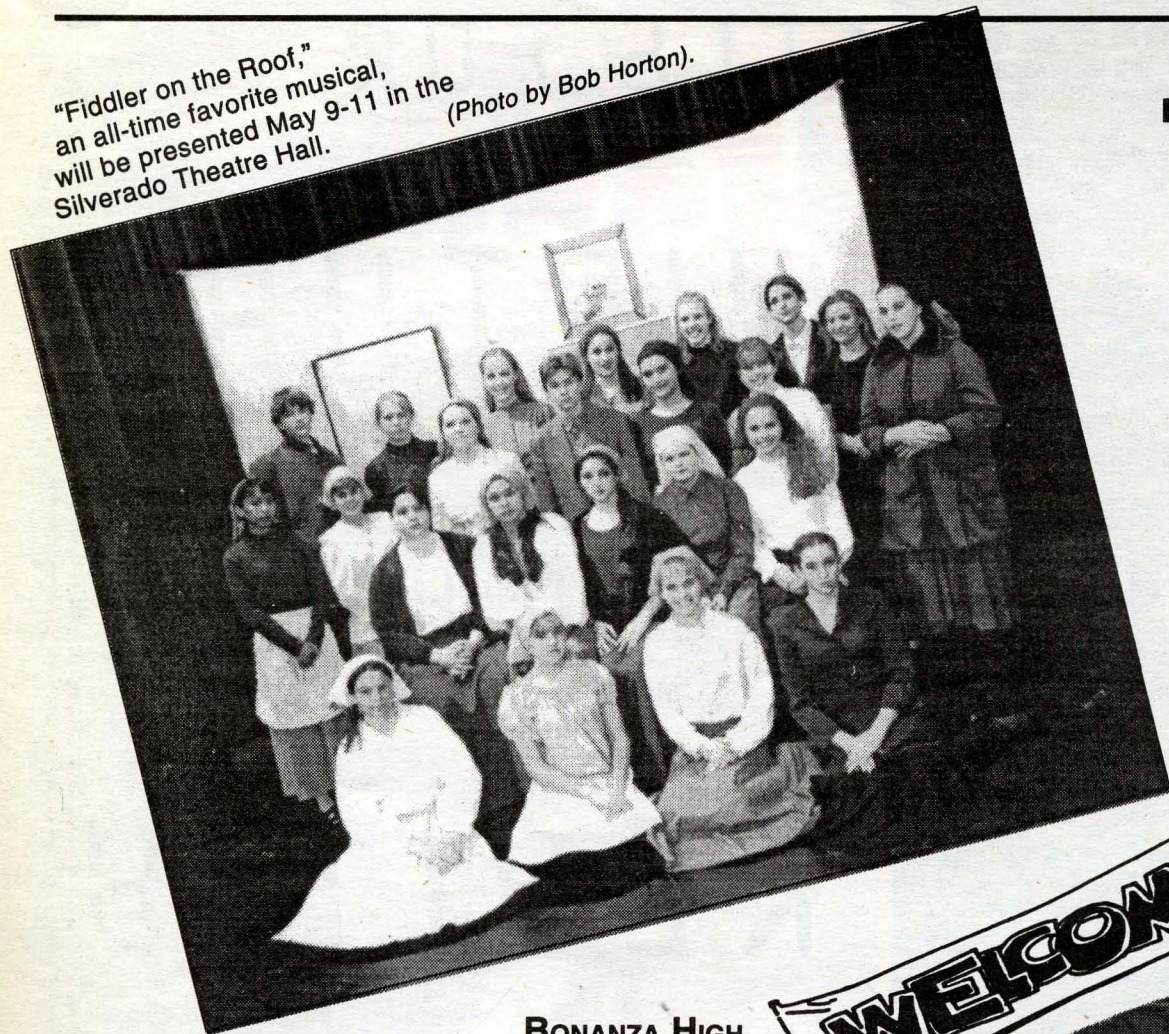
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For Locals Only!!

"Fiddler on the Roof," an all-time favorite musical, will be presented May 9-11 in the Silverado Theatre Hall. (Photo by Bob Horton).



1 Act Plays at Eldorado

Student directors got top-billing this week for the Eldorado spring theatre season program. Four one-act plays filled the Sundevil Theatre April 10th, an afternoon performance for students only, and April 11-13 when the series was open to the public.

The riotous introductory act was Abbott and Costello's famous "Who's on First" routine, directed by **Kam Urquhart**. This was followed by "Once Upon a Playground," directed by **Sherri Habibian**.

The third act, "Murder Most Fowl" (yes, F-O-W-L) was directed by **Nicole Farnsworth**. And the final performance, "Impromptu," was directed by **Jessica Morrison**.

Prom Queens Unchained

A spoof of "Grease" and the 1950s, the show runs April 17-20 at Valley. It starts each evening at 7:00 but be in your seat by 6:40 to catch the pre-show action.

BONANZA HIGH Old favorite returns to stage

"The Man Who Came to Dinner" is coming back again — this time to Bonanza High School.

The public is invited May 1-4 at 7 p.m. in the Bonanza Theatre. Admission is \$5. The cast is as follows:

Sheridan Whiteside is performed by **K.C. Wells**; Bert and Maggie are played by **Ben Gundersen** and **Summer Ostlund**. **Selina Kimball** takes the role of Lorraine, while **Tim Holt** is Mr. Beverly Carlton. The character Banjo features **Kimball Goold** and **Jennifer Marsala** goes on as Nurse Preen.

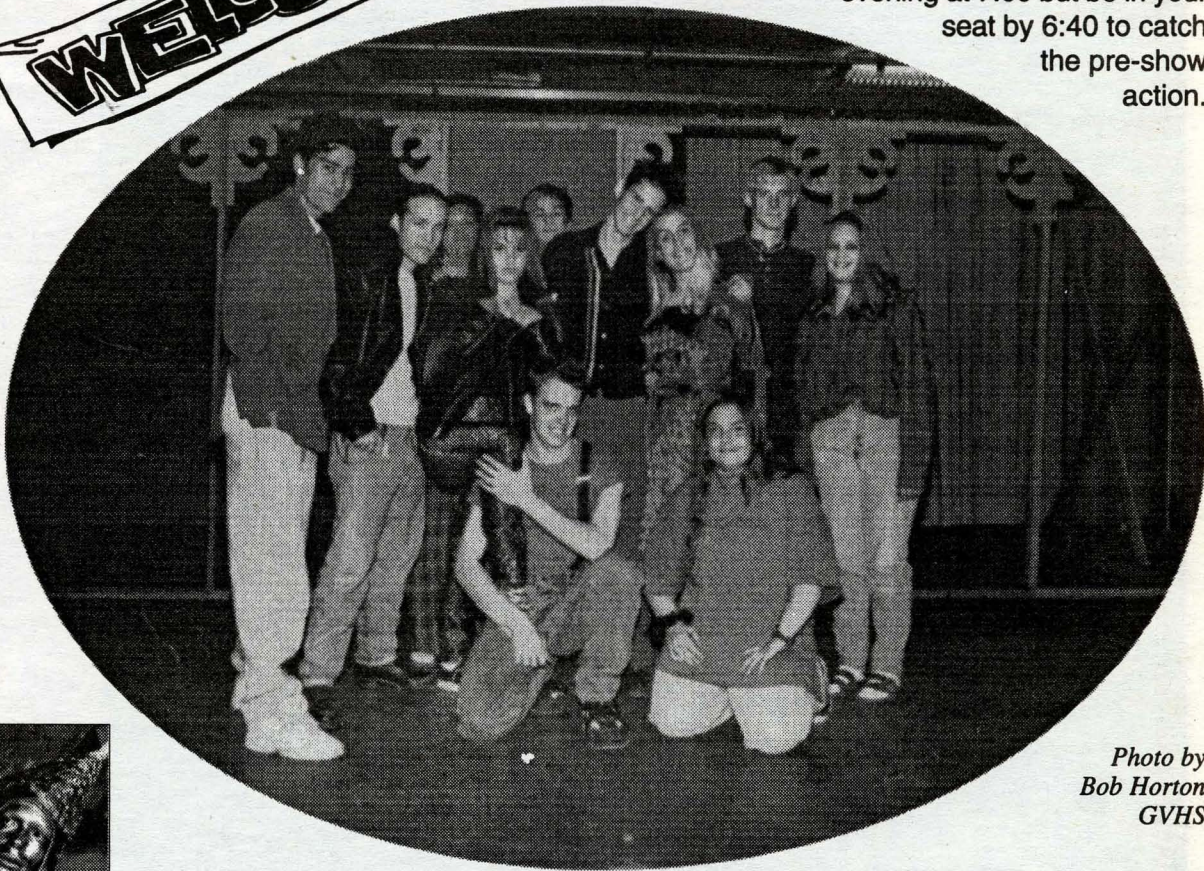


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Wizard wows Rancho

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The student director for Oz is **Jody Sadler**. **Liza Sikes** and **Christy Henninger** are the stage managers.

Sandrina Fry and **Joie Breen** are student choreographers; **Nevada Nichols** is the light designer.

Costumes are designed and sewn by Rancho students and parents. The set is constructed by a Rancho Tech class, the cast and volunteers.

Lorene Galici is understudy for Dorothy; **Stephanie MacFarland** and **Michael Anderson** as Auntie Em and Uncle Henry; **Jessica Brigham** and

Stephanie Staten who alternate as the Wicked Witch of the West.

Munchkins and the people of Oz include **David Ertel**, **Alex Liechty**, **Corina Phillips**, **Lorene Galici**, **Gretchen Gillette**, **Adrienne Walker**, **Mindi Hanson**, **Tommy Baravong**, **Christina Shepley** and **Autumn Hanson**.

The Lullaby League is made up of **Sandrina Fry**, **Deborah Bargield** and **Shanecka Faulcon**. The Lollipop Kids are **Darren Perez**, **George Baum III**, **Lisa Sikes** and **Christy Henninger**.

Ensemble members take the roles of talking trees, flying monkeys and winkies.

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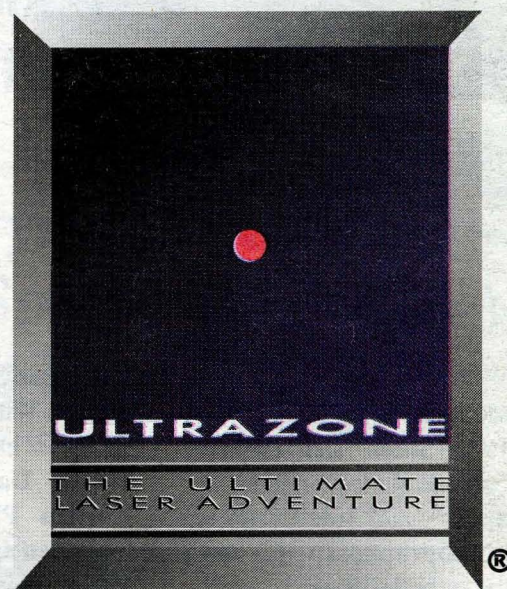
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