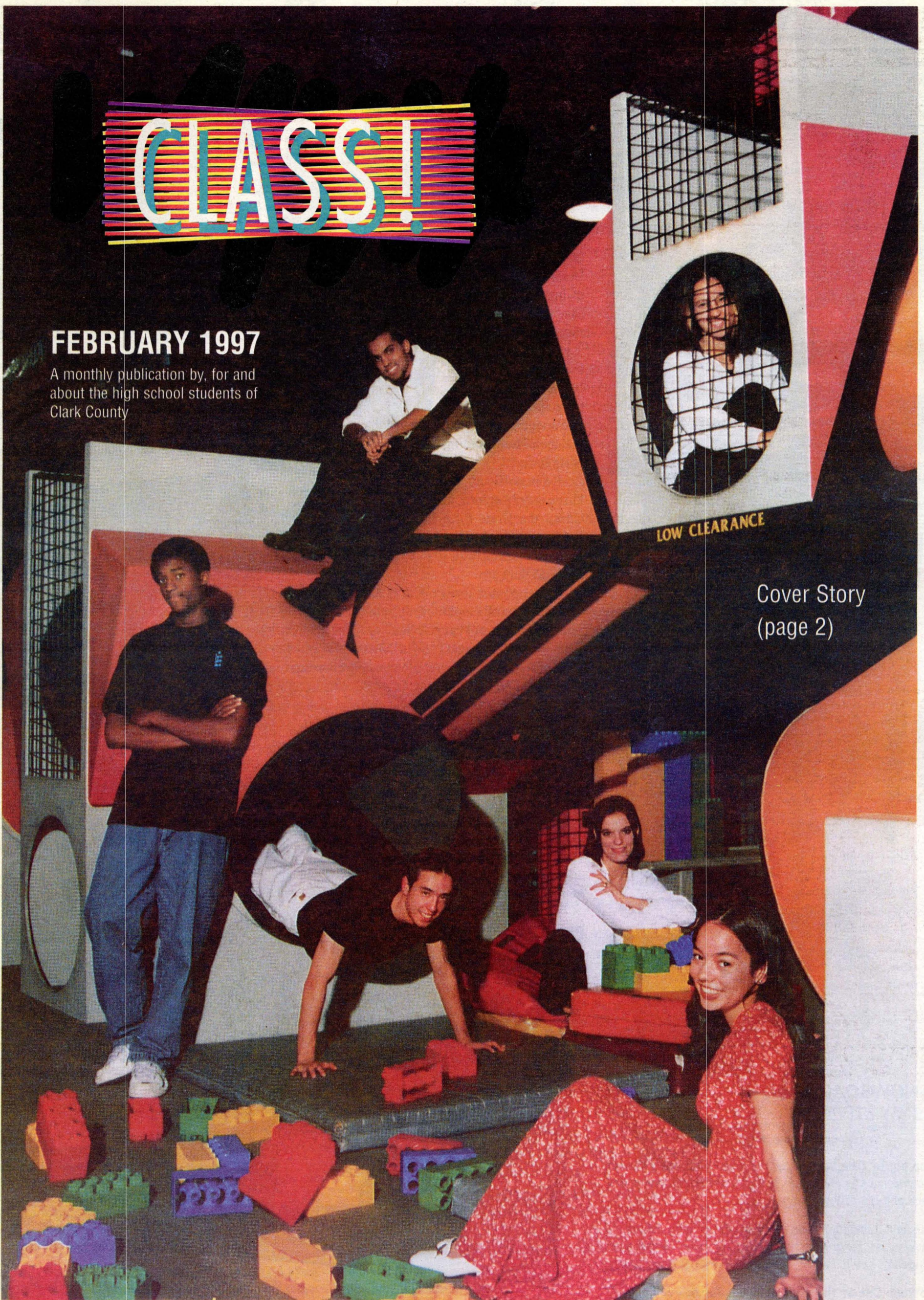


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# Discovery! The cover photo

## What's up for teens at Lied Discovery?

Dorrie Kline is 17, a high school junior. She babysits her seven-year-old brother Donald, who is kinda frantic, running up and down the stairs of the Lied Discovery Museum, trying to find Dorrie. She turns up at the tornado-maker.

"This place is a blast," Dorrie says just before making lightning in a bubble. "I know some kids that had their Homecoming party here."

So it's official: The Discovery Museum, just across the street from Cashman Field, is a big WOW with high school kids. I guess it's a wow with anyone who still likes to have fun, no matter how old they are.

These photos feature **Carly Larsen** (junior), **Melissa Russell** (sophomore), **James Russell** (senior) and **Miriam Warren** (junior) — all from A-Tech; **Anu Bhatnagar** (senior), Silverado; and **J. R. Smith**, a Las Vegas Academy sophomore and Teen Intern at the Museum.

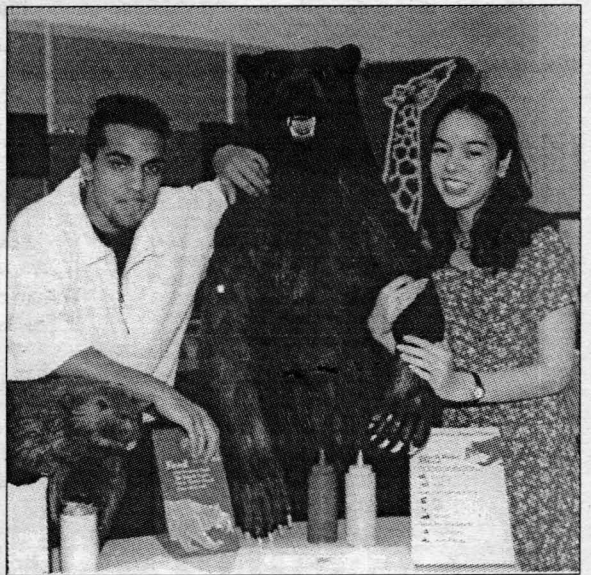
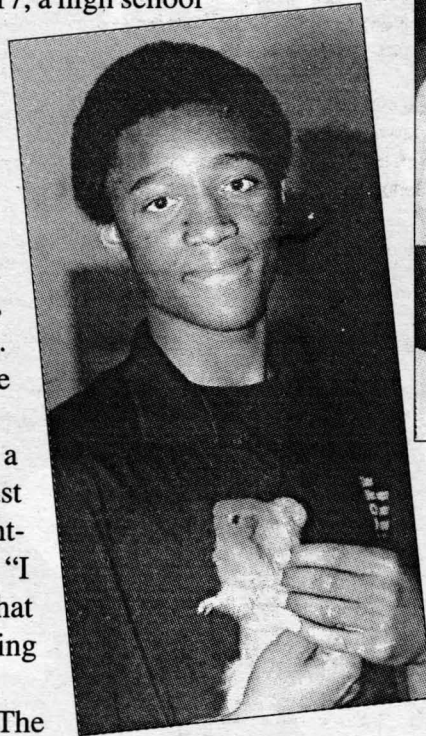
### ANIMALS EAT... PEOPLE ARE ANIMALS!

Are you looking for something to do on a date that is fun, inexpensive and all about food?

Take your sweetie to the newest exhibit at the Lied Discovery: *Animals Eat — Different Feasts for Different Beasts*.

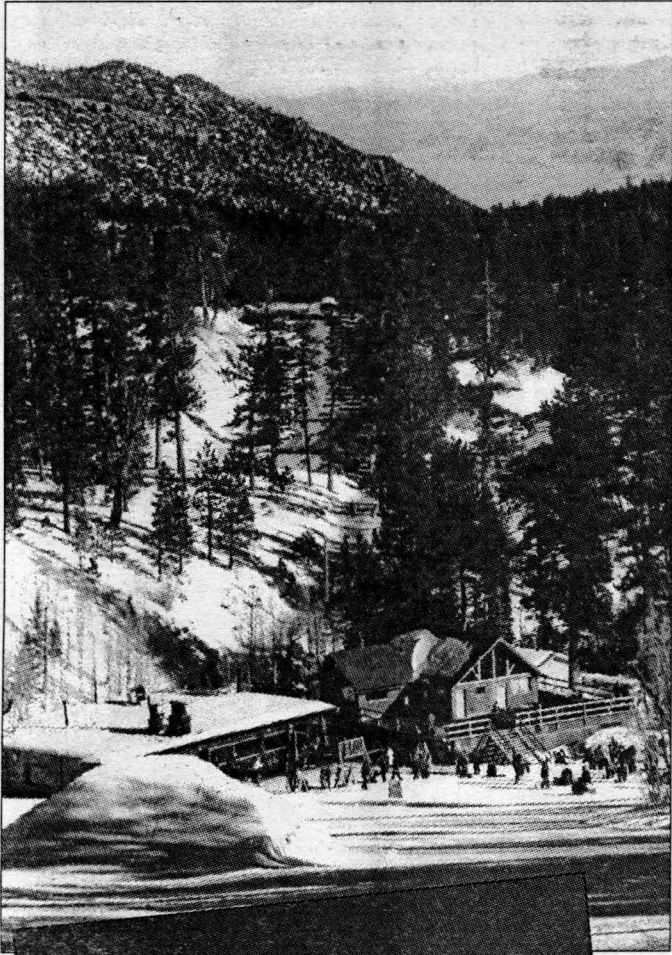
It's a really fascinating look at why some critters eat what they do (worms? mice? grass? honey?) and how the actual eating takes place.

But will it explain why people eat snails or cow intestines or broccoli?



ABOVE: Miriam Warren and Anu Bhatnagar cuddle up to a bear and a beaver in Discovery's new exhibit, *Animals Eat: Different Feasts for Different Beasts*.

LEFT: J. R. Smith tends to a member of the guinea pig family living at the museum.



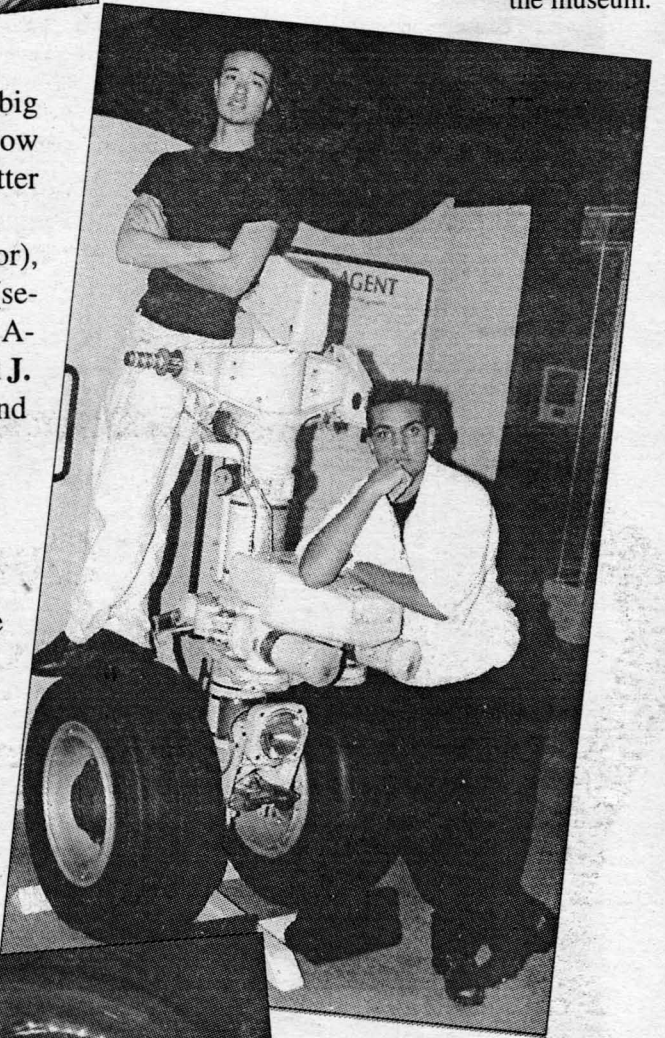
## 'SNOWBOARDING IS MY LIFE!'

(See story on page 22)

Top photo: The Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort (formerly Lee Canyon Ski Resort) now has a snowboard park and it's still growing.

Center: Jessica Meek, CMHS senior who hopes to snowboard "for the rest of my life," with her "snowboard student," Kevin Turner, a Pahrump High School junior.

Bottom: One of the ups and downs for novice Kevin.



ABOVE: James Russell (on wheel) and Anu Bhatnagar hang around the airplane landing gear in a "choose-a-job" exhibit. The job it describes is (you guessed it!) the guy on the ground with the flags who helps land and park.



LEFT: Miriam Warren and Carly Larsen check out the PlasmaBall, which demonstrates how lightning works when finding a way to the ground. Here, it is attracted to the heat of a hand.



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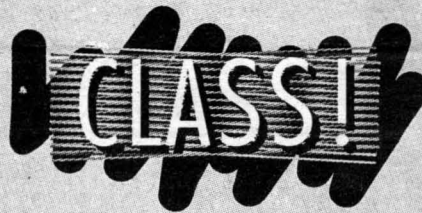
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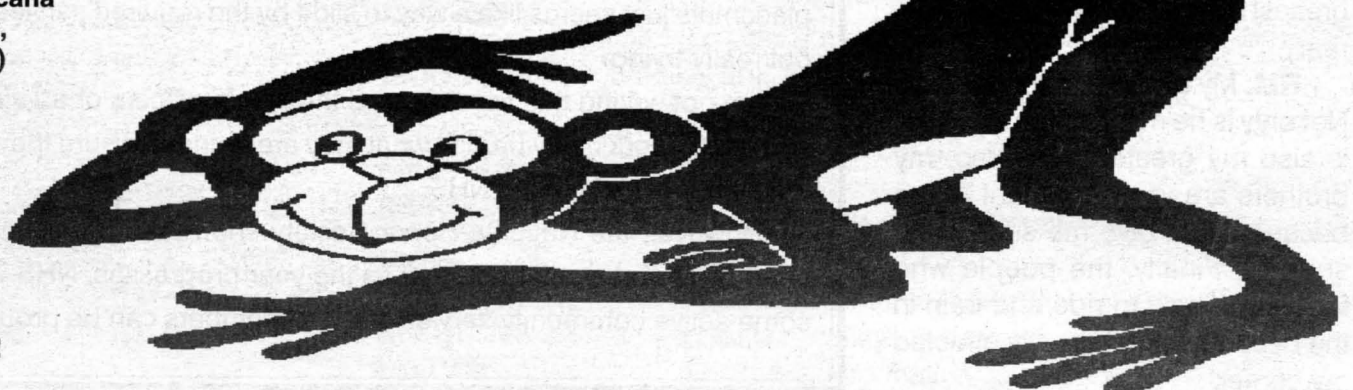
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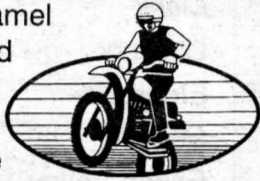
## One plus one equals one International one!

By Jeff Redlinger

### Motorcycle racer honors Hamel's name

By Randy Marshall

Danny Hamel was considered the fastest desert racer ever until he was killed during competition in 1995. A Memorial Fund has been set up in his name, helping upcoming young riders. One of these recipients, Robert Marshall, a BCHS sophomore, was interviewed recently for the school newspaper, The Pebbles. Excerpts follow.



**Pebbles:** How did you come to receive such an honor?

**Robert Marshall (RM):** By practicing a lot and getting fast.

**Pebbles:** What will you receive from the Danny Hamel Memorial Fund?

**RM:** A new 1997 KTM 125cc motorcycle and discounts on parts from [a cycle sales shop].

**Pebbles:** What has your racing career been like so far?

**RM:** It has been the greatest two years of my life. I hope to be able to keep on racing for a long time.

**Pebbles:** What have your racing results been this year?

**RM:** I have had two DNFs (Do Not Finish), one third place, and 10 first overall finishes.

**Pebbles:** What is your favorite memory of your racing career?

**RM:** It would have to be my first overall first in the Best in the Desert. As a result of this win, I was featured in the TeamGreen News, a nationwide magazine put out by Kawasaki.

**Pebbles:** How long do you plan to race?

**RM:** Until I'm too old to get my leg over the seat?

**Pebbles:** Who has had the greatest influence on your racing career?

**RM:** My dad, Richard Marshall. Not only is he my mechanic, but he is also my greatest fan. Also, my brothers are very important to me because they give me such great support. Finally, the people who taught me how to ride and train in the desert have all greatly affected my career.

Once two separate clubs, the Spanish and the French clubs have joined forces to create a large, unified group called the International Club, which focuses on the multi-cultural aspects of different countries.

Recently, this group raised money for the Montour (PA)

French Club, many of whose members were killed in the TWA plane crash over Long Island, NY. The International Club held a bake sale and donated the proceeds to the Montour students.

The Club participates in educating the community about other cultures. Members are now

constructing multi-cultural children's stories for the elementary school to inform the youngsters about other places in a fun and easy way.

At each meeting of the International Club, members share a small feast of different and delicious foods...a multi-cultural festival.

By  
Shauna  
Werly

### B.C. has long history of Close Up attendance

Fifteen Boulder City High School students will attend the Close Up program in Washington, DC, February 21-March 1. This is the school's 27th year of participating in Close Up.

Since 1970, more than two million teenagers have participated in this event that gives high school students a look at the process of democracy and the heritage of our

nation.

Students will spend a week of intensive government study, participating in workshops and meeting with members of Congress, the cabinet, corporate and labor representatives, lobbyists, embassy officials and the media.

The program costs \$1,331 per student, which includes travel, lodging, meals and instruction.

### PIECE OF MY MIND.....

More service should be part of NHS

By Allyson Sargeant, Boulder City High School

Last year, when I was inducted into the National Honor Society, I thought I would be able to provide service to the community and help out others who are in need.

I am a little disappointed. NHS members, as a group, are supposed to perform a service project every month. I don't recall doing anything last year where members got out into the community to provide a service.

Once we met to go caroling during the holidays, but that was it. At no other time did we go to help someone or the community. Sure, we donated food and money to organizations from our candy sale, but it's not the same. I wished we could have done something to make me feel as though I was making a difference.

This year, service has been a little better. However, one recent month's project was to color three placemats for the care center. It was a nice gesture, but no real service was provided. Coloring placemats just seems like a way to slide by the required service without really trying.

I'm not writing this to reprimand the club's officers or advisors; I know they work really hard at what they are doing. I'm sure they put a lot of their own time into NHS.

However, the National Honor Society should be an example to other organizations. I hope that as the year progresses, NHS will do some active community service that the members can be proud of.

### B.C. SPORT REPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Men's Basketball

The 1996-97 varsity basketball team has been showing some good defense. Coach Thad Simmons, who returned to Boulder City after several years at Chaparral, says "We just have to play hard enough to make it to the finals...February is what counts." (Reported by Jason Willoby)

#### Wrestling

The schedule calls for 22 matches in 21 days. The team started with tough matches, against Valley and Western, but the guys are inspired to try even harder. (Reported by Jeremy Bennett)

#### Bowling

The girls' varsity had the best year in the school's history, winning 48 games and recording a lot of "personal best" games. The girls' JV team produced 34 wins. On the boys' scene, the varsity team ended the season with only two wins. However, the JV squad was impressive with 38 wins, which promises new momentum on the varsity team next year. (Reported by Jason Willoby)

#### Cross County

Sure it's old news, but good news deserves attention. The BCHS men's cross-country team won zone and then, at State, the team came in second, behind a team that has won State 10 out of the past 12 years! Four members will graduate this year, but a talented group of sophomores and freshman are getting geared up for a glorious next season.

#### JV Girls' Basketball

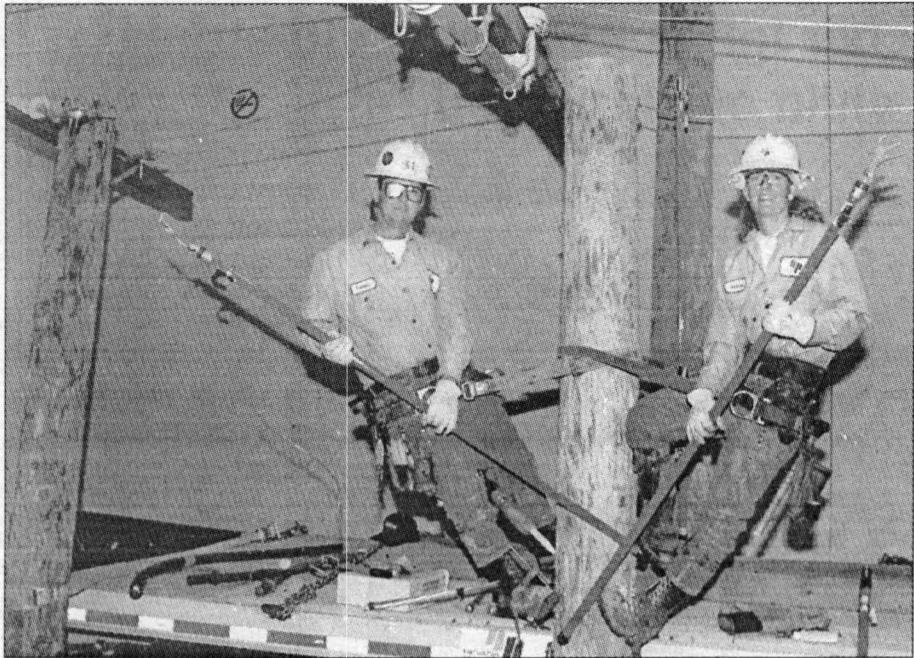
It's a completely new team this year and the girls are extremely competitive. Last year they had a 12-4 record; this year they are working hard on defense. Due to a change in the NIAA, Boulder City is AAA this year. (Reported by Kris Shannon)

#### Varsity Girls' Basketball

After a seven and fifteen season last year, the outlook is good because most of the team is made up of returning players. Special attention will go to league games (rather than non-conference) and the girls are working on building confidence and motivation. (Reported by Kris Shannon and Renae Ott)



# FUTURES EXPO



**Left:** Line repairmen for Nevada Power Company gave students a demonstration of pole-climbing during FuturesExpo '97. Nevada Power is the corporate sponsor of this event, in partnership with the Clark County School District.

**MORE FUTURES EXPO PHOTOS ON PAGE 21**

Something new,  
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something to help you  
get a job before 50

FuturesExpo '97 introduced a new feature for students who are eager to enter the work-world: seminars on how to write resumes and how to handle job interviews.

Many students and their parents attended these half-hour sessions, which ran every hour during Expo. This part of FuturesExpo was sponsored by the Southern Nevada Human Resources Association.

They arrived  
by the thousands!

On the first day, 3,000 students and parents went to FuturesExpo. On the second day, it doubled: 6,000 went to this annual event at Cashman Field. What would have happened if there had been a third day?

And who was at FuturesExpo to greet them? Meteorologists, police officers, college recruiters, automotive specialists, a fire department dog, a guy with stuffed desert animals and another holding a brain — to name just a few.

FuturesExpo, sponsored by the School District and Nevada Power Company, helps students think about life after high school...about careers or interesting jobs plus information about education and skill requirements.

This event also answers a question lots of kids ask — how the classes they must take in high school will directly affect their lives after graduation.

*[The school district's School-to-Careers program, which participated in the planning of FuturesExpo '97, funded the coverage of the event in this issue of CLASS!]*

## Knock-knock...Who was there?

More than 100 exhibitors set up information booths, representing local and national businesses, the construction industry, public agencies, the military, colleges, even employers eager to hire young people right away!

These exhibitors all had something to offer secondary school students who are thinking about their

lives as adults — whether they plan to enter the job market right away or go on to higher education (including vocational training).

The construction and technical skills industries showed kids the range of occupations available in the building industry. This was coordinated by the Associated General Contractors.

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## Students, teacher ignite nationwide interest in child of Clark grad

### PRETTY BABY

(BELOW) Strolling around Futures-Expo recently were **Francine Innis** and **Tracee Jefferson**, students at Clark High, and baby Mahogany. Francine is the temporary "mama" of Mahogany, a programmed doll that gives teenagers an idea of the constant responsibilities that parents face. That sweet-faced little doll can raise a storm of noise whenever it's scheduled for food, diaper change, or just snuggling.



**"Mommy it hurts, make it stop."**

This is the cry of four-year-old Shaun Sullivan, son of Clark graduate Frank Sullivan and wife Sheri. Shaun faces yet another session of chemotherapy. Shaun has an inoperable malignant brain tumor that was diagnosed eight months ago.

As a normal four-year-old he would play with his sister, Ashley, along with the other children in his neighborhood.

Then, suddenly, he would fall for no apparent reason, and cry when he was gently touched. Shaun's parents took him to the doctor to find out why the sudden mishaps. The doctors couldn't find anything wrong with Shaun, yet his condition was getting worse. Finally a doctor checked for a tumor on the brain; that's when it all began.

Chemotherapy is a very painful treatment. But for a four-year-old child, it is horrendous.

Shaun's grandfa-

ther, George Sullivan, sought help to keep his grandson's spirits up. His call was heard and passed on to **Betty Maguire**, Clark's journalism adviser. She was deeply moved by Shaun's story and immediately contacted Key Club's **Karla Garcia** and advisers, Mei Mei Wong and Melissa Forrester.

Maguire told her classes of the situation, but she didn't stop there. She took it to the Internet and posted messages on the Disney Home Page, since Mickey Mouse is Shaun's hero.

The Make-a-Wish Foundation scheduled a trip for Shaun to visit Disney World. Maguire then found 16,000 KEY Club locations on the World Wide Web and started



Shaun Sullivan is happy to be visting his favorite Disney World buddies in this recent photo.

placing requests for cards and letters with Disney themes to be sent to Clark High School's KEY Club.

It worked! Sarah Strong, KEY Club president, has received offers for help from other KEY Clubs in states such as Florida, California, and Iowa. Also Maguire's sophomore English class has made a commitment to help.

Shaun recently went on his trip to Disney World. The Walt Disney Company has sent Shaun autographed pictures from Mickey Mouse, Goofy, Donald Duck, and Pluto.

KEY Club has collected many cards and dolls for Shaun. Two of Maguire's sophomore students, Stacie Lefkow and Jeannette Heller, sent Shaun a Mickey Mouse jersey. Another student, Cheryl Speer, sent him a Mickey Mouse doll and pin. KEY Club has been planning a trip to see Shaun in person to give him all the gifts people have sent. They are in the process of setting a date.

Josie Sullivan, Shaun's grandmother, says, "He can't go outside because he is very vulnerable to illness, but he is used to his treatments now."

Taking it just one day at a time, is just what Shaun Sullivan is doing.

(Reporter: Danielle Pope)

## YOU CAN'T GET BY ON LOOKS ALONE

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## Message to Matchmakers: please get outta my life!

By  
Christina  
Littlefield

Just the thought of going on a blind date makes me cringe in terror. I now know how Scar and the hyenas felt in the *Lion King* when someone said the name "Mufasa."

When someone sets you up on a blind date, he is inadvertently calling you a loser, saying you can't get a date on your own. Even worse, in setting you up, he acts as if he just committed a random act of kindness.

I really don't understand why these matchmakers insist upon throwing two helpless individuals together simply because of some instinct that those unfortunate two belong together.

Why do matchmakers think that everyone needs a boyfriend or girlfriend to be complete? Maybe not everyone wants to play tonsil hockey in the hallways or say cutesy woosy things to each other.

Lately, it seems everyone is trying to set me up on blind dates. At work a co-worker stopped me to play a game of 20 questions. After two minutes, during which the lady found out my name, age, grade, and dating status, she decided that I would be totally

perfect for her friend Shane.

First of all, how can she determine who I would be "totally perfect for" in two minutes? I think this matchmaker was just excited that she had found someone of the right sex! Secondly, why would I want to date an "inventory specialist?" Even if he looked like Brad Pitt and I wanted to go out with him, my parents wouldn't let me because he was five years older than I am.

All my friends are going to Sadie Hawkins and want me to go, but there's no one I feel like asking. My friends proceeded to try to set me up with everyone they knew. Whoever said I wanted a boyfriend? They are great to have around for dances and to flirt with. And for entertainment value, they can't be beat.

But then you have to feed them, take care of them, entertain them. Boys are so needy. I say we just let their mothers take care of them for a few more years. There are just too many hassles, too few benefits.

I'm sure there are guys who feel the same about girls, so all you matchmakers out there, leave us alone!

## Why do we work?

A prize-winning essay by Ursula Kazarian [edited]

Ask around and you will discover that most people are not exactly exuberant about having to work long hours or paying income taxes. But, with all the baggage that a job entails, performing work is important to a well-rounded individual.

This essay reveals various benefits of work other than the obvious (i.e., insurance, vacation pay, etc.).

Work permits one to see strengths and weaknesses in one's academic and social capacities. One can then utilize these advantages to achieve goals and make a success of the future.

Work also gives one a sense of self-worth. Joseph Conrad, a naturalized British novelist best known for his insightful meditations, once said,

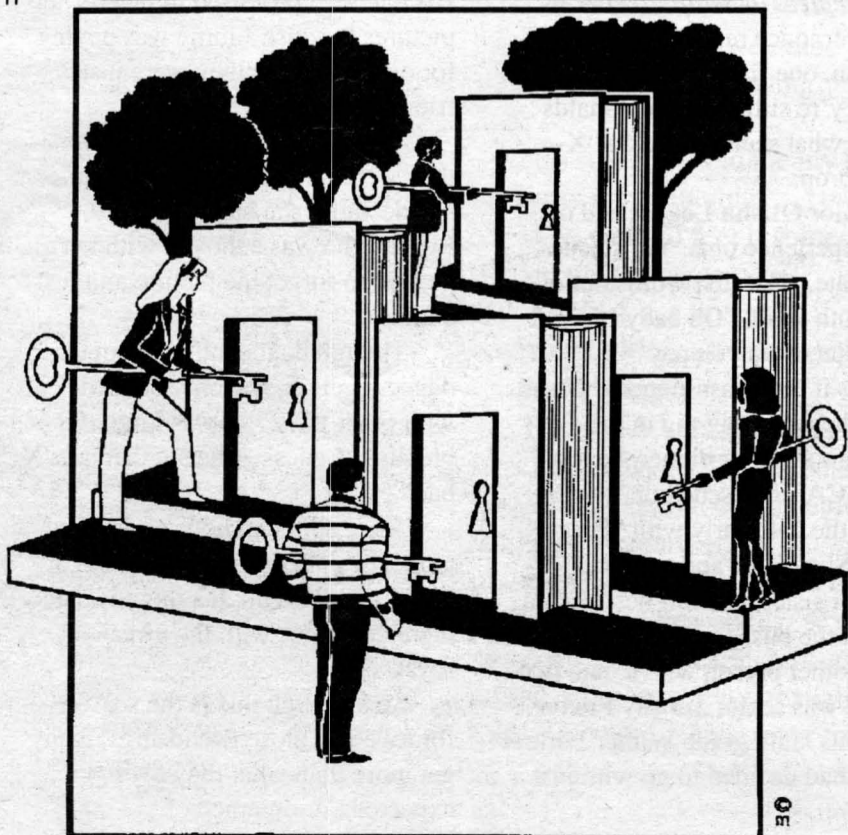
"I don't like work - no man does - but I like what is in work - the chance to find yourself. Your own reality - for yourself, not for others - what no other man can ever know."

In other words, one should not work to gain fame or fortune, but rather for self-improvement and the process of forming a personal perception of reality.

This essay has discussed how work is more than just exchanging labor for money; it builds one's self esteem and gives one the opportunity to view life with new definition. It provides self-fulfillment for hard workers and material to form important opinions for thinking minds. Without work, not only would people be less aware of their own potentials, but, also, there would never be a completed task on Earth.

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## THE REASONS WE WORK

*A prize-winning essay selected for the 1997 FuturesExpo by Stephanie Kitterman*

"Man, unlike any other thing organic or inorganic in the universe, grows beyond his work, walks up the stairs of his concepts, emerges ahead of his accomplishments."

These words from John Steinbeck summarize the advancement in life that work provides for us. Work is a process that aids us and with every effort we put forth at a job we reap benefits beyond our immediate vision.

Work also gives us self-confidence. Through our triumphs we gain respect and appreciation for our abilities...and for those of others. Furthermore, as we build our confidence, we give ourselves the mind set and encouragement to accomplish more than we ever imagined.

*"Perfect freedom is reserved for the man who lives by his own work and in that work does what he wants to do."*

R.G. Collingwood expresses the liberating benefits of work. Time management is taught when an employee is required to accomplish so much in a limited amount of time. Work requires an adjustment to contrasting environments and time demands, while consistently completing the expected tasks. Developing self-esteem, knowledge, and communication skills through work allows you to apply these to any situation outside your career.

Work is one of life's most positive aspects. It is there for our benefit—to help us grow and develop into more self-sufficient, well-organized and satisfied individuals. Work bestows upon us the means to accomplish and obtain anything we desire.

Work nurtures us, and we should take advantage of it to have a fuller more content life; not with just other individuals but also within ourselves.



## That's a Science Project?! Eggzactly!

By Chad Capson (below)



The last thing students avoiding science fair projects expected was to get a major project in Physics. Mr. Ed Baciak's Physics class was assigned the project of aiming, dropping, and catching a raw egg without breaking it.

Since this assignment was about physics, the purpose was to investigate the laws of falling bodies, momentum, potential energy, kinetic energy, and interactions.

The students had to construct two devices. The first was an aiming device...to aim the egg into the catcher. There was no limit to the size of the aiming device since it did not affect the total height of the catching device.

The second was a catching device. Its size was limited to a 2.5 x 2.5 ft. area and a height of 2 ft. The height of the catching

device was used to determine the winner of this competition done by each class, and the overall champion in all classes.

In the competition, any egg that broke was disqualified. A total of 50 points was awarded to each class champion, and a special bonus went to the overall champion.

"It's something you have to do," comments junior **Rachel Barajas**.

"I think it's fun, says **Matt Feeley**, "Mine is going to be the best. I should probably start working on it."

For the physics Honors class, the science fair is their major project. For the Physics class the naked Egg Drop was theirs.

The overall winners of the Naked Egg Drop were **Mike Davison** and **Mary Mooney**.



## Mardi Gras!

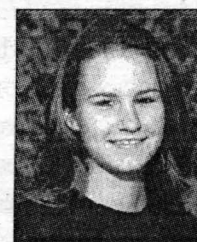


By Kristen Perkins (below)

Mardi Gras, the festival of celebrations, carnivals, and merry makers is a much celebrated event in France

and Louisiana. The French club sponsored a dance to celebrate this festive day. On Feb. 14, the gym was decorated with a little New Orleans flair.

Live music, jugglers and a festival of decorations are only part of what the French Club had in store for Academy students. A king and queen were selected; prizes were awarded for unique male and female costumes; and, of course, more prizes were given for the best male and female "spirit of Mardi Gras" costumes.



## Behind the wheel — another world!

By Bryan Hedlind

Becoming old enough to drive can be one of the most exciting events in a teenager's life. But before you get out your keys and plan a night on the town with your friends, you have to think about taking the test at the DMV.

Anyone who has gone six months since their 15th birthday is eligible for an instruction permit, which is valid for 8 months. With a permit you may practice as long as you ride next to an experienced driver who is over 21.

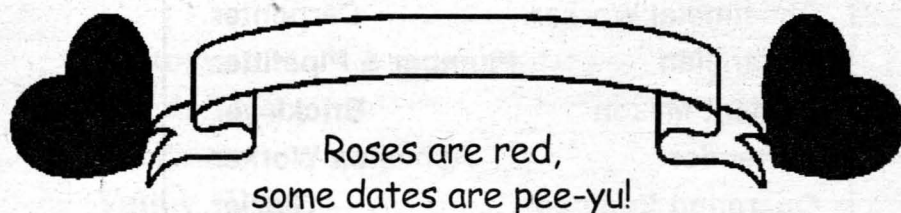
**Charles Nesbitt**, freshman, got his permit recently. "The test is pretty easy," he says. "The only hard part was the section on braking distances."

To get a permit, the DMV requires proof of name, age and Social Security number. You also need to pass a vision test and a test about Nevada's driving laws. If you have problems understanding the test, the DMV has oral tests as well as tests in Spanish and other foreign languages.

If you're 16 and have mastered the art of driving, then you're eligible for a driver's license. Your vision and knowledge of Nevada laws will be tested again, but you'll also be tested on behind-the-wheel driving skills. The vehicle you drive will also be checked for its safe condition.

Most people who have taken the tests say not to worry. They will be easy if you have prepared for them.

After you've passed the tests you're ready to go. So go out and have fun, but remember to follow all the safe driving rules.



By Eric Theros

With Cupid in the air, here come the fantasies of dream dates and *Sleepless in Seattle* scenarios. However, once reality meets idealism, one finally accepts the fact that they're sitting in McDonalds next to what seems to be an "X-Files" prop.

Junior **Otisha Legget** had one such experience on a "not so cute" blind date. The first words out of his mouth were, "Oh baby I forgot my wallet. Can you pay?"

"As if that wasn't enough," she adds, "he was a big pig in the restaurant." After dinner, he took out his CAT bus schedule, so she cut off the date early with "Forget that!" She called and got a ride from her sister, and left her "dream date" at the bus stop.

Another person with a date from beyond was senior **Jimmy Porter**. It was his tenth grade Winter Formal and he had decided to go with just a friend.

After arriving late, they decided to get their pictures out of the way. His date had promised to pay for the pictures because Jimmy was paying for dinner. Since they were just friends, he went with it.

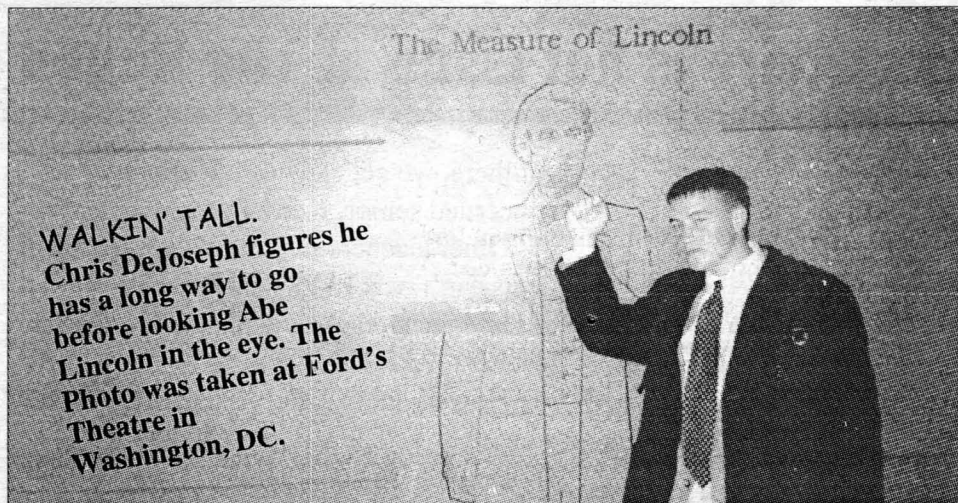
The problem was that, when they were about to snap the picture, she declared she had no money. Because he was annoyed with her, he said to forget the picture and just dance.

Though he meant for them to dance together, she only danced with other girls. "It was kind of a blessing, I guess. She smelled *really* bad."

After about an hour of dancing alone, he called his mother and got her to pick him up, leaving his date there "to dance with the girls," he says.

So although this is the season for love and close friendships, many get more than what they ever expected...or dreamed of.





**WALKIN' TALL.** Chris DeJoseph figures he has a long way to go before looking Abe Lincoln in the eye. The photo was taken at Ford's Theatre in Washington, DC.

## Gorman student guest at Inauguration

**Christopher De Joseph**, a junior, was selected by the Presidential Classroom's Inaugural Program to witness the swearing-in of President Bill Clinton. He joined 260 other students from around the country.

"It was neat being with a whole bunch of Americans, everybody forgetting their differences for a few hours [during the inauguration]," Chris says. "We stood right in front, just behind the seated guests."

During his visit to Washington, he also watched the inaugural parade and attended an inaugural ball, he visited Mt. Vernon and other sites, and he witnessed the Ethics Committee hearings on Newt Gingrich.

"It was awesome, very serious...a very cold feeling" he says about the hearings. "We were seeing something the whole country was interested in."

**Jean Russitano** is an average student. But in her spare time she's waaayyyy above average. Jean has been an equestrian — a horseback rider — ever since the age of six.

Her horse is a Quarter Horse Palomino with two names: Golden Imagination, a show name, and Amigo, the "barn name."

Jean practices four times a week for two hours each time. There are a lot of preparations to get Amigo ready

## MINI-NOTES

### *Gorman hosts homeless families!*

The Interfaith Hospitality Network returned to Gorman during the week of February 16-23, 1997. Students help to host homeless families, who stay at the school overnight during the week.

### *Bowling*

Congratulations to **Jaysen Rowley '97!** His scores placed him second in the MVP Stepladder Tournament and second in the Las Vegas Valley. To place second, he shot a 211 and a 220. The first-place winner beat Jaysen by only one pin.

## School is OK but riding is the greatest!

By Kristal Castillo

for a show. All the leather needs to be spotless and the horse needs his mane and tail braided. All this is done to make sure the horse looks professional on show day.

Jean has shows at Horseman's Park, behind Sam's Town, once a month during the school year.

Then, in summer, the local shows take a break and Jean travels to Flagstaff, AZ, for higher-rated shows.

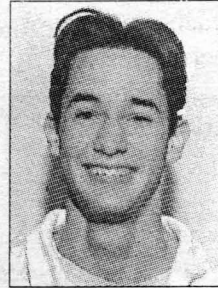
All this hard work has led to Jean's winning two recent awards. One was the short stirrup — while the horse is jumping fences — and the other was equitation, the appearance of the horse while it is jumping.

Jean hopes to become a horse trainer some day.



## The plastic that makes the world go round

By Jay Schuminsky



You counted the days until you got your learners permit. Six months later, you had sleepless nights hoping that you parked close enough to the curb (without going over it) to pass the parallel parking segment of your driving test. Hallelujah!!!! You can drive!

Now what? The next notable piece of plastic is a credit card. Credit cards aren't just a luxury any more. They have become a necessity to millions around the world. You need a credit card to travel, shop for clothes, and pay for food. You can even use one to buy your books at the Gorman bookstore. Credit cards are such a big part of today's economy, some stores don't even take cash anymore. Are credit cards important to teen-

agers? "Credit cards are my life," says **Kristal Castillos**, a card-holder for two years.

One of the downsides to the credit card phenomenon is that you don't actually have to have the actual money you're spending. You must have a reasonable monthly income to qualify for a credit line and be 18 or older. But there is an alternative. A family member can request an additional card to be issued in your name, but under their account.

A word of warning: remember your limits. If you run up a debt, expect your parents to shred your card. So, keep it cool, happy driving and happy spending.

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## Who parks where is hot issue at The Ranch

### No-smoking rule has two faces



By Veronica Perez

Rancho has had a "smoking section" over the years. Those who had the nasty habit of smoking could go to an area out by the softball field and smoke their little hearts out.

Things have changed this year, and smoking is no longer allowed on Rancho's campus.

According to the CCSD, Rancho should never have permitted this "smoking section" in the first place. For many years, all school campuses were declared non-smoking. The situation is understandable... For one thing, most smokers are under age and should not be smoking in the first place.

A big problem remains: Rancho is technically not a non-smoking campus. For, surely, everyone has passed by room 120 in the B hall and inhaled a gulf of cigarette smoke. That room happens to be a designated smoking area for the faculty and staff.

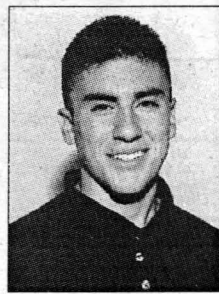
Wait a minute! Is this not supposed to be a "non-smoking campus?" All students signed the form telling about Rancho's policies. Number seven on the form clearly states, "Smoking is not allowed on Rancho's campus at any time." That rule pertains to students, but what about the teachers?

Some might say it is fair to let teachers smoke for they are at the legal age. Then again, they are also at the legal age to drink, yet they do not drink a couple six packs on campus.

If teachers are supposed to show us right from wrong and set a good example, then it is hypocritical of them to be smoking on a "non-smoking" campus. It may be legal, but it does not mean it is right.

The fact is, this is a non-smoking campus, yet people are still smoking here. An immediate call for action is needed. If Rancho has been declared a non-smoking campus, make it a non-smoking campus.

By Roman Lopez (below)



Students who park in the teachers' parking lot get their cars towed away — if caught. On the other hand, if teachers park in the student parking lot, there are no consequences.

In the past two years, Rancho students have been deprived of a traditional senior privilege: the parking lot formally known as the senior parking lot has been given to the R.O.T.C. cadet corps for a drill pad.

"The idea of having a drill pad is to have it reasonably close," states retired Major James Benson.

On a brand new Rancho map, in the southwest portion of the school, beside the teacher parking lot, the words *Senior Parking Lot* are still printed.

"I think they should sell the parking spaces in the student parking lot, closest to the school, to seniors," says Susan Mecham, science teacher.

Lennie Perry-Carter, biology teacher, says, "I don't see why teachers can't park in the teachers' parking lot and students park in the student parking lot."

I counted nearly 20 teachers who park in the unreserved student parking lot and that same day, I counted 19 empty parking spaces in the teachers' parking lot.

"The students with cars are mostly seniors and do not have fifth and sixth hours. The gates are locked and no one is out there to unlock them. When someone finally does

get there, we get chewed out about it," says a concerned senior, **Kelly Davis**.

Other teachers say that the reason students can't park in the teachers' lot is because of the damage that students could cause to teachers' vehicles.

How about us? Some students who don't want their vehicles impounded during school, choose to park on Bruce and Owens. That is taking the risk of a vehicle being unprotected, and possibly damaged.

Earlier in the year, a student's car was damaged. A brick was launched through his rear window and expensive speakers were torn out...estimated damage, \$1,000.

### THAT'S LIFE!

Why should students risk their vehicles being destroyed when teachers don't have to.

"It's life," says Mecham. "When you get out of school, the people with higher positions where your work will be treated with more privileges."

The majority of teachers interviewed agreed that registering student vehicles and placing a monitor out there at all times would solve discipline as well as security problems.

That might not be the case anymore. After talking with administrators, we agreed that seniors should have special parking privileges, be allowed to decorate their tire stops, and have all student vehicles registered.

With vehicle registration, both students and administration would benefit. For example, if a car was being vandalized, using the information on the administrators' computers, the student owner could be contacted immediately.

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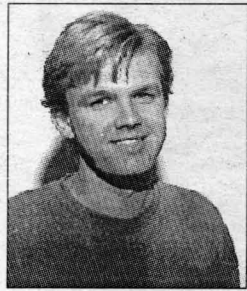


## TARDY AGAIN!

A dialog between student and principal

### The Big Rush

By Thomas Lilly, Senior



Brrinnng! The bell has sounded and you are still trying to get to class. Is it our fault that every now and then we run a little behind? Is it our fault that maybe we

have to use the bathroom? Is it our fault our lockers get stuck? No, but it's starting to appear that way. The new tardy policy is a lot more punishing than helpful.

The first time you are late, you have to sign the tardy slip; the second time is a phone call from school to your home. What are your parents going to do, make you run to class? Yeah, right.

No matter how fast you walk, you're going to get stuck in the hallway by the people that just stand right smack in the middle of the hall and talk. Why should we pay the consequences of their rudeness?

The third time is a 30-minute detention. Please! What will 30 minutes of sitting in an empty classroom do for you? Turn you into Speedy Gonzales? The fourth time, another 30-minute detention. What do you get out of a re-run of the last time? Maybe another 30 minutes of sleep.

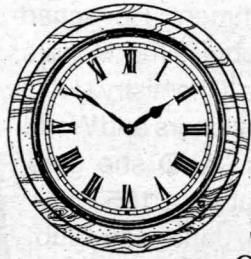
Finally, an RPC for five tardies. It seems to me they'd rather have you at home for a few days and lose your education for being tardy than be five minutes late to class and lose only the first five minutes of class. In my opinion, you lose more education being on RPC than being tardy.

Shouldn't it be up to the teacher to handle the lateness of students? After all, it's the teacher's class and administrators have no idea of what's going on in our lives. They act as though they were never late. Maybe things would be better if they'd lighten up.

### A penny at a time can help a child

Western High School students are involved in a very special project to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which helps terminally ill children see their wishes come true.

Leadership students are sponsoring a penny drive that began in November and will continue until April. The goal is to raise \$3,000 as a donation to Make-a-Wish.



### A few must learn adult responsibility

By Ronan Mathew, Principal

Students at Western High School have certain responsibilities. One is to get to class before the tardy bell rings. Most students who are tardy are tardy for one reason: they stand in the halls or in the quad area talking to friends between classes.

Let me mention also the tardy students who go out to the parking lots to smoke between classes. This is certainly irresponsible behavior.

The tardy policy was not devised to punish students; it is to ensure that students live up to their responsibility to get to class on time.

The vast majority of students get to class on time and have few tardies; the vast majority also live up to their responsibilities in other areas, as well. They work hard, get good grades and are respectful to fellow students and adults on campus.

### TARDY POLICY TOO LENIENT?

Those who think the tardy policy is too strict should examine it closely. After five tardies in a particular class, you are placed on RPC. Most students have six classes. With this many classes, a student could get a total of 24 tardies (four in each class) before being put on RPC. Also, tardies start over at the beginning of each quarter. Perhaps the tardy policy is actually too lenient.

Let's imagine that you have graduated from Western and you now have a job. Does your manager or employer have the right to demand that you arrive on time for work? Does that manager or employer want to hear sorry excuses such as the alarm did not go off or traffic was heavy on the freeway? Continual tardiness on a job results in dismissal.

Traits and habits developed at this time of your life will be carried into adulthood. Stop looking for excuses. Do the right thing. Get to class on time.

Peeking in other people's mail:

### Letters to the Editor of The Western WarWhoop

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard to teen smoking. Many people my age are prime targets for cigarette companies these days. They fall for the gimmicks of advertisements and get sucked in and hooked on nicotine just like that. They may think it's all good now but, later in life, they may develop cancer, which will kill them. That point needs to be gotten across.

Amy Miller

(Editor responded in part: My stepfather smoked his entire life. He is now 63 years old, has only one lung and cannot go anywhere without an oxygen bottle. Even though I tell this story all the time, no one wants to listen! It's so frustrating watching kids kill themselves on purpose.)

Dear Editor,

I feel that students have a problem with gangs and violence. Violence doesn't solve anything. Basically, if you get into a gang, you just bought yourself a one-way ticket to either jail or a grave.

I don't think kids in the '90s think of consequences and about what they are doing to their future.

Melissa Allan

(Editor responded in part: People join gangs for various reasons. Many teens join gangs for acceptance or to be cool. There's nothing cool in watching friends die. You should do your best to influence others not to get involved in gangs. Increase the peace.)



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## New Agenda now Unity — hip hop, drills added

By Crissy Herbert (below)



New Agenda's back, only now it's called Unity. The name is changed because Unity represents togetherness, and the people in the group are united as one.

**Nikki Ford**, president of the group, asked Durango administration if New Agenda could be resurrected as Unity because she wanted to bring back the hip hop and add more excitement to assemblies. Last year, New Agenda was changed from a dance team to a drill team.

"Unity is a lot of hard work, lots of hard decisions, and I had no say in who made it or who didn't," says Ford. There are 22 girls on the team — eight from previous years and 14 new members.

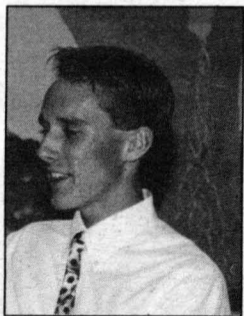
"Fifty-five people tried out," says Ford. "A lot of girls that tried out could dance, but only 22 could be on the team. The girls who made it are the ones who could catch on to a ~~drill~~ a week. Group members have to be able to learn routines quickly, or they are out!"

"If you don't get a step in at least a week, you can't learn it!" says **Shaunetta Wiggins**, one of the vice-presidents.

"We go over a dance at least 50 times," says Brown.

## Larkin heads to Uruguay

**Sean Larkin**, junior, packed his bags a few weeks ago and took up residency as a foreign exchange student in Uruguay (South America). He will be there until August. He now has 10-hour school days and says his four years of studying Spanish comes in very handy.



"If you think physics is hard," he says, "try taking it in Spanish!"



Jackie Woo

## ...and what does Jackie do in her spare time?

By Bliss Esposito

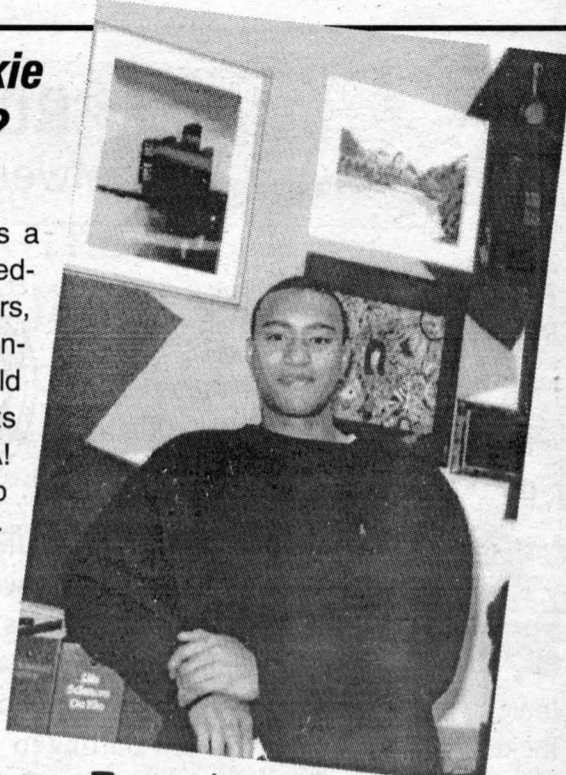
Sophomore **Jackie Woo** is a glutton for punishment. Her schedule includes Algebra II/Trig. Honors, English II Honors, Chemistry I Honors, Japanese II Honors and World History Honors...AND she gets straight A's. That's a 4.125 GPA!

Jackie is in Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Japanese Club and Asian Culture Club. She joined Key Club and Mu Alpha Theta because she wanted to contribute to the school. She joined the others "just for fun."

Woo says she is not overly involved outside of school and clubs. "I don't have much spare time," she admits. She spends an average of four and a half hours on homework every night.

Even though Woo does well in all her classes, English is her favorite. Woo says she seems to learn the most in English. Her plans for the future lean towards the mathematics field, though.

"I'm really interested in architecture and environmental studies," says Woo. Asked what advice she'd like to give to those students who would like to have her grades, she says, "You don't have to be smart; you just have to study."



## In art, one is never wrong

Senior **E. Faon Cobb**, a student in Art I, says he enjoys all kinds of art, but admits a particular affection for abstract art: "No matter what, you're never wrong." Cobb says that he likes to include "a lot of emotion," and many vivid colors in his art.

His favorite art work is "Starry Night," by Van Gogh. "That to me is the most perfect piece of art work ever created by man," says Cobb.

He says he has a long way to go in his own work. "It's not where I want to be, I feel it could get better," admits Cobb. However, Cobb's "Sunset in the City" won first place in the teen division and overall best of show in the African-American Cultural Arts Foundation contest. This piece is currently on display in the Instructional Support Center.

Dennis Rodman, a Chicago Bulls basketball player, is Cobb's role model. "If you look at him in a certain way, he's artistic," says Cobb, who admires Rodman for his originality in addition to his basketball skills.

Next year, Cobb would like to go to college "anywhere I'm accepted." He says that art is mostly a hobby, and he doesn't plan on pursuing it as a career because he isn't sure if he could make a living with his work. Cobb's other hobbies include basketball, chess, volleyball, and dating.

By Aliza Robinson

**Keep your chewed-up gum!**

Commentary by Brian Kralowetz



"Can I borrow a quarter?"  
"Hey, dude! You got a pencil I could borrow?"  
This is yet another routine part of a typical school day. As I wander from class to class, I can't seem to complete a day without hearing one of these questions at least once.

Personally, I find it interesting that they use the word "borrow," since they obviously have no intention of returning anything. However, these beggars are smart enough to know that "gimme a piece of paper" just doesn't sound friendly.

Of course, there are some occasions when the word "borrow" isn't appropriate. I've heard, "Can I borrow a stick of gum?" This is scary. I decided not to say, "Sure, if you give it back when you're done."

It is funny enough when I am asked for a dime or a quarter, but if they have the guts to ask for a whole dollar, I try not to bust out laughing. There are professionals who seem to test their skills daily. Usually, they are smart enough to ask different people for money. The goal: to see if they can acquire a dollar before the day is over so they can get a bottle of soda.

Sometimes, I fight hard not to say, "Suppose I do have a quarter (or whatever was asked for), chances are, this quarter will someday be used to buy a soda. Now, do you think I'm gonna want it to be for YOUR soda or for MINE?"

If a friend of mine is asking, that is different. First of all, my friends rarely ever ask for anything, and second, they almost always pay it back. When a total stranger comes up to me and pretends he is a friend just so he can absorb all of my on-hand cash, I laugh at his chance of succeeding.

Well, I suppose I'll start wrapping this thing up, so... Uh Oh... Looks like I'm running out of paper. Can I borrow a piece?

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## LOOK INSIDE THE MEDICAL WORLD

By Aliza Robinson (right)

We're all familiar with the typical high school organizations: Key Club, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, even Rock, Paper, Scissors. While it may seem that there's a club for everything, one important area has been left out until now: a club for students interested in the medical field.

Medical Explorers do attend regular meetings, but the emphasis is on "shadowing" the medical professionals to get an idea of what doctors, nurses, and others in the health field do every day.



Each month, students are assigned to two posts where they have the opportunity to study everything from how an emergency room runs to witnessing the birth of babies. Every week, the students are required to spend an hour studying and observing each post.

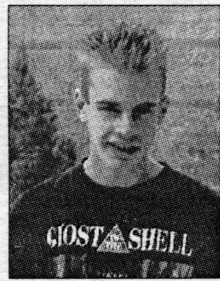
Besides the job shadowing program, members also visit sites such as United Blood Services and the Coroner's Office.

Dena Dzierbicki, a Volunteer Services Coordinator at Valley Hospital and one of the club's advisers, says that programs such as Medical Explorers give students a chance to experience the medical field without having to commit to it in college.

"It helps them...to find out if they like it or not," says Dzierbicki. "That way they have an idea what they're going into before college, and prevent their parents from wasting time and money."

Dzierbicki also says that while some students come into Medical Explorers convinced that they want to pursue careers as doctors, many find that what actually happens on the job is not the same as what happens on the television show "ER."

The Medical Explorers program is part of the exploring division of the Boulder Dam Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



Hricsina

### *A little crazy... but you like him*

By Patrick Laney

If you ever have any questions about computers, you might want to ask senior **Dave Hricsina**. Hricsina is talented in the computer field.

"His work is creative and unique," says Jose Dephin, his commercial design teacher. "He has created many amateur computer games including the award winning *Adventures of Dave and Eric*. He and his co-cre-

ator, senior **Eric Laney**, play the two main characters in this wacky adventure.

The dynamic duo of Hricsina and Laney also can be found through a modem service called "Boot Hill." Hricsina's computer name for "Boot Hill" is "Dr. Smooth."

He also likes to play basketball, bowling, and football.

"Dave is kind of crazy, but once you get to know him you like him," says sophomore Matt Medcalf.



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## Brotherhood: Quest for peace

By Abby Miller

The key to unlock our world from hate, violence, and discrimination is peace. The only way for peace to triumph over these evil powers is to have all cultures and nationalities join together to learn about one another.

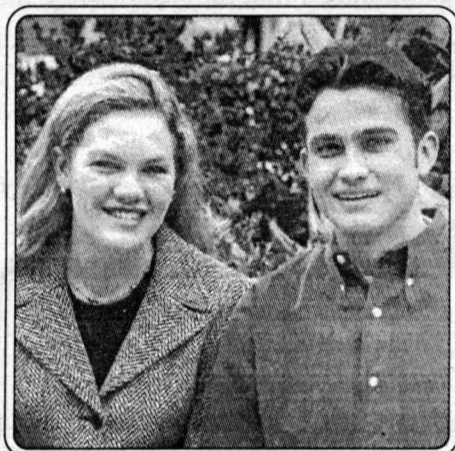
During the week of Feb. 10-14, GVHS hosted its annual Brotherhood Week. Each day a different culture was focused on with activities and entertainment that tied in with each culture. The activities gave students the opportunity to experience and learn about other cultures and the unique aspects of their own heritage and history. *(Continued next column)*



The Student Council sponsored the Brotherhood Week Royalty Nominations, when each club at GVHS nominates one senior girl and boy for the title of Queen and King for each day of Brotherhood Week. The nominees have to represent one of the cultures represented during the week.

Monday was European American Day, African American Day was Tuesday, Wednesday was Asian/Pacific American Day, Thursday was Hispanic American Day, and Friday was Native American Day.

If students can open up their eyes to the future and think about what a better place our world would be if everyone tolerated one another, it would give them a clearer, closer look on how important peace is. That is what Brotherhood Week is all about.



**TASK FORCE APPOINTEES.** Green Valley seniors **Ashley Huffaker** and **Christopher Walker** will represent Green Valley High School on the Youth Task Force formed by Representative John Ensign. This Youth Task force meets to discuss issues confronting our teenagers today and possible solutions.

### GVHS BRIEFS

The Green Valley Marching band was selected as one of the top finalists recently in the Bands of America competition held in Torrance, CA.

The Forensics Team took first place in all four of their in-town tournaments and placed third out of 68 teams in the California debate tournament.

**Danielle Tullman** and **Joshua Peltier** won \$1,000 scholarships through the Science Now program sponsored by the Nevada Department of Energy for outstanding math and science students.

Over the past five years, Green Valley High has hosted 69 foreign exchange students from 25 countries.



### ROTARY NAMES STUDENT OF MONTH

Scott Lee has been selected as the Rotary

Student of the Month for January. A valedictorian candidate and National Merit Semi-Finalist, Scott is one of the top seniors at Green Valley High School. Teachers refer to him as a "problem-solver" and "creative thinker."

However, there is more to Scott than just academic excellence. Scott plays baseball and roller hockey and helps coach younger boys in both sports. He educates and entertains elementary students as the "Good-Neigh-Bear" at State Farm Bike Rodeos. Scott also participates in D.A.R.E. activities, raises money for the March of Dimes, and helps with "Festival of Trees and Night."

A large part of Scott's day is devoted to his work as Co-Editor of Chief of the Legacy yearbook and staff member for the school newspaper, "The Investigator."

He plans to attend college and to have a career as an efficiency expert and economist.



**INTERACT CLUB OFFICERS** (from left): **Katie Simon**, vice president; **Erika Stetzenback**, secretary; and **Sean Dougall**, president.

### Interact Club: pride in accomplishment

The members of Interact are well into their activities for the spring semester. But it will be hard to beat the fall for pure fun and the satisfaction of helping others.

Highlights of last semester were a day-hike into Ice Box Canyon at Red Rock, a successful food and clothing drive for Giving Life Ministries, and helping at St. Vincent's soup kitchen.

Freshman **Jenna Morton** coordinated an Adopt-a-Grandparent program that paired Interact Club members with senior citizens during the holidays.

#### A NEW SEMESTER

**Sarah Lizotte** is organizing a Brotherhood Week quilt patch for this month. And, because February

is "heart month," club members will help the American Heart Association with their annual fundraiser.

Members **Kim Hesse** and **Erika Stetzenback** headed the clean-up of Pecos Road between Sunset and Warm Springs—the stretch of road that

the Interact Club sponsors in the Adopt-a-Road project. (Look for the Interact Club sign on Pecos.)

On February 22, volunteers will donate time again at St. Vincent's. **Sean Dougall** is coordinating a Lake Mead Clean-up project in conjunction with other area Interact Clubs, and members are looking forward to participating in Opportunity Village's annual race.

*So much to do,  
so little time!*

### Dread End

By Nyla Moujaes

A suppressed silence becomes the entire class.

The genuine girl drowns the reality of her friend's empty,

Non-existent presence.

At night, in the dream, she can replay the shattering of that fatal glass.

Even though, looking at the chair, her body isn't there, she senses that unique essence.

With nothing but success coming, for her it's all over.

The severe consequences of this incident will never have a future or chance to mend.

Should life be lived in ignorant fear? Who will tell you if the detour is near?

Yes, it was a mistake and she has no way to justify it.

One individual life is extremely precious;

Is it worth the pain to sacrifice it?

These thoughts are being expressed with all respect.

An interruption may surprisingly occur when we least expect.

The depressing aura is on her boyfriend's face, it does no good, it's quite obvious it's too late.

A solemn family grieves in mourning.

Are all these thoughts worth sorting? My head is spinning, I can't bear

to think how a beautiful life is thrown away in one sweet blink.

Remember her as the success she was made to be.

The importance of life I hope the youth may see.

You're not invincible, it could happen to you.

We don't need another death to prove this statement true.



## Tale of witchcraft, fear reflects in AIDS epidemic

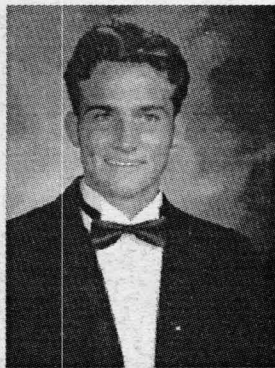
By Stacy Jurado



Accurate enough to attract teachers, with a touch of romance to satisfy those who crave love stories, satanic enough to attract the kind of people who could normally shun any movie based on a classic book; *The Crucible* has something to keep everyone interested.

With a screen play written by Arthur Miller, and starring Winonna Ryder and Daniel Day Lewis, *The Crucible* combines award-winning acting and shockingly dramatic scenes -- managing to hold the interest of today's audience

### Walker named delegate to Senate program

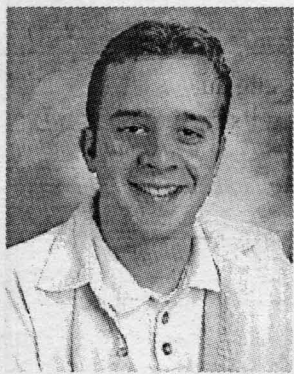


Only 104 high school students in the country are selected as delegates to the United States Senate Youth Program. **Christopher Walker**, student body president at Green Valley High, is one of them.

This 35th anniversary program will take place March 1-8 in Washington, DC. Walker received a \$2,000 scholarship from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, which supports the Program.

Delegates will visit the Senate, House of Representatives, Supreme Court, Pentagon and various Smithsonian museums. They will also hear major policy speeches by political leaders.

Each year, two high school students (juniors or seniors) from the 50 states and the District of Columbia are selected for this unique experience.



### Travelin' talent.

Green Valley senior **Kyle Burton** performed in the Las Vegas International Performing Arts

Exchange production of "Fame — The Musical," presented throughout the Las Vegas area during January. Kyle wowed the audience with his talent and received standing ovations for his portrayal of Schlomo, one of the lead characters. Kyle will travel with the company this summer on a world tour.

while hardly altering and original play.

In a story of fear, betrayal and accusations, shouts of witchcraft are heard throughout Salem, Massachusetts. Ryder (as Abigail) and Lewis (John Proctor) bring the terror to life as they realistically convey the reasons that lie behind the accusations of witchery.

The movie opens with a scene portraying young girls dancing and chanting around a fire, as well as sacrificing small animals into a steaming pot; the viewer instantly, without being aware of the accusations, suspects witchcraft.

When one of the girls suddenly takes sick, the town screams of witches. People begin to discuss who it might be, and with no proof other than someone's word, the first woman stands to be hung.

In an interesting parallel to present-day society, the first person accused is Sarah Osborne, a homeless woman thought to be crazy. Just as we today tend to target the easiest victim (minorities, the poor, mentally ill people, etc...), the Salem witch trials began with the death of one woman who would not be missed, and concluded with some 40 people dead.

*The Crucible* contains many such parallels. It is apparent to anyone who's aware of past events that things, good and bad, will repeat. Salem's hysteria regarding witches could be compared to this country's first reaction to AIDS.

Accusing people of witchcraft also resembles child-abuse cases that are proved wrong—an accusation alone can hurt people. The most obvious resemblance is McCarthyism, a period in the 1950s when a person could prove themselves innocent of communism only by turning in names of other people they suspected of being Communists.

As the movie goes on, the number of accused grows and motives are exposed. In many cases, the accuser stands to gain land, money and even a spouse that belongs to the accused.

Slowly fading out on a shot of rope and someone hanging, *The Crucible* comes to a close, leaving a valuable lesson, two hours well spent and a hushed theatre.



### Pearl Harbor essay wins \$250

**Amit Dhamija** (left), a senior at Green Valley High School, won first place in an essay contest when he wrote about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Naval Base and other military bases on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. His award was a \$250 government bond, presented by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

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## Shoot-out Survey

In a random survey of our student body the following opinions about guns were revealed.

1. Do you think that buying a gun should require a waiting period?  
55% yes, 41% no
2. Do you think that buying a gun should require a background check?  
84% yes, 16% no
3. Do you think that handguns should be illegal?  
16% yes, 82% no
4. Do you think that they should enforce stricter penalties for teenagers who abuse gun control laws?  
61% yes, 34% no
5. Considering the controversy between ProGun Control and AntiGun Control do you feel that guns are the real problem that cause teenage violence?  
10% yes, 79% no

## A poet and we know it

By Benjamin Dean

Moapa Valley student **Roxanne Harris** recently defined her talents in a poetry contest when she won an Award of Recognition at the poetry convention in Anaheim. She is now an Honorary Famous Poet for 1996 and her poem will appear in *Famous Poems for 1996*. Roxanne is eligible to enter a contest with prizes totaling over \$20,000

### Dreams

More than yesterday  
Less than tomorrow  
Is my love for you  
today...  
Live for today  
Dream for tomorrow  
Learn of yesterday...  
Dream...  
not of yesterday  
but of tomorrow  
Tomorrow is a new beginning  
Never lose sight of your  
dreams...

## SPORTS

From reports by  
*Mike Ochoa and  
Ricky Gregory*

- **Volleyball:** the team has added another trophy to Moapa's trophy case: the State Championship title. In fact, the school's team has been state champs six times — and the girls plan to be champs even again.
- **Football:** The Pirates staged a great effort last season. After losing to Virgin Valley and sharing the division championship, they travelled to Reno and ended the Bishop Manogue High School seven-game winning streak by 59-12. Moapa finished fourth in the state.

### In Loving Memory

The students and staff of Moapa Valley High are mourning the death of 17-year-old Ben Crosby, a fellow student who was honored as a fine athlete, rodeo enthusiast and caring friend.

"Everybody loved him," says Dustin Adams. "I will always remember him for...the talent he had for making people feel special."

### WHAT'S IN, WHAT'S OUT AT MOAPA VALLEY

IN	OUT
jeans	ripped jeans
Velour	Corduroy
Pastels	Black
tall boots	platform sneakers
funky rings	character watches
The Hustle	Macarena
sheer lip gloss	dark lipstick



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## Gorman VS Hambre

Los estudiantes se unen durante la Guerra Contra el Hambre para hacer una diferencia verdadera en la comunidad. La Guerra Contra el Hambre está en su tercer año. Es patrocinado por Gorman's Campus Ministry. Tres simples cosas se pidió de los estudiantes.

Primero, rezar y comprender que hay otros más desafortunados que nosotros.

El segundo, donar dinero, la mayoría del dinero que se levanto para la Guerra Contra el Hambre llegó de los estudiantes que ayunaron.

Algunos de los estudiantes estuvieron de acuerdo en hacer abstinencia de comer o ver televisión. Consiguieron patrocinadores por cada hora que completaban de abstinencia.

Otra forma de obtener dinero fue coleccionar dinero por las calles. El dinero que se colecto por the Interfaith Hospitality Network se entregó a familias sin hogar que buscan hogar y empleo.

También un orfanato en Tijuana tuvo beneficio del dinero. Al orfanato se le surtirá con camas nuevas.

En adición del dinero que se colectó en las calles, Campus Ministry pidió de los estudiantes y la facultad de la escuela que donarán cinco dólares y dos latas de comida cada uno.

El tercer requisito fue de que donarán comida. Otras organizaciones que fueron beneficiadores son Las Vegas Rescue Mission, Casa de Los Pobres y the Community Food Bank of Clark County. La comida se repartió entre los niños sin hogar y sus padres.

También se unieron Station Casinos en este proyecto para asistir a familias sin hogar. La corporación dio una promesa de doblar la cantidad en efectivo que la escuela Gorman levantará.

Cuando el día de la colección llegó, los estudiantes salieron a toda fuerza para ayudar a los niños sin hogar.

Fue obvio que la gente sin hogar recibió beneficio de los estudiantes pero también lo podemos ver de otro modo. Kathleen Maglaras ha estado envuelta con el programa de Guerra Contra el Hambre por dos años y la experiencia le ayudó a ser la diferencia.

Kathleen Maglaras dice: "la Guerra Contra el Hambre fue una oportunidad para estar activo en ayudar nuestra escuela y a gente sin hogar. No hay nada más satisfactorio como el contar el dinero total que se tomo durante el día y ver cuanto colectamos.

Es satisfactorio el saber que los esfuerzos que hizo nuestra escuela fueron para ayudar a mucha gente".

Fue un gran éxito, cientos de latas de comida fueron donadas acompañadas de \$6397.00 dólares de donaciones.

## Logros Importantes

Por: **Joyce Sudari, Silverado**

Este año, el equipo de baloncesto de mujeres de Silverado, tiene mucho talento con tres seniors, cuatro juniors, cuatro sophomores y una freshman. El equipo tiene récord de 10-5. Es un gran adelanto comparado con el año pasado de 12-13. Las dos líderes son seniors, Joyce Sudari (5'4") y Helen Kale (6'1"). Sudari es un point guard y Kale juega centro, pero Joyce y Helen tienen mucha ayuda de sus compañeras de equipo. Amanda Verba está alcanzando rebotes y haciendo unos muy buenos pases. Amber Fife siempre está lista para el rebote y anotar. Bri Burton, Carly Avello y Erin McGrew hacen anotaciones desde la posición de olo. Kiley Lee y Donna Heckler vienen de la banca cuando se les necesita y hacen un buen trabajo en el juego. Tara Winkler, una senior de California, es una amenaza de afuera. Sara Freeles, una freshman talentosa, corre bien en el piso y siempre esta mirando para anotar una canasta.

El equipo depende de cada una en la cancha, pero también fuera del juego. Recientemente, Helen Kale se fracturó el dedo pequeño de su mano izquierda y estará fuera por unas pocas semanas. Contradiendo lo que piensan otros equipos, ahora el equipo trabaja más duro y fuerte. "Es un gran cambio para nosotros, pero esto solo significa que nuestro equipo tendrá que subir dos niveles", dijo Carly Avello.

También tenemos buen entrenamiento y manejo de parte de nuestra entrenadora Diane Hernández. "Ella nos enseñó a amar este juego —mi favorito es jugar defensa" dijo Kiley Lee.

Si tu quieres ver un buen equipo de baloncesto, entonces observa jugar al equipo de mujeres de Silverado High School.

## S.O.L. en Boulder City

Por: **Shauna Werly**

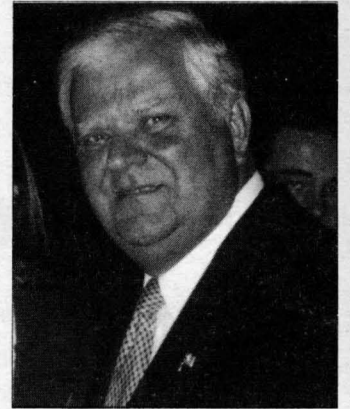
Hay un nuevo club en la escuela secundaria de Boulder City: SOL (Organización de Estudiantes Latinos) especialmente para estudiantes hispanos.

"SOL tiene muchos miembros alrededor del mundo", dice Andrea Altamirano. "Esto es para aquellos que disfrutan aprendiendo acerca de donde ellos vinieron y de cuales fueron las tradiciones de sus antecesores".

Los oficiales son Andrea Altamirano (Presidente), Mario Ocegüero (Vice Presidente), Joianne Branson (Secretaria), Agustín Acosta (Tesorero), Tamien Rosario (Sargento de Armas) más Emily Aginaga, Cherisse Altamirano y Shanda Thompson (Representantes Públicos).

## El hombre que hizo millones.... Pero ¡No sabía leer!

Tom Harken es un millonario, dueño de una cadena de restaurantes mexicana en el estado de Texas. Él habló a cientos de alumnos y adultos en Las Vegas, Nevada el mes pasado.



Hace cuatro años, cuando Tom Harken tenía 55 años de edad, él reveló al mundo que era analfabeto.

Fue el día que aceptó el premio Horatio Alager. El premio que honra a personas que han sobresalido alguna incapacidad y han triunfado en la vida. Otras personas bien conocidas como Colin Powell, Maya Angelou y Henry Kissinger han obtenido este premio.

Harkense hizo millonario pero se avergonzaba de que no podía leer y escribir. Mantuvo el secreto hasta de sus propios hijos.

### Papito Me Lees

Dice Harken que lo más difícil era el no poder leerle a sus hijos cuando eran pequeños y los tomaba en su regazo con un libro en mano.

Cuando era pequeño al Sr. Harken le dio poliomielitis, él vivía dentro de un pulmón de hierro en un cuarto con 35 máquinas enormes, llamadas pulmones de hierro, que respiraban por los pacientes que estaban paralizados. Lo único que salía de la máquina "era la cabeza del paciente" explica el Sr. Harken. "No había nadie que le leyera o lo aseara si se enfermaba" y no había maestros que enseñaran.

Después de sobrevivir el poliomielitis le dio tuberculosis y por un año estuvo en cuarentena en casa.

Estas enfermedades lo mantuvieron fuera de la escuela por cuatro años. El primer día de escuela su maestro se burlo de él por no poder deletrear y fue cuando se despidió de la escuela.

"Yo nunca regresé" dice Harken a la audiencia, por eso no aprendió a leer de pequeño.

Harken dice que se sentía avergonzado por esto, pero logró tomar un trabajo vendiendo aspiradoras "porque no tenía que llenar aplicación para empleo".

Él sólo recordaba los detalles y la "Señorita Melba", ahora su esposa, hacia el trabajo en papel cuando llegaba a casa. Es la misma Señorita Melba la que llenó la licencia para matrimonio de los dos hace 38 años. Y quien le enseñó a leer por fin.

### Nunca Es Tarde

Harken ha viajado por todo el país extendiendo su mensaje de la necesidad de que todos debemos ser literatos, sin importar la edad.

El analfabetismo cruza todas las barreras incluyendo razas.

Después de un discurso un Africano-Americano en la audiencia se puso de pie con lágrimas en sus ojos y dijo que hasta que escucho a Harken él pensaba que sólo los de raza negra podían ser analfabetos.



# Embarazo + Decisiones Difíciles

El sexo adolescente significa muchas cosas para mucha gente. Pero hay un acuerdo general de que hay algo muy mal en un país donde existen 1.1 millón de embarazos adolescentes cada año.

Es más, el Condado de Clark esta clasificado en segundo lugar, como el lugar con más embarazos adolescentes.

(Nota del Editor: Un estudio reciente por el Centro Nacional De Estadísticas de Salud "National Center for Health Statistics" reportó que la cantidad de nacimientos por adolescentes ha bajado por primera vez en casi dos décadas. Es un promedio nacional.)

Ocasionalmente los adultos piensan del embarazo adolescente como un problema solamente para las minorías. Pero en años recientes la mayoría de embarazos no fueron de minorías y es cuando el porcentaje de embarazos adolescentes aumentó más rápido. Los estudios demostraron que hembras que viven en lugares urbanos o áreas campesinas llegan a ser sexualmente activas a una edad más temprana y por eso es más probable que se embaracen.

Más de un millón de adolescentes llegan a embarazarse cada año, es por eso que muchas adolescentes tienen que escoger entre tener al bebé o escoger soluciones alternativas.

Si la adolescente tiene al bebé, ella tiene que escoger si se queda con el bebé o lo entrega para adopción.

Una cosa que debemos recordar al tomar una decisión es que los dos padres deben de estar incluidos en ésta decisión.

Tan solo porque el hombre no tiene al bebé no quiere decir que él no tiene derecho o palabra en la decisión. Sin embargo, es el cuerpo de la mujer y ella tiene que tomar la decisión final.

## "JOANIE"

"Joanie" tiene 16 años de edad y esta embarazada, ella esta en el grado décimo de secundaria. Respondiendo a la pregunta de si valió la pena embarazarse dice Joanie "Cuando descubrí que estaba embarazada me dio mucho miedo, pero ya acepté que voy a ser madre. Nada más me gustaría ser un poco más grande de edad".

Respecto a la educación ella dice "después de que nazca el bebé y pueda regresar a la escuela, lo haré. Mi mamá me cuidará al bebé y el año próximo entro a un programa para obtener mi diploma desde mi hogar".

¿Cómo mantendrá al bebé? Joanie dice "El papá está trabajando y mis padres me ayudarán". En el verano voy a conseguir trabajo.

El padre del bebé esta muy incluido en esto, él nunca ha pensado en dejarme porque me embaracé, él quiere al bebé y trabaja muy duro y me llama todas las noches para estar seguro de que estoy bien".

Los adolescentes hoy en día deben de comprender que hay más problemas que embarazarse. Cuando alguien tiene sexo, se pone uno en riesgo de contagiarse de enfermedades transmitidas sexualmente. Lo que es peor, uno puede contraer el virus que causa el SIDA.

Si vas a tener relaciones sexuales, protégete bien, lo que es mejor, práctica la mejor forma de control para la natividad ABSTENENCIA

# Luchadoras patrocinan show para levantar dinero

Las luchadoras de Rancho High School necesitan dinero para comprar uniformes nuevos. Así que presentaron un show de talento y concurso en el teatro de la escuela.

El auditorio estaba completamente lleno y los asientos totalmente vendidos a la hora que empezó el show.

Silvia Ortiz dice: "Fue un show bueno". ¡Twix y Shorty Mac fueron la bomba!" Algunos pensaron que este proyecto no iba a salir adelante porque creían que los estudiantes de la escuela Rancho iban a tratar el show de forma "inmadura". Pero los estudiantes se comportaron muy bien y demostraron mucho entusiasmo tocante al show.

# Estudiante escribe de Pearl Harbor; gana \$250



Amit Dhamija, estudiante de ultimo año de Green Valley, ganó primer lugar en un concurso de composición cuando escribió acerca de cuando Japón atacó a la Base Naval de Pearl Harbor y otras bases militares en la Isla de

Oahu, Hawaii. Gano un bono del gobierno de \$250.00, mandada por La Asociación de los Sobrevivientes de Pearl Harbor.

# ¡AYUDA!

## ¡Mi Hijo Necesita un Trombón Hoy Por la Noche!

Michael tenía que tocar en el concierto de la escuela, pero ese día su trombón se rompió!

Desafortunadamente la mamá de Michael no pudo regresar a la tienda donde lo había rentado, porque varias veces no pudieron pagar.

Entonces... ¡MUSICA PARA UNA ESPERANZA (MUSIC FOR HOPE) vino al rescate!

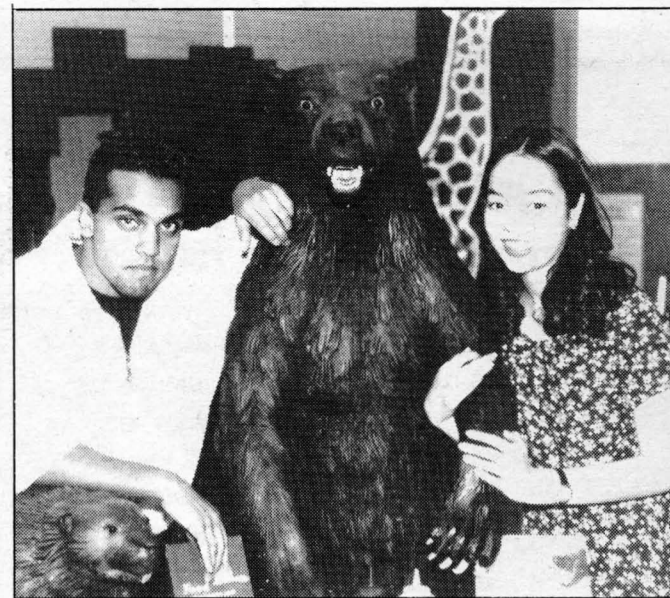
La mamá de Michael había leído acerca de esta organización. Ellos proveen instrumentos musicales a niños que no tienen el dinero para comprarlos o rentarlos. Ella llamo a línea de Música Para Una Esperanza y ¡Michael pudo tocar en el concierto!

Todos estos instrumentos son donados por personas generosas de la comunidad. Ellos se quieren asegurar de que los estudiantes no dejen su sueño nada más por no tener un instrumento.

Si TU eres uno de estos estudiantes, llame a Música Para Una Esperanza al 364-9473.

### Colaboración especial en la realización de las traducciones:

Maribel Morales  
Lucy López  
Carlos Martínez



¿Estas buscando algo que hacer con tu pareja que sea divertido, económico, y se trata de comida? Lleva a tu pareja a la exposición de "Animal Eat" dentro del museo Lied Discovery localizado en el 833 Las Vegas Blvd. North. Veras muchos animales vivos, mecánicos, y videos que demuestran como toda cosa viviente come!!

# Estudiantes comparan opiniones

Por: Kristi Carter y Audrey Fredrick, Faith Lutheran

La Revista Parade recientemente publicó una encuesta de 938 estudiantes de secundaria.

Encontraron que la mayoría de adolescentes quieren felicidad de la vida, creen que las drogas es la peor influencia ahora y la mayoría planean atender el colegio algún día.

Estudiantes de la secundaria Faith Lutheran condujeron su propio estudio y encontraron que los adolescentes locales no son muy diferentes que los de nuestro país.

### ¿QUE PIENSA LA NACION?

#### ¿Qué es lo que quieres más en la vida?

Felicidad 28%  
Amor 7%  
Matrimonio/Familia 9%  
Amistades 2%  
Salud 2%  
Contribución Personal a la Sociedad 2%  
Educación 2%  
Triunfo personal 6%  
Satisfacción religiosa 8%  
Vida larga/agradable 16%  
Triunfo financiero 8%  
Triunfo de carrera 8%

#### ¿Qué es la peor influencia que confrontan los adolescentes ahora?

Drogas 21%  
Alcohol 3%  
Sexo/morales bajos 12%  
Gangas 12%  
Crimen 4%  
Presión por parte de otros adolescentes 20%  
Televisión 3%  
Violencia 12%

#### ¿Planeas atender un colegio de cuatro años algún día?

Sí 60% No 40%  
Politicamente, ¿cómo te describes?  
Demócrata 22%  
Republicano 23%  
Independiente 34%

#### ¿Cuántas horas le dedicas a tu tarea todos los días?

51 minutos  
¿Cuántas horas le dedicas a ver la televisión o escuchar el radio?  
8 horas 15 minutos

### ¿QUE PIENSAS DE FAITH?

#### ¿Qué es lo que quieres más en la vida?

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#### ¿Planeas atender un colegio de cuatro años algún día?

Sí 94% No 6%  
Politicamente, ¿cómo te describes?  
Demócrata 21%  
Republicano 42%  
Independiente 37%

#### ¿Cuántas horas le dedicas a tu tarea todos los días?

Más o menos 60 minutos  
¿Cuántas horas le dedicas a ver la televisión o escuchar el radio?  
Más o menos 3 horas, 45 min.



# OPINIONES

## NO FUMAR, ¿es un arma de doble filo?



Por: Verónica Pérez

Rancho ha tenido una "sección de fumar" en años previos. Todos los que tienen este hábito asqueroso podían ir a una área por las canchas de softball y fumar. Las cosas han cambiado

este año, fumar ya no es admitido en la escuela Rancho.

Según CCSD, en primer lugar Rancho nunca debió haber permitido la "sección de fumar". Por muchos años, en todas las escuelas no se podía fumar. Casi todos los que fumaban en Rancho eran menores de edad y no deberían de fumar.

Rancho actualmente es una escuela en la que no se puede fumar. Pero, de seguro, todos los que han pasado por el cuarto 120 en el pasillo B han respirado humo de cigarro. Ese cuarto es designado una área de fumar para los maestros y demás trabajadores.

¡Un minuto! ¿Qué no se supone que nadie debe de fumar? Todos los estudiantes firmaron una forma donde están escritas las pólizas de la escuela. La número siete dice:

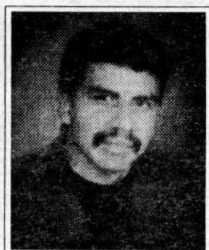
"Fumar no es permitido en la escuela Rancho a cualquier hora".

Esa regla aplica a estudiantes, ¿pero que tal a los maestros? Algunos dirían que es justo que los maestros fumen porque son mayores de edad. Pero también pueden tomar, más sin embargo ellos no piensan que este bien que haya bebidas alcohólicas en la escuela.

Si se supone que los maestros nos tienen que enseñar el bien y el mal, entonces esta mal que fumen en una escuela en la que nadie debe fumar. Puede ser legal, pero eso no significa que este bien.

Si Rancho ha sido declarado una escuela en la que no se puede fumar, entonces hagámosla una escuela en la que no se puede fumar.

# El Rincón Poético



EL AMOR

Por: Alberto Maldonado

Lenguaje escrito con sangre y llanto  
hablado con el cuerpo y pensamiento  
lleno de fruto y encanto  
colmado de sueños y llanto.  
El amor es algo infinito,  
sincero y confiable Es la entrega de cuerpo y alma  
el amor es adorable.  
Cuando se esta enamorado y correspondido a la vez

es lo mejor que puede pasar en la vida  
los días son más tiernos  
las mañanas más lindas.  
El amor nos vuelve locos  
el amor nos cambia  
el amor nos hiere  
el amor nos ama.

EL MAESTRO

Por: Alberto Maldonado

El maestro es aquella persona llena de palabras alentadoras,  
siempre tratando de ayudar a aquel alumno desesperado,  
a aquella persona sin rumbo fijo,  
o a aquel chiquillo afortunado.  
El amigo inseparable  
la persona con respuesta a casi todas las preguntas  
el que extiende la mano a todos aquellos que la necesitan  
el libro que habla y dice historias con sólo una pregunta.  
El sabio de la materia  
el creador de una cultura  
la llave a la puerta de la esperanza  
el calor y entendimiento de cada criatura.  
La chispa de la superación  
el camino con más obstáculos  
el único cuento con final feliz,  
porque todo termina con un diploma y un aplauso.



ERES

Por: Alberto Maldonado

El rayo que entra por mi ventana a cada mañana  
el horizonte resplandeciente  
la felicidad de mi vida  
la paz y felicidad de mi mente.  
Mi sentimiento más grande  
mi camino a seguir  
mi amiga, mi almohada  
mi papel para escribir.  
La flor de primavera  
calor de verano  
viento de otoño  
alegría de invierno.  
El momento más feliz de mi vida  
aliento de perseverancia  
estrella de mis noches  
luz de mis días.  
El regalo inesperado  
mi dulce compañía  
el sueño alcanzado  
eres sólo tú amada mía.

QUERIDO AMIGO

Por: Maribel Nieto

Querido Amigo, se que te he ofendido  
Y que ahora te encuentras mal herido  
Se que dije cosas que te ofendieron  
E hirieron tus sentimientos.  
Ahora comprendo tu reacción y créeme,  
Me arrepiento  
En ese momento no sabía lo que decía  
Y mucho menos que tu amistad me costaría  
Es por eso que te pido otra oportunidad  
Pues desde que tu te fuiste  
Me encuentro triste,  
Pues me hace falta tu amistad,  
Es por eso que, en nombre de la amistad que  
Una vez fue, te ruego que seas mi amigo y  
Volvamos a empezar  
Juntos recorremos el mundo entero  
Y haremos que esta vez nuestra amistad  
Dure por toda la eternidad.

# DIGANOS

Si estas interesado en participar con nosotros escribiendo algo que a ti te guste o te sucedió, mandanos tus colaboraciones, fotos, dibujos o poemas a:

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# Cartas al Editor

A quien corresponda:

Mi nombre es Lorena García, soy mexicana de 16 años, hace dos años que vivo en U. S. A. En la sección Frente a Frente (diciembre 1996) leí un artículo llamado "Termina Con la Vida de Un Joven Normal" escrita por D'anna Gallegos. En mi opinión el título del artículo es incorrecto y en cierto punto me molestó, porque en el artículo hablan de un joven normal que a los 14 años, fumaba marihuana, estuvo arrestado, estaba en

pandillas y cargaba un arma de fuego. Yo que tengo buenos grados y nunca he tenido problemas con la policía, ¿entonces qué soy yo, una joven anormal? Les pido por favor que analizen los títulos de los artículos, o que sean revisados antes de ser editados por una tercera persona.

Gracias, Atentamente  
Lidia Lorena García

Basic High School Enero 24 de 1997



# FUTURES EXPO

## FuturesExpo '96 welcomes 9,000+

Life after high school

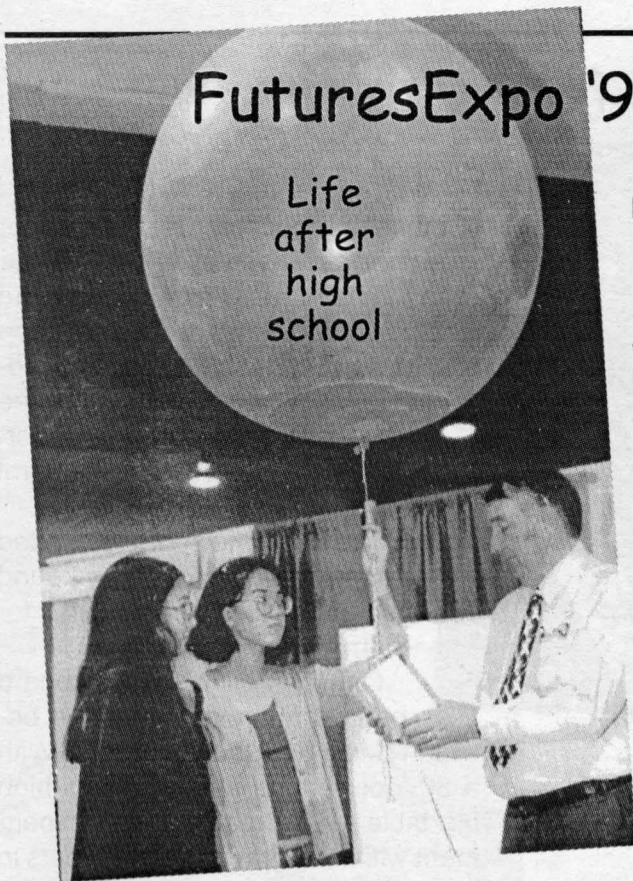
More than 9,000 students and their parents attended the Fourth Annual FuturesExpo at Cashman Field, January 27 and 28.

They learned about career choices by visiting 100 exhibitors' booths. Shown here are just six of the displays and some of the kids who checked them out.

(More about FuturesExpo on page 5)



**ABOVE:** Students from the tremendously successful Automotive Apprentice Program demonstrated some of their skills at Expo. They are, from left, **Matthew O'Donnell**, Durango senior; **Stephen Klares** and **Joel Tying**, VoTech juniors, and **Carla Utzman**, VoTech senior, who was featured on the September 1996 cover of CLASS!



**LEFT ABOVE:** **Jennifer Graham**, Eldorado (left) and **Jaclyn Graham**, Las Vegas Academy, listen carefully to meteorologist **Jim Sanders** from the Department of Energy Air Resources Lab in Las Vegas.



**ABOVE:** The Fire Department is a hot choice for future careers — for men and women. Here, **Lydia Toscano**, a student at Rancho High, talks about options available in fire sciences with **Evert Wilson**, public education officer for the department, while **Sparky T.** Firedog just laps up the attention.

**BELOW:** **Fatima Meda** (left) and **Fabiola Palomera**, both students at Valley High School, listen carefully to **Danny Rakestraw**, an environmental scientist for SAIC as he talks about wildlife of a different kind — and about opportunities for women as well as men in environmental careers.



Photos by David Phillips



**RIGHT:** Corrections officer **Ginger George** talks about her career in law enforcement with **Anna Lopez** (in car) and **Maribel Arellano**, students at Valley High.

**WHAT A BRAIN!** (Right) The University of Nevada School of Medicine drew a crowd who enjoyed seeing the model of the human brain.





## Snowboarding through life

By Rob Erb

### UNLV offers variety of scholarships

If you're a hometown type and you want to stay in Southern Nevada for college, you might check out the many scholarships that can help pay your way through UNLV. Here's a brief list. Ask your counselor or call the UNLV Financial Aid office for more details.

□ Benetti Family Memorial Scholarship (for children of law enforcement officers or firefighters)

□ CSUN Leadership Scholarships (for students who plan to participate in student government or other leadership)

□ Freeport-McMoran Gold Company Scholarship (for students who plan to major in engineering or computer science)

□ Child of Alumni Scholarships (for kids of dues-paying UNLV Alumni Association members)

□ Kenneth DeVos Scholarship (for African-American or Hispanic students with financial need and a 3.0+ GPA)

□ Mary Alice Devos Scholarship (for students going into the visual arts who have potential for excellence)

□ Jean Nidetch Scholarship (for students who have overcome personal adversity)

□ The Breakfast Exchange Club and the Southwest Rotary Club, both of Las Vegas, offer scholarships for local grads with high GPAs.

□ Hughes Scholarship (for valedictorians, one recipient per school with 27+ ACT or 1210+ SAT)

□ Cynthia Bunker Memorial (students majoring in performing or visual arts)

### These wings should not flap!

By Jeremy Bennett  
Boulder City

Top Ten ways you know you're having a bad airplane flight.



10. Pilot says "What does that button do?"
9. Everyone starts to sing "The Wheels on the Busgo round and round"
8. Pilot straps on a parachute.
7. Pilot hiccups then signs "99 bottles of beer on the wall..."
6. Stewardess says, "Thank you for flying Kamikaze Airlines."
5. Pilot says, "Smoke 'em if you got 'em."
4. The pilot notices engines 1-4 are in flames.
3. Your plane was christened The Titanic on its maiden flight.
2. Crazy man with gun claims you're sitting in his seat.
1. The same crazy man says the pilot is sitting in his seat.

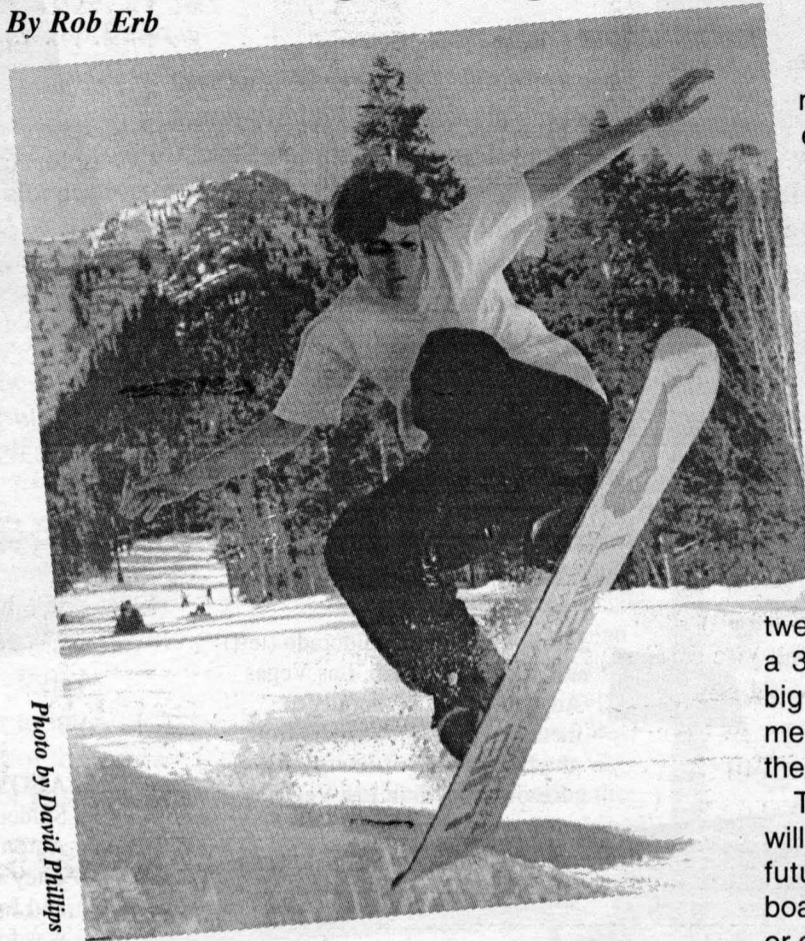


Photo by David Phillips

*"They hound you to death!"*

With winter in full swing, that can mean only one thing for the outdoor enthusiast — SNOW-BOARDING!

The Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort (formerly Lee Canyon Ski Resort) has been building a snowboard park for three years and the project is still underway, says Jack Bean, general manager.

The rise in the sport demanded a snowboard park. "They hound you to death until you build it for them," Bean recalls.

One benefit of a snowboard park is improved relations between skiers and snowboarders. With a 30-foot surface and a 14-foot-high big table jump, boarders can experiment with new gravity-defying feats in their own area.

The park also has a roller jump and will soon be home to a half pipe. The future bowl-shape jump will allow boarders to attack it from either inside or outside.

*"Riding powder ...best thing in the world"*

A senior at Cimarron-Memorial, **Jessica Meek** has found a new love in her life. "I enjoy going up there," she says. "It's totally like something I would like to do for the rest of my life."

"I get all my frustration out...riding powder is the best thing in the world," she adds.

In addition to the joy of snowboarding, the sport has boosted her confidence: "The harder I

push myself, the more I can do."

Meek tries to go to Mt. Charleston every weekend, but when she lays out the \$27 for the lift ticket, she is strictly boarding. "I have never skied...I don't think I can ever go from snowboarding to skiing," she says.

After high school, Meek wants to go to business college and, afterwards, open a snowboard shop.

Another thrill Meek gets from snowboarding is teaching friends the sport.

"Teaching makes me feel good," she says, but adds, "It's stressing because I know the person won't get it the first day, and the first thing I tell them is they will be on their butt."

Meek, who has been snowboarding for two-and-a-half years, has seen people catch on in two days. But the average person takes three or four trips to the mountain to learn the basics, she explains.

Kevin Turner, a junior at Pahrump High School, tried snowboarding for the first time last month with Meek's help. He concedes the sport is a little tougher than he anticipated.

"It was pretty hard. I didn't do much. I just fell a bunch of times."

On his maiden trip to the slopes, Turner learned to stand up, turn and stop. Mastering the sport may still be a little ways off but what he got out of his first day was a blast. Speed was his favorite part of snowboarding: "What I liked best was going pretty fast."

The Resort will host Southern Nevada's first snowboard competition in March.



### Science Bowl attracts 29 schools

Thirty-two teams of students from 29 high schools in Nevada, Utah and Arizona competed this month in the sixth annual Nevada Regional Science Bowl held on the UNLV campus.

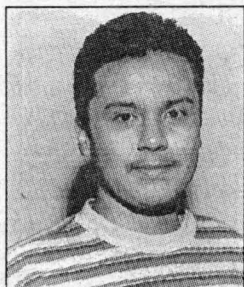
Fifteen of the competing schools were from Clark County: A-Tech Academy, Basic, Bonanza, Cheyenne, Cimarron-Memorial, Clark, Durango, Green Valley, Las Vegas, The Meadows, Moapa Valley, Palo Verde, Rancho, Silverado and Valley.

Following the competition, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, was an awards dinner in UNLV's Moyer Student Union. The winning team will walk away with a \$2,000 award and will represent Nevada in the National Science Bowl, May 2-5 in Chevy Chase, MD.

The science bowl is a 13-round competition that concentrates on math, chemistry, biology, physics, astronomy and earth science or computer science. The purpose is to motivate students to focus on scientific and technical careers. It also helps to promote math and science literacy among high school students.



## New TV Ratings: Are they Needed?



By Ricardo Herrera  
(left)

If you've watched television lately, you've probably noticed something new appearing on your screen. It's not sitcom or a drama. It's the new television rating system, which appears briefly before the start of each television program.

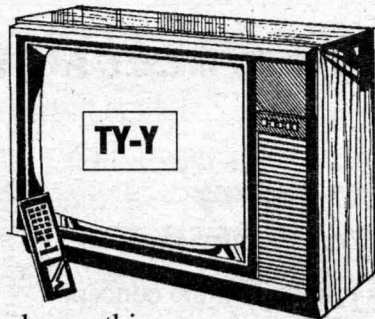
The four major networks, ABC, NBC, CBS, and Fox were first to introduce this new form of rating. It goes from TY-Y, good for all children, to TV-Y-17, which is not recommended for viewers 17 and under.

But will the rating system actually work? Two out of three teachers we spoke to as VoTech didn't even know about the rating, and the few who did weren't sure if it would do any good.

"If you're not home, what can you do?" says Monique Neugebauer, Special Ed instructor and mother of one.

Even if parents are there, some just don't care. "My parents let me watch what I want," says Shawn Burch, a student at VoTech.

Most parents already know what their kids are watching. If they don't like it, there is always the remote control. They can turn the television off or change the channel. That's probably the best rating anyway.



## Why No ROTC at VoTech?

By Vicki Uhrhan

Why doesn't VoTech have ROTC?

Counselor Art Carlin says that only four high schools have ROTC. VoTech would need an instructor to come to the school to teach it, which means our school would have to pay another person. That also means we would have to pick a branch of the armed forces we would like to have at VoTech, the Marines, Air Force, Army or Navy.

"VoTech students are not interested enough for ROTC," says Carlin.

Why??? No one has time for it with all the different schedules here at VoTech.

"We don't have enough elective periods," says Jeri Amblad, Counselor.

lor. "We have 19 vocations divided into five academies. It is necessary for at least 25 students to inquire about a class before it is even considered."

As with all classes, 60 hours are required for half a credit. It was once considered to have Air Force ROTC at VoTech when we had Aircraft Mechanics, but that never happened.

Assistant Principal Karen Williams says that with no one interested and no time in the schedule, it looks bad for VoTech to ever have ROTC.

If you want to take ROTC at your home school, you can; most of the instruction time is in the morning. Last year, however, five students from VoTech participated in ROTC programs at their home schools.

## OPINION

### WHAT'S UP WITH THE BASKETBALL TEAMS?

By  
Justin  
Lundy  
(right)



The basketball teams have been off to a slow start, but it looks like they are starting to break out of the shell. The areas in between such as passing, shooting, and stealing.

One student says that "All of VoTech's opponents are getting lucky breaks, and VoTech never gets them." VoTech is out there playing with all their hearts, but they just can't seem to pull off a lot of wins.

If all six of VoTech basketball teams were to get support from their fellow students who go to VoTech, then the support would motivate the team to try even harder. That could pay off and become a win.

For example, when you attend basketball games at other area high schools, you see people who are behind their teams 100%, but it seems that VoTech fans are behind their teams only about 50%. It seems obvious that if the student body gives the basketball teams more support, the teams will give a little more effort.

We have some really talented players in both men's and women's basketball in both the varsity and the junior varsity teams. The same is true for the freshman squad. Some of the talent, in fact, has been coming from people who you might not expect it from. We have freshmen who are playing with the upperclassmen and doing a great job.

## WORK: THE TRUE VALUE OF A DOLLAR

(An award-winning essay in the FuturesExpo '97 contest)

By Lisa Marie Hsu

In a single-minded society many find themselves searching for work that fulfills prospects of wealth and self-interest. They fall victim to the myth that a job or career has boundaries. I think this frame of mind will limit a person from accomplishing his goals and furthering his abilities. There are other benefits work can offer an individual besides financial support.

Commonly, people allow money to govern their lives. Work should provide you with interest and motivation. I believe that a job can give you the opportunity to help others and make a positive difference. Happiness in your job can bring harmony into your life and inspire you to practice kindness in your daily affairs.



If your intention is good and your thoughts are direct, then you know what you want in life. Making the right choices can lead you into a balanced and peaceful life. Work is time well spent if you are gaining these values. Ignore prejudices and labels and follow your instinct. Understand that the kind of work you do will be an example to your children and peers. Feeling good about yourself is the reward you will receive.

Though success can be found in advancement and salary, it may also be found in bliss and truthful substance. In whatever work one chooses to pursue, I urge him to consider these other benefits, and he will be richer than he could imagine.

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## EBONICS GENERATES HEAT AND NATIONWIDE DIALOG

### *Fame, fast money a lure*

By Tanya Christian, an African-American student who writes for the Palo Verde H.S. newspaper.

Tanya does not believe that Ebonics is the answer to problems of achievement in the Black community

According to recent tests, Black students in California are performing below the national average in English, math and reading skills. To prevent this situation from getting worse, the recognition of Ebonics as a "first language" for many of these students may help to improve their education.

The Oakland, CA, school board plans to identify speakers of Ebonics and set up a special education plan to help them learn Standard English.

The school board feels that the Ebonics dialect is so different from Standard English that students cannot understand questions on tests and in classes. The board suggests that Ebonics has been spread through movies, music and television, and has become a separate language.

While this may be true, it's not the only reason that students perform below average; many other factors influence how students of all races perform in school. Some dream about going to school and getting an education so they can become somebody. But far more students don't care about an education; they feel the easiest way to get through life is dunking a basketball, running for a touchdown or singing rap songs.

Others seem to feel the easiest way through life is to earn a lot of money, whatever way they can. Ebonics probably won't work for these kids because their minds are on how much money they'll put in the bank as soon as they become famous.

Unfortunately, many young people don't want to think that they may have to actually work and earn a living. They have the feeling that they will not fail, that they don't need to go to school to earn money.

Some people say that the failure of these students is their parents' fault. While some parents may encourage their kids to go to school, others have simply become so discouraged that they cannot move their children to do anything other than depend on someone else to help them through life.

"It takes a village to raise a child," says Hillary Clinton. But it seems the village of these kids is not working properly: nobody in the village spends enough time with them to show them the value of a good education. If the village doesn't start doing its job, there may not be any children left in the village to go to school...or even grow up.

Dreams of fame for sports or entertainment; desire for quick, easy money; lack of support from parents — these are some of the problems that appear to be getting worse and threatening today's students.

The effort made by the Oakland school district is well-intentioned but...while Ebonics could help some students, it definitely isn't the answer to the many problems that plague youth today.

### *"Wasting taxpayer money"*

By Ursula Kazarian, Las Vegas High School

The United States was founded on the concept that all people should be treated equally. However, under the guise of the term "political correctness," this concern has turned contrary to this concept.

One example is the attention-grabbing case of Ebonics...which combines the words "ebony" and "phonics," and is the official name for speech patterns commonly known as "Black English."

The idea is to teach proper English by comparing sentences in Ebonics to sentences in standard English...to treat Ebonics as a second language, and recognize it as the "primary language" of most of its students.

Teachers go back to school

Teachers will have to get training to learn the structure of Ebonics in order to speak and understand work presented in Ebonics.

It is horrendous that the school board thinks that reprogramming its educators rather than its students will make a better future for America.

When confronted by the public, the Oakland school board hired a publicist and rephrased some of its implications. For example, the board originally described Ebonics as "genetically based," suggesting that the federal government might issue funds for bilingual programs. However, the board denied any such intention and say that the term "genetically based" had referred to linguistic genesis, not racial DNA.

Also, the original resolution of the school board was to teach students in Ebonics, but it has changed to accepting Ebonics as a native language and to *translate* (rather than *correct* them) for speaking improper English.

Translate native language?

Expending additional funds for Ebonics programs is a huge waste of taxpayers' money. If young children observe that their (improper) way of speaking is accepted by society, they will not take proper English seriously. They will believe their dialect is primary and should be considered as such, when the sad truth is their dialect will deprive them of what they will soon need in the work force: proper communication skills.

"African-American students come to school with a home language other than English. We're going to bridge that gap and make sure our children learn," says Toni Cook for the Oakland school board. Ironically, the gap that the acceptance of Ebonics purports to bridge is increasing the distance that separates the races.

The government needs to put its foot down on the increasing number of special interest demands, and its first bug to squish is the acceptance of Ebonics as a second language.

### *"Don't formalize slang"*

By Gabe Fisk, A-Tech

Only a few weeks ago, the Unified School District of Oakland, California declared that they would attempt to integrate objects of black English, or "Ebonics" into the curriculum. Since the moment the story hit the evening news, hoots and laughter have rained down from all areas of society. This amusement has not happened without good reason.

The formalization of this form of slang distorts the boundaries of grammar so much it's funny. The Ebonic "language," while used by teens through the United States, has never been taught in schools. By teaching Ebonics, the expected level of achievement drops another notch.

Lowered achievement level?

Currently, America's schools are under siege. In many places, children are robbed of their lunch money by others using guns and knives, not fists as they once did. Eng-lish and science scores have plummeted. Schools in the Oakland Unified School District are nearly devoid of the materials to prepare students for the 21st century. Most schools lack computers and adequate security.

African-Americans, who comprise 53% of Oakland's School District, have the lowest standardized test scores of any racial group in the San Francisco Bay area. African-American students in Oakland have a G.P.A. of only 1.80, a D+. Amid black males, 29% do not attend school daily. Among black students in the Unified School District who complete high school, 19% receive Certificates of Attendance.

Solutions to the language problem lie not in modifying the current English system but in making a new commitment to it. The student success stories of teachers such as East Los Angeles' Jaime Escalante show that underprivileged students are not dumb, only lacking teachers who understand them.

The Oakland School District, unlike most of sensible America, believes the way to reach students is by formalizing slang. The problem lies not in the curriculum but in the teachers.

Ebonics would not adequately develop a real-world English background. Formal Ebonics, a foolish idea, should be wiped from the hearts, minds and consideration of educators everywhere.





## A tale of witches & modern witch-hunts

By Teesh Podolske

Penned in the early '50's by playwright Arthur Miller, *The Crucible* was a response to the anti-Communist crusade of Sen. Joseph McCarthy that had gripped the nation. While the film version's message may be overlooked by modern moviegoers, they'll still get their money's worth.

*The Crucible* begins with a group of girls escaping to the woods to engage in a little witchcraft. Taking those antics a bit more seriously is the lovesick and scorned Abigail Williams (Winona Ryder), who whips up a spell to kill the wife of her heart's intent, John Proctor (Daniel Day-Lewis).

Just when the party "gets jumping," Abigail's uncle, Reverend Parris (Bruce Davison), catches Abigail and his own daughter. Before the duo are called on to explain their forbidden actions, the younger cohort conveniently slips into a comatose state — surely the devil's handiwork.

Pressured by the townsfolk, the girls say their behavior was Satan-inspired. Claiming to have visions and inside information about who's in league with the Dark Prince, the girls rattle off names. The community of Salem rallies around the teens, now seen as victims, to hear about which of the neighbors is a witch.

Led by the determined Abigail, the girls randomly select from citizens. The scam finally hits its intended mark when Abigail claims to have been stabbed by the demon spirit of Proctor's wife, Elizabeth (Joan Allen). Determined to put an end to the girls' charade, John sets out to save his wife and friends. His efforts are derailed by the stubborn Judge Danforth (Paul Scofield), who is out to rid the town of Satan at any cost.

Just when you think it can't get any worse, Abigail's plan to have John to herself backfires when Danforth accuses John of being the witch ring-leader. With this in mind, John is given the choice of surrendering his good name to save his life, and thus taking part in the lie, or standing by his honor and being fitted for a rope necklace.

While director Nicholas Hytner can be praised for his attention to detail for bringing the 17th century Salem to life, he deserves an Oscar for assembling the perfect cast for *The Crucible*. Already established as one of the finest actors of his generation, Day-Lewis delivers a powerful performance. But the standout is Ryder, whose portrayal of the determined lover is a refreshing change from her typically sweet and innocent roles.

In short, Hytner (with help from Miller, who adapted his stage classic for the screen) has fashioned a film that transcends both the witch trials and McCarthyism.

Written over 50 years ago, set in 1692, *The Crucible* remains universal, a morality tale still repellent in this post modern age.



## Seniors, this is your last stress-free semester

By Leticia Sharp

Through the years of school, everybody looks forward to being a senior. Your senior year is the time when you go to parties, stay out late, and have your freedom.

As seniors take control, lower classmen watch with excitement. You can see the jealousy in their eyes and feel the envy in their stare. What lower classmen don't realize is that following all the fun and games are the responsibilities of paying

bill, working, and keeping a steady job while staying in college.

Of course you will remember the fun times in high school and the hard decisions you had to make...but they are nothing compared to the ones that you must make when you're on your own. Those decisions will determine what happens to you for the rest of your life.

This will soon be it for the seniors, the last stress-free semester. So, you better make it worth your while, because it doesn't get any easier after this. A few people really don't care about going into

## Is there a cure for senioritis?

By Shayla Johnson

*Second semester is here and so is senioritis...a plague that strikes seniors when they know graduation is soon approaching.*

Sometimes seniors seem to forget what the whole purpose and excitement of being a senior is...GRADUATING! With all the parties, friends, and fun stuff that's a part of your senior year, it's easy to forget about the one small requirement needed to graduate: actually going to class.

Often seniors wait until the last minute to make up credits or they skip class during the second semester and don't receive a credit.

### Diplomas are not given to those who "come close."

If the credits don't equal the amount required for graduation, those seniors who had such fun senior year won't get to walk with their class and receive diplomas.

Many seniors get caught up in the idea of being a senior and in the whole excitement of graduating that they let their entire senior year pass them by without even taking the time to enjoy the seniority.

When *senioritis* begins to strike, just think of that beautiful cap and gown that you have waited so long to wear and think of that wonderful graduation song that will play especially for the class of 1997!!!

the big world, because they feel that they can manage it; others are stressing out, because of all the responsibilities they will assume.

Some senior plans include going to college and learning more about their chosen careers, while others want to join the army and "be all that they can be" — or to just work in an office or fast food joint and not go to college.

Whatever they decide to do in the future, they will always be known as "the spontaneous class of '97."

## THE REASONS WE WORK

A FuturesExpo prize-winning essay  
By Julie M. Martin



"I like work; it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours."

This quote illustrates an attitude held by many people who have lost sight of the value of work. Doing as little as they can and getting as much as they can is the philosophy they live by.

When a person's sense of personal worth comes from his "net worth," he is totally vulnerable to anything that affects that net worth. He has no value in and of himself.

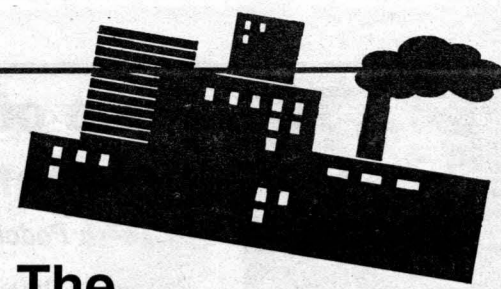
How do we find our way back to the path America was founded upon: the principal of work? Work was valued in itself because it satisfied some basic human needs. To serve and be valued by others is important.

It has been said, "The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it." For many, their identities are defined by work — special talents, abilities, and skills. Depending on the work an individual chooses, the benefits will vary: physical or mental exercise, personal satisfaction, and skill development among others.

A traveler passed a stone quarry where three young men were working. He asked each of them what he was doing. Their responses, "I'm cutting stone," "I am earning three gold pieces per day," and "I am helping to build a cathedral," displayed clearly that our attitudes toward work determine the reward reaped.

**WARPED HISTORY**  
(From a history test in a school that shall remain anonymous)  
In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits and threw the java. Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who died from an overdose of wedlock.





## Explorer Post seeks members who want to jump-start career, climb rocks, eat pizza,

From a report by Alex Yip (left)

Wanted: New Members!

The Explorer Post of the Boy Scouts has been recruiting new members from A-TECH in recent weeks. Most current members are seniors, who will soon



graduate. At the last membership drive, 100 kids showed up to hear about Explorers, 50 showed interest and, of these, 24 are still with the Post.

Sponsored by Nevada Power Company, members take part in a mentorship program: students work with Nevada Power employees who explain their work and what's going on in that industry.

"It was a great experience," says **Patrick Torgerson**. "People were wonderful to work with." Torgerson learned about installing computer networks and general maintenance of computers. "[Mentoring] helps prepare you for your field...you get experience that helps you in the long run."

**Benny Moy**, another student who has a mentor in the same department, likes his experience so much that he hopes to return to Nevada Power next year.

"It's a good experience because you learn and...later you might get a job there," Moy says. He is learning about PC installation and setting up computer networks.

**Ted Loh** is learning similar skills and admits he is learning a lot about networking, hardware and software. "Some of it was fun," he says, "and some of it was boring, but...you will always learn something."

These mentorships, which are essentially internships, can lead to employment after a student gathers enough hours "on the job." For example, **Robert Swarowski** got a job at Nevada Power working with Lotus Notes, and is making about \$7 an hour.

"I got the job through the Explorer Post," he says. "It took about six months of mentoring during the summer. You get into a working environment and you work with older people and learn a lot from them," he adds.

### WHAT'S THAT ABOUT ROCKS & PIZZA?

Monthly meetings are accompanied by pizza and soft drinks — and discussions. The cost: just two bucks per meeting. Often, the club gets together just for fun such as their recent rock climbing and hiking, as well as visits to Magic Mountain, Scream Park and Ultrazone.

"It's fun...you get to hang out with everybody in the club," says Post vice president **Ryan Bellow**. Fellow member **Tony Ortiz** says that if there's one place the group could go for a trip, he would like it to be Florida.

Other officers of the group are **Krystal Schrock**, president, who worked at Nevada Power last summer as a fulltime employee/intern, and **Bryan Duropan**, secretary.

## Crawlers get down and dirty

By Scott Pinkerton (right)

The ATTC Cave Crawlers recently took a field trip to Gypsum Cave to train new members in techniques and procedures of caving.

Gypsum Cave, behind Sunrise Mountain, is near an old mine, but although gypsum can be found along the cave, this cave was never mined. It was, however, a major Indian archeological site. Unfortunately, much of the cave has been vandalized.

Besides training, the Cave Crawlers visited this cave to clean up the trash that has been left by careless visitors. Five trash bags of garbage were extracted from the cave by the students.

It wasn't one of those caves that one rappels into with a rope and a harness. All that's really required is a helmet and a flashlight or another lighting device.

Despite the vandalism, there was still plenty to see. If one put his/her flashlight up to the wall, part of it would glow because the crystal embedded in the rock. There were numerous tunnels and caves to crawl into.

The Cave Crawlers consists of about ten or fifteen students. It teaches rappelling, caving techniques, and good safety conduct. There are not requirements to get into Cave Crawlers, but there are insurance and other fees to pay.

Also, members need to purchase their own equipment, which can get quite expensive. People interested in Cave Crawlers cannot be claustrophobic and have to like climbing around in dark, slimy places. If you like adventure, and are not afraid of heights, then Cave Crawlers might be for you!



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## The hidden meaning of work

An award-winning essay from the FuturesExpo '97 Essay Contest  
By Sabrina Goldenberg

**"I don't like work — no man does — but I like what is in work: the chance to find yourself. Your own reality — for yourself, not others — what no other man can ever know."**

Joseph Conrad, who wrote this, has a very good understanding of the meaning of work. Most definitions of work discuss employment, task, and labor, but they should also include such details as responsibility, obligation, and determination.

According to *Franklin's Language Master*, the definition of work includes labor, employment, and tasks. In all of the dictionaries that I looked through, not one definition applied to the mental achievement or qualities that one acquires while working.

There are many internal or hidden meanings of work. Responsibility, which is defined as having important duties and able to fulfill obligations, is a big part of work. Responsibility also builds character. Any job in America, or, for that matter, anywhere in the world, requires responsibility.

Obligation, which also is a major character builder, is in the hidden meaning of work. Obligation is defined as binding legally or morally. In work's definition, morals are not even close to being mentioned. Morals are defined as relating to principles of right and wrong. To create a personal moral one must look deep inside themselves.

This is the point of Joseph Conrad's quote. The true meaning of work is not just about doing the job, but about responsibility, obligation, determination, and doing it right.





## HAYDEN HOWLS TV Rating System.... Can someone hold my hand?

By Stephen Hayden

From soap operas to sitcoms, the great television has been conquered by a rating system, which tells us uneducated viewers how old we should be to watch our favorite television shows.

Among other things, the shows are rated by their violence and sexual content, and given a rating to reflect this.

Personally, the system is but an annoyance. Just something to laugh at as I flip the channels at the top of the hour....all these little icons, just sitting in the top left corner of the screen. These have been put there voluntarily by networks to avoid any serious encumbrance by the government.

Of course that is an optimistic view of the whole situation, but what do we want children watching? Shows like *New York Undercover* and *NYPD Blue* are certainly shows which deal with issues and events that the rug-rats supposedly have no idea about. That is also the reason these shows are on at nine in the evening, because of their content.

So then parents complain. Complain about sex, complain about violence, and finally, complain about so-called *bad influences* such as cigarettes and alcohol. Well, why are kids that are too young and immature to deal with those subjects up at eight or nine o'clock?

Then there is the news. OK, now people scream and yell about graphic pictures and violence in the famed *Prime Time*; well just pull up a stump and watch the evening news! National or local you ask? Why **both!** For if they have a nice little bit of footage of an explosion, or of someone being unjustly beaten, it will surely be shown. Things like blood-splattered murder scenes and car accidents, all stuff a parent can't explain away as being *imaginary*, are accessible to a youngster with nothing else to do but watch the television.

I can see one very good benefit

for us, the mature, that could come out of this...more graphic and sexually explicit shows on network TV. This will be possible since shows have already been testing the boundaries with partial nudity and language in late-night television. Shows with more adult content may be shown, because they now have something to hide behind: the rating system.

If a parent or group speaks out about the content of a particular show, then the network can say that the rating warned them of the content.

We've all seen movies that we liked in the theaters cut up and broadcast on network TV, and this may make it possible for some movies to be only minimally butchered, for extreme adult content, and shown on Network TV....could happen?

Although the rating system is here, it has yet to be tested...it is but a nuisance. I mean, what *else* is FOX going to show in the afternoons but cartoons with PG ratings?

Then there are the shows that really deserve ratings, on at 4 pm, until about 7 pm every weekday, and that's the news. Sure some have warnings at the beginning of the newscast, but that's only *some* of them, not all, and news broadcasts are immune to the new rating system.

At the beginning of a program and after most commercial breaks, a small icon flashes on the screen, and that's it. How long before the government feels like that isn't enough? I have a feeling it won't be very long before the government and concerned parents decide to impose strict guidelines for network television, and the almighty *Prime Time*.

## Club arranges 'adoptions' for peace

By Tara Riviuccio (below)



The Multi Cultural Student Union, better known as R.E.S.P.E.C.T. (Respecting Every Student's Pride, Ethnicity and Culture Today) has created an "adoption" program in hopes of bringing students of different cultures closer together.

"One of the major problems today is miscommunication between cultures. Through the adoption program, we hope a little peace will be found amongst the chaos," says **Eva Johnson**, president of the group.

Each member selected a student of a different nationality to be their adopted brother or sister. The students gave each other something representing their ethnic background (poetry, flag, book, crafts, etc.)

On the day of the adoption, the students gathered for the Swearing-in Ceremony. Judge Steven Dahl conducted the Ceremony, and spoke to the teens about the importance of racial unity.

Afterwards, students exchanged their gifts and explained what they meant.

"It was very enlightening. You not only learned about other people's cultures, you had the chance to share yours as well," says **Kanika Toston**, vice president. It's comforting to know that at least at A-Tech, racial unity is being accomplished one step at a time.

## A-Tech's tournament surprise

By

Tara Riviuccio

On January 23rd and 24th, A-Tech's Forensics team got a dose of what competition is really like. Until then, tournaments were separated into divisions: Varsity competitors, who have been in forensics for more than a year, and Novice competitors, in their first year. At Bonanza, it was an open division tournament.

"It was hard, but it gave us a taste of what future tournaments will be like," says **Eva Johnson**, a novice competitor. The next few tournaments for Forensics are what

the team has been working towards all year.

The Bonanza Tournament holds special meaning for many people who are involved in Forensics. It's called the Tim Purdy Tournament in memory of a Bonanza forensics team member who died three years ago.

Next, A-Tech's Forensics team will face one of their toughest tournaments so far — County: 15 schools compete in this tournament that will take place at Chaparral February 21 and 23.



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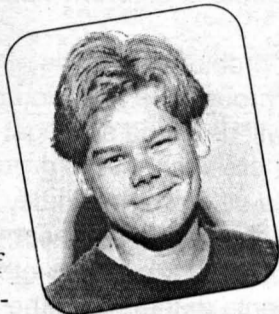


## DEBATE: Should all U.S. residents be required to speak English?

**Yes! People must understand others**

By Chris Mosier (below)

Who would read this newspaper, or this story, if not everyone at the school could understand it? What would happen if everyone were allowed to speak their own language, but not made to learn English? Would Valley High then have to create a hundred different papers; one for each different language that people speak?



If that were the case, and we had to make that many separate newspapers, I'm very sorry to say that you all would not have your school newspaper every month.

Isn't America a wonderful country? People from hundreds of different backgrounds and nationalities have come together to form one community and a nationality separate from every other country's. These people have gotten over their racial hatred (for the most part) and now live in the same neighborhoods, drink the same water, and interact in ways that we never could have imagined even 60 years ago. What makes all of this possible?

A language that almost everyone in this country can speak, write and understand. That's what makes it possible.

Think about it. What would you do if your favorite restaurant came under new management. Now, the only language that they could understand is Portuguese, and you don't understand a word that they say? What if all the stores and businesses each only spoke certain languages, none of which you could understand? I would definitely wish for exactly what America almost but doesn't quite have: a regulated language.

What exactly does this mean. Well, it doesn't mean the complete banishment of other languages here. It doesn't mean that we have to make everyone exact replicas of each other, and have our individuality taken from us. In fact, in order to have a regulated language, not a single thing will happen that can possibly lead to anything bad. It just means that we have to concentrate on English literacy tests for immigrants, and a higher focus on English in schools.

In order for America to operate at its full potential, every one of her citizens must be able to understand each other. The only thing that we do by allowing people to go on ignorant of the English language is separate people into small,

segregated groups.

Almost no one today agrees with the kind of segregation that went on in the sixties. Back then, people were segregated by the color of their skin. Is it any better to segregate people by the language that they speak? That is exactly what can happen. The English speaking people will not interact with the French, Spanish, German and Chinese speaking people. The French, Spanish, German, and Chinese will do the same to everyone else. The precious "melting pot" culture that we have will be lost, because we would no longer constantly be mixing and changing and improving on the cultures that we already have now.

Yes, this is America. Land of the free and home of the brave. The strongest and most efficient country in the world. But that can change very fast if we allow people to go through life not being able to communicate with everyone else. We spend more money and pour more time into communications advancements like the internet and telephones than almost anything else. But are we now to let that all come to nothing? What use are all these advancements to us if we can't even understand each other? Communication is very important to America, and we can't lower our standards of communication for any reason.

**NO! Differences make America great**

By Ray Figueredo (right)

The question, "Should English be a required language for all Americans?" The answer: Absolutely not! And here is why.

Forcing immigrants to speak English goes against the very basis of our country, "freedom." The First Amendment to the Constitution grants the people of the United States the freedom of religion, press, assembly, petition, and freedom of speech. Nowhere in that amendment did I read that as long as you speak "English" you may speak freely.

We simply cannot make someone speak English in order for them to gain citizenship. It is unconstitutional and to do so would see limitations. It would close doors and close minds. We would become a nation of hypocrites and bigots.

On the other hand, it would be to every U.S. resident's advantage to learn English. It certainly is a great asset, but it should not be a requirement to live in the United States of America. I am not aware of any country that sets language requirements for its residents.

If I have not convinced you yet,

here is a thought. If we say, "Before you come to the U.S. you have to learn English" what happens to those people who speak Sign Language? What



about mute people or children who were never taught English? Do we give them the boot? What would the rest of the world think of us then?

First we ban foreign languages. Then what? Religions? Cultures? Races? sounds a lot like the Nazis, if you ask me.

I can understand the frustration of not being able to comprehend what someone is saying to you, but I also understand that they have just as much right to live here as I do.

Although some of you may not like it when someone speaks to you in a foreign tongue, let us not forget that it was immigrants who molded America into what it is today. German, Irish, English and Spanish immigrants arrived in America speaking in their native tongue and bringing with them their own little differences.

It is our differences that make this nation so unique. Our willingness to accept, experience and combine the many cultures of this world would have delighted our founding fathers.

### KEY CLUB—OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN & WOMEN

By Shaun Knittel (right)

Las Vegas has grown over the past few years. With the growth comes new problems that face our city every day. In a time when most high school kids are stereotyped as lazy or uncaring, there are the few that really stand out, the few that want to help their community. Many of these have joined the Viking Key Club, which is all about helping people of the Community.

This year's Key Club Officers are Lt. Governor, **Edwin Beaver Jr.**; President, **Tracy Ip**; Vice President, **Emmanuel Malasaga**; Secretary, **Alfred Lee**; Treasurer, **Todd Dana**; Sergeant-at-Arms, **Mark Cruise**; Freshman Representative, **David Chang**; Sophomore Representative, **Desiree Vanoos**; Junior Representative, **Neil Menta**; Senior Representa-



tive, **Agnes Kiss**; and Bulletin Editor, **Sasa Nikolic**.

Some of the events that Key Club has been involved in so far this year have been extremely successful. The Key Club was involved in a Junior Diabetes Foundation "Walk for the Cure" '96's major fund-raiser. Many businesses joined forces with the Valley High School Key Club to participate in the event.

The Key Club also participated on the IDD Collection. They collected nickels to help kids with Iodine Deficiency. Valley's Key Club collected the most nickels in the district!

One of the most exciting and fun fund-raisers that they participated in this year was the Festival of Trees and Lights. The Club

helped out for Opportunity Village. Fund-raisers are attended by almost all Key Club members because this is how they earn hours to stay in the club and because that is the whole reason why they joined too, to help people.

Some activities that the Key Club will be involved in for the future will be a Loud and Proud Cheer Competition. They want to lead the Cal-Nev-Ha Division in preparing for competition in California. The VHS Key Club won the competition last year and hope to win again.

This is a great club because they are lending a helping hand to many organizations and charity groups that are asking for help. Students who join must be dedicated to helping out and should be prepared to give some of their free time to the club.



## A new Trend riffs into Basic

By Rikki Skadoski



The quad was set up with drums, guitars and stacks of amps. Savage guitar riffs and piercing vocals resonated through the packed quad as Paradox Trend took the stage and performed a set of original music.

Paradox Trend, formerly Judy's Pride, is a local alternative band formed by three Basic jazz band students: **Abe Millet** on bass and vocals, **Josh Jordan** on drums, and **Charles Garland** on guitar. All performed well under the pressure of their peers, who whistled, yelled, swayed, and some students perched on the shoulders of others for a better view.

Singling the band members out in a crowd would be a real chore because they look just like everybody else.

"We wear thrift store clothing," says Millet, "But I'm not as alternative as I want to be." During their performance, they wore in torn jeans and semi-old shirts.

"I think I'm the best dressed man at this school," Garland says.

"All our music is original," Millet explains. "No covers. We're not like anything you've ever heard before. We don't try not to be like anybody else — we just are. We do it because we love it, not because it's trendy."

Their unique music style might be characterized by taking the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the Gin Blossoms, and the heaviness of Alice in Chains and throwing them all into a blender with Super Drag.

"I like them; they have a lot of talent," says James Testa, dean of students.

"Five years down the line, I'd like to be playing shows in Los Angeles and New York," says Millet. Jordan's only comment is that he'd like the band to end up "famous."

If their hard work pays off, Basic will be known as the birthplace of Paradox Trend.

## Doin' business at Basic

By Jared Grossman

Student savings and checking accounts, Visa cards, and ATM cards are now available at Basic High School.

These services became available to Basic High School students as the new full-service Kolob Credit Union opened last month. Students can purchase money orders and travelers' checks or apply for a loan.

To be eligible, students must be enrolled at BHS. Family members of BHS students may also apply for membership.

Credit union student workers are **Nicholas Plasgrove, Shawn Tillery, Aaron Lundy, Amanda Leech, Pauline Miller-Hornyak, Andre Vasquez, Jennifer Barber, and Adrienne**



**Campbell.** These students volunteered their time during the holiday break to train for the jobs at the credit union.

The students were "paid" for their training time: they will receive an elective credit instead of cash for their work. Kolob Credit Union paid for the cost of the office and training.

The students were trained no differently than other Kolob employees, and are now fully capable of working at the main office.

"We love to showcase Basic High School kids. We're awfully proud of them," said Principal Horrace Smith at the grand opening ceremony.

## HERE'S WHAT I BELIEVE! Out with the PACK!

An Editorial by Carla Graf

The elimination of PACK (Planned Activities Concerning Knowledge), according to some students and teachers, could be the wisest decision the administration has made this year.

The majority of students and faculty agree that PACK might have been a good idea in the beginning, but just did not work.

"The concept of PACK is still good," says Vice Principal Dan Reese, "but when we have 250 students ditching PACK and loitering in the church parking lot across the street, we

have to do some thing to enforce discipline."

Many students didn't like PACK, complaining it was too much of a hassle.

Freshman **Sara Ohrn** says, "I'm glad it's over. It was a stupid idea in the first place."

Others say that PACK was a good idea. Hall monitor **Mary Woods** says, "I liked PACK because the students had a chance for one-on-one tutoring."

PACK was created so students could have a study hall and time to take care of activities such as freshman assembly or junior testing. The administration had hoped to offer credit for PACK but were not able to do so. Since no grades were given for this "class," there could be no attendance sheets, making attendance at PACK worth less.

The 30 minutes used for PACK have been divided up, adding time to each class and extending lunch to 52 minutes. Because students now have such a long lunch, the administration expects students to be on time to our last class and has begun tardy lock-outs.

Teachers must lock their doors and refuse admittance to late students, who are then required to report to the deans' office and sign in. The second time students are late, they receive an RPC. On the third tardy, they lose off-campus privileges and will have to report to the student activity center, sign in and eat with someone from the administration.

If students forget to sign in, they receive one week of suspension from school.

Even though PACK didn't work this year, the administration still likes the concept. They plan to improve the idea and eventually bring it back to Basic.

## Sexual harassment sometimes walks a thin line

By Kayla Rimer, Basic

Students can be victims of sexual harassment any day at school. Usually the offenders don't know what their actions or comments can do to the victim.

Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination based on sexual comments, gestures, or actions. It also includes unwanted comments or jokes that create a hostile environment. In some cases, one's education or employment can depend on putting up with it.

Most offenders don't know that they can be accused of sexual harassment without even meaning to be offending. Unwanted flirting, teasing, or just being funny can get one into serious trouble if it persists beyond the point of toleration. It really depends on how the victim takes the comment. What may be taken as compliment by one can be taken as an offense by another.

One can help determine when

this behavior is unwelcome by asking himself the following question:

Has someone told me my behavior is unacceptable?

How would I feel if someone treated me the same way?

Would I act this way if my boyfriend/girlfriend was present?

Am I being respectful?

There is a very thin line between ordinary flirting and sexual harassment. It can be difficult to tell the two apart.

Some examples of sexual harassment are dirty jokes, sexual comments on appearance, sexual name calling, touching, sexual rumors, or repeated requests for a date. Many types of "unnoticeable" sexual harassment could be

a friendly hug, a simple whistle of someone of the opposite sex, or just a compliment that's not wanted. It all depends on the person who receives the comment.

If one is being sexually harassed, that person needs to let the offender know his/her actions are unacceptable. One should be straightforward when approaching the offender. If one doesn't feel comfortable talking, writing a note and keeping a copy is also a good idea.

• If you are being sexually harassed or know someone who is, and you want help, contact a trusted adult who can help you tell authorities. Sexual harassment is a violation of your body and you don't have to take it.



## Good news about teens! We're generous, helpful (but some are not asked)

Most teenagers in this country DO care about helping others, but they are not getting credit for serving as volunteers. That conclusion was reported recently by Myriam Marquez, who writes editorials for the Orlando (FL) Sentinel.

She points out that usually the kids who make the news are those who are either exceptional in school or in big trouble with the law.

"Your average good kids aren't given a lot of coverage," she observes.

[But you, dear reader, already knew that. That's where CLASS! comes in...celebrating those "average good kids" in Southern Nevada!]

Marquez quotes a survey taken by Independent Sector, a national organization that tracks and encourages volunteerism. Just look at these numbers:

In a recent year, 13.3 million teens volunteered 1.8 billion hours to formal organizations and another 600 million hours in helping friends or neighbors. Of the 22.5 million teenagers in this country, 59% volunteer their time.

The survey also reported what these teens got out of doing volunteer work. Most of them (96%) said that the most important benefit was "learning to respect others."

### HOWEVER...

While the news about teenage volunteerism is great, a closer look reveals that minorities are less likely to be asked to do volunteer work or donate money. This point is important because the survey found that people are four times more likely to volunteer if they are just asked!

For example, 45% of white teenagers (non-Hispanic) were asked to volunteer, while only 34% of Black and 38.5% of Hispanic teens were asked.

Of the Hispanic teens, over 78% responded positively and volunteered their time; 73% of the Black teenagers did, as well.

So there you are: there are LOTS of generous, caring "average good kids" in our high schools. Just give us a chance!

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## Is campus day care a good idea?



### Yes! Help the moms graduate!

By Autumn Wofford, Basic

I understand that some people think it is not right for pregnant teens go to school with the rest of the student body, but I say that, if the fathers can attend school, then the mothers should be allowed to attend too.

After the children are born, options for day care are limited. Parents of the students, or the students themselves, stay home and care for the baby.

Unfortunately, not everybody can afford nurseries and nannies. So, parents and grandparents are forced to take on the responsibility or the child is given up for adoption.

Many mothers don't want to give their children away. This is why I say there should be a day care in high school for the babies of students.

At Rancho High, students pay \$10 per semester for the use of the day care

facilities; this is just one way of supporting the program. This money goes toward diapers, formula, and other necessary items for infants and toddlers.

The Carl Perkins Foundation helps tremendously with high school day care throughout the valley. The organization helps to build and run these facilities within schools.

Of course, day care wouldn't be free. We could explore a form of community service to assist in the building and running of a nursery at school.

At least a student won't drop out of school and live on welfare. Perhaps she will graduate with gratitude for her diploma and a job to support her family.

## NO! It's the wrong message to teens!

By Nick Nelson

Is having a child-care program in school a good idea? I have no problem with off-campus day care centers, but I feel that they do not belong on a high school campus.

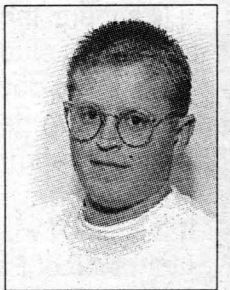
If you think that you are responsible enough to have a kid, then you should not depend on the school to take care of your problem.

If Basic re-instituted a day-care program for students who have kids, the school district would be taking responsibility for the actions of teens. That's like saying, if you have a baby in high school, we will take care of it for you even though you made the choice to have sex. This sends the wrong message to teens.

Pregnancy is no accident. It is 100% preventable through abstinence. Even students who have protected sex can become parents when condoms fail or are used improperly.

The main point is: why do teenagers have sex while they are in high school? Does it make them feel older? Do they feel cooler because they have a kid? I guess that's your decision.

But school money and staff should not be used to pay for the actions of others.



Dhamija

### History worth \$250 to Green Valley High student

Amit Dhamija, senior at Green Valley High School, won first place in an essay contest when he wrote about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Naval Base and other military bases on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. His award was a \$250 government bond, presented by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

## Gorman students aid poor families

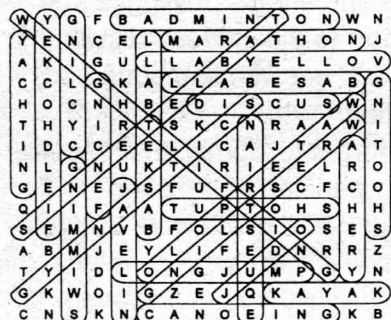
Bishop Gorman students and adults will participate again this year with *Young Neighbors in Action*, a national program that involves teens and adults in a week of service to children and families in need.

Last year 20 students and six adults participated in this service event in the San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico areas.

Service opportunities may include preparing and serving meals in a soup kitchen, painting, yard work building and/or renovating homes, manual labor at shelters, orphanages or soup kitchens, or direct contact with the children and families served.

After work, the evenings include fun, food, discussion and prayer.

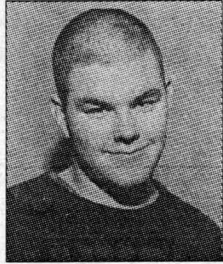
### SUMMER OLYMPIC EVENTS (Solution to word search on page 33)





## Welcome back, Ben!

By Adam Hill (below)



One of Silverado's most beloved students was welcomed back for the new semester after a two-year absence.

**Ben Williams** is remembered as a former football player who suffered a tragic injury. But much more than that, he is remembered as a funny, friendly guy who was loved by everyone who knew him.

### COLLAPSE

It was the first year our school was open, during a JV game at Basic High School. Williams, a sophomore tight end, came off the field complaining of dizziness. Moments later, he collapsed on the sidelines amongst his teammates.

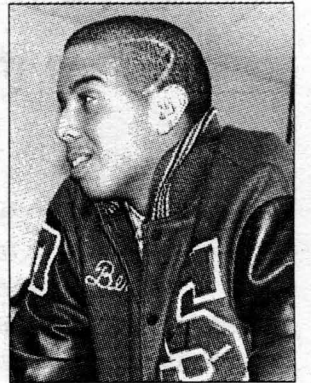
For those of us on the field, it was a horrifying experience. Our friend, our teammate, was lying there unconscious on the sidelines. The ambulance picked him up and rushed him to UMC.

We played the rest of the game in a daze. It was the first such experience that

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most of us had ever had.

It was even a more difficult time for Ben and his family. At the hospital, a blood clot, known as subdural hematoma, was removed to relieve pressure on the brain.



The doctors then put him into a drug-induced coma for one week. For a time, they believed that he would not make it. Still, everyone tried to remain optimistic. He was then put back into a coma because bruises and swelling still existed in his brain.

Various organizations held fundraisers and everyone helped out. One of the most popular fundraisers was the Ben Williams Pancake Breakfast held in the Vons parking lot.

During his recovery, Ben had a prolonged stay in the rehabilitation ward. There, he had to relearn walking, talking, and functioning on a day-to-day basis. He had all these things in his memory, he just needed to bring them out.

Then it was time for Ben to go back to school...but he would not return to Silverado. He was to attend Bonanza where he would be in the Traumatic Brain Unit.

After two years, Ben returned to Silverado and now he will be able to graduate with his friends.

Ben wasn't absent the whole time. He often returned for various sports events and we always welcomed his visits to campus. In this year's first home football game, Ben's #10 was the first retired by any Silverado sports program.

Head football coach John DeNardin was with Ben at the hospital the first night, and he kept in touch with Ben throughout the two years.

"He's been wanting to come back and graduate with his class. It's a great reward for all his hard work to get back where he is," says DeNardin.

Ben's life is certainly progressing better than anyone could have guessed. He plans to attend Santa Barbara City College this fall in his California hometown, in preparation for a transfer to UC Santa Barbara. There, he plans to study either acting or psychology.

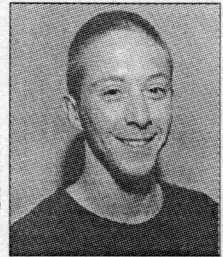
Ben is obviously just as happy about being back as we are about having him here. "I thank God that I'm back here at Silverado with all my friends and family," he says.



## Style? Hair it is!

By Brad Silverstein

Things come, things go, but hair has been around since the dawn of time. I believe hair style is one of the few things I can change. Every generation has had its fad hair-do's, which commonly have been disapproved of by parents.

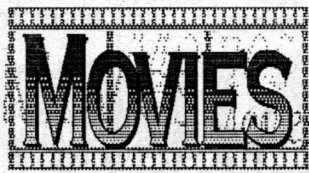
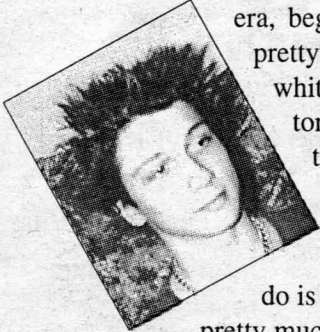


Since the mid-80s, hair styles have gotten out of control with mohawks and shaved heads and long-hairs and ginnie tales. Our parent's generation sported beehives and 'fros. Guys grew their hair long, a drastic change from the clean-cut crew-cut style of the '50s. In the early '70s, guys were suspended from school if their hair was too long! Can you imagine?

If you think the styles have changed drastically, what about the colors?

In the punk rock era, beginning in the late '70s, you could pretty much find any color, including bleached white-blond, neon green and blue. The two-tone job is one that some guys favor...it's the old sun-bleached surfer look in a bottle.

Haircuts have become a form of art and self-expression. All we have to do is mention one name: Dennis Rodman. He pretty much sums up color and personal expression.



*B&B prove stupidity sells*

By Lauren Walsh (below)



Those who doubt the existence of 14 year-olds that impersonate women on the internet should go see Beavis and Butthead's new movie. The theater was packed with pre-pubescent youths stammering "heh-heh-heh."

Fans of B&B's TV show will love this movies. It begins with Beavis dreaming that he is Godzilla. He awakens to find out that the TV is gone -- after many "heh-heh's" he and Butthead realize that it has been stolen.

First they try to replace the TV by stealing one from their school. After they abort that attempt, they try to steal one from a motel. Here, they meet someone who offers them \$10,000 to "do" his ex-wife.

When she finds out what they are there to do, she sends them to another city, and another...so on...

The whole movie revolves around Beavis and Butthead finding their stolen TV set. Not too deep, but a fun way to spend an afternoon.

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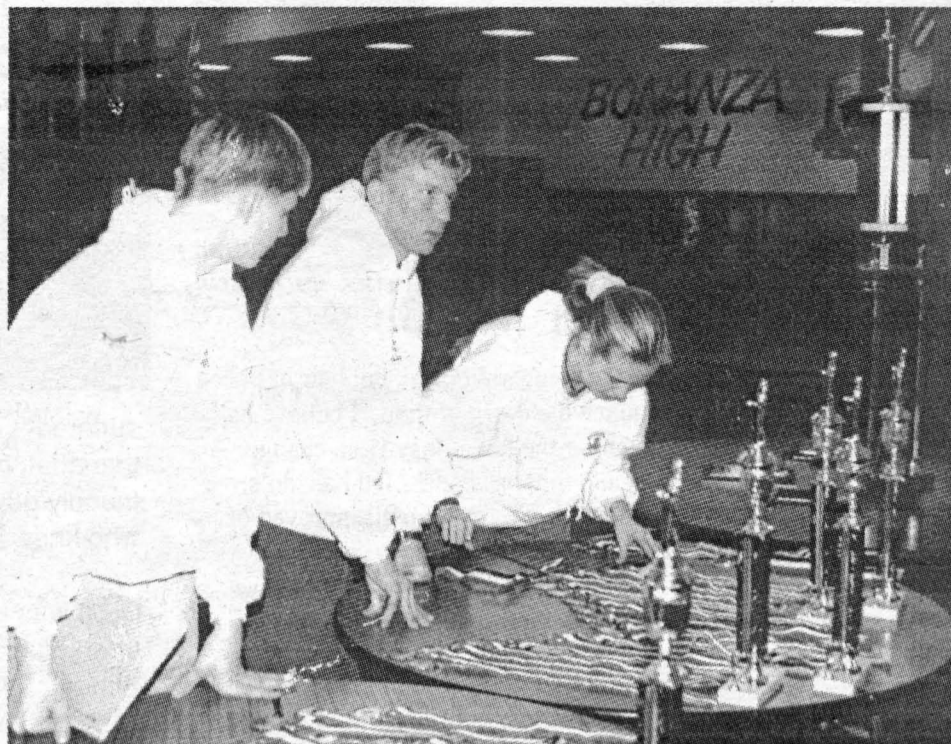
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## To the stars and back

By Michael Romero (left)



SET 'EM UP! Allen Leavitt watches while Harold Trimmer and Amanda Purdy set up the trophies before the awards ceremony on the final day of the three-day Tim Purdy Memorial Debate Tournament.

## TIM PURDY MEMORIAL FORENSICS TOURNAMENT

By Amanda Purdy (below)

While the host school did not win, the fourth annual Tim Purdy Memorial Forensics Tournament was a success, with more than 250 speakers from 15 local high schools participating in the three-day event.

First-year Bengal Coach Chris Meservey offered special thanks to junior **Harold Trimmer** for all his hard work and help in keeping the program on track. At the awards ceremony, he also singled out Bert and Kathy Purdy for their support of the tournament, which is named in memory of their son. Tim Purdy, who died suddenly



from an allergic reaction of a spider bite four years ago, had been an outstanding Bengal debater. His parents wished to see him remembered in some way at Bonanza; so they

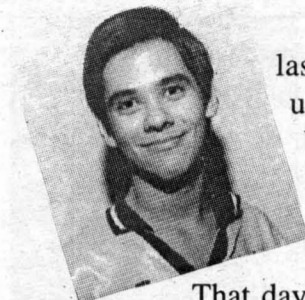
were happy to support the annual speech tournament.

"This tournament is now part of our lives and it always gives us great pleasure to see so many students succeed," say the Purdys.

The Bonanza squad managed a fourth place finish behind Green Valley, whose team of 80 students took a solid first place, while Clark took second and Chaparral placed third.

Forensics President **Jenny Welch** placed second in oratorical interpretation and third in both Lincoln Douglas debate and extemporaneous speaking. **Nicole Bates** earned sixth place in oratory. Novices **Clark Trimmer** and **Damon Schmit** earned third overall in senior division policy debate. Also **Jason Goodman** and **Vassilios George** took fifth in senior division policy debate.

On the last day of January, I embarked on a journey to find *THE TRUTH*.



That day marked the beginning of my seven-day pilgrimage, wherein I saw *Star Wars* seven times.

It was an arduous experience; one requiring the greatest stamina, determination, and devotion, not to mention most of my paycheck.

I guess you could say I like the movie. Some would say I am obsessed. Despite my fixation on Lucas's space fantasy, I had ambiguous feelings on opening night of the re-release. (Either that or the hot dog I had eaten had gone bad.)

In any case, it is scary what can be done to a movie filmed over 20 years ago. To me, "touching up" and adding to *Star Wars* is like rewriting the Bible, but I went anyway because, as some say, I am an obsessive-compulsive nerd. I decided to put up with the mile-long lines and the scary people who thought they were Darth Vader.

It was all worth it! For the first time in my life, I sat with an audience that actually cheered when the lights went down, and again when the show was over. The changes in

*Star Wars* have had a drastic overall effect on the movie, both technically, and on the story line.

The framing mattes that once surrounded the Tie Fighters, making them look like flying boxes, have finally been erased. Extra shots added to the Death Star battle scene make it much more exciting, reminiscent of the space battle in *Return of the Jedi*.

As for the Jabba scene, I have grown to appreciate it, despite its obvious differences from the Jabba in *Return*. It adds a piece to the puzzle that has been missing for a long time. It offers a brief cameo by the fan-favorite Boba Fett, as well.

Unfortunately, the special effects studio was unable to use magic to rid the various characters of the '70s haircuts, and despite many attempts, they also failed to improve the acting of Mark Hamill. The special edition probably could have done without the additions to the Mos Eisley space port, especially since they are 100% computer generated and unnecessary, but for the most part, the enhanced effects and extra footage adds to the *Star Wars* experience.

It is something not to be missed, especially if you are one of the three people in America who actually admit to never seeing the movie of all movies.

## Bonanza students chosen for youth program

By Krista Hershenhaus (below)

Juniors **Melissa Braman**, **Kaneshia Shelton**, and **Brian Turner**, were selected to represent Bonanza this year in the Leadership Las Vegas Youth Program. They were chosen by a Recruiting and Selection Committee that judged them

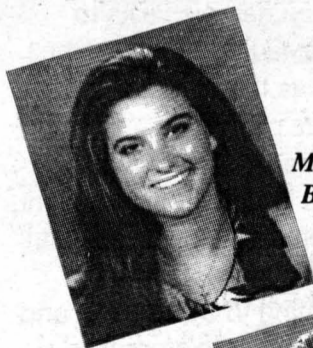
for their interest in leadership and upon their references and an endorsement from principal Dr. Sue DeFrancesco.

The program gives participants the opportunity to strengthen their leadership skills, and find out what they have to offer the community.

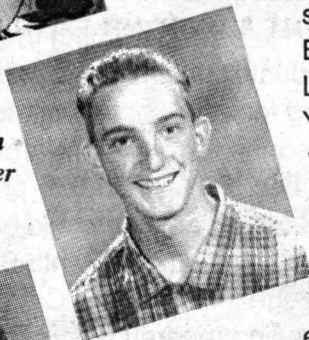
Leadership Las Vegas runs until May, featuring six all-day sessions.

Each session discusses major issues in our community as well as options to maintain a quality environment. During the sessions the participants have the opportunity to meet with civic and government leaders for off-the-record discussions.

The Program is designed to acquaint the participants with community needs and objectives, as well as identifying potential career opportunities. Some of the topics and activities include the economy, the justice system, and community health. Also the program offers a chance to meet new friends.



Melissa Braman



Brian Turner



Kaneshia Shelton





By Joanna Casey, Boulder City

**Metallica**

I like Metallica just as much as the next person, but this album is really pushing it. Metallica was once a great band. Their songs had meaning and their music used to have feeling.

Now it's just....there isn't even a word for it. Metallica needs to go back to metal and stay away from the alternative circuit.

Even though "until it sleeps," "hero of the day," and "bleeding me" are good songs, the magic of the band is gone.

**Alice in Chains Unplugged**

Another band has jumped into the world of acoustic guitars and sit-down concerts: MTV Unplugged. Although most bands unplugged are pretty mediocre, the melancholy tones of Layre Stanley, lead singer for Alice in Chains, gives the album just what it needs to be great, with such songs as "Would," "Rooster," "Down in a Hole" and "No Excuses." This album gives you great listening.

**You don't have to hunt for hunter safety class**

The City of Henderson Parks & Recreation Department with the Nevada Department of Wildlife is sponsoring a hunter's safety workshop Saturday and Sunday, February 22 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Silver Springs Recreation Center in Henderson. The cost of the workshop is only \$5.



National studies show that hunting is far down on the list of dangerous outdoor activities in terms of accidents per number of participants, partly because of classes like this.

Skilled instructors teach the workshop and participants can earn a hunter's safety card upon successful completion of the program. To register, call the Department of Wildlife at 486-5127.

**LOOKING BACK: VIDEO PICKS**

By Renae Ott

I recommend two fabulous but often forgotten films: *Clue* and *Legend*, which are available at your video store.

*Clue* is a fast-paced, hilarious ensemble film based on the board game of the same name and featuring Madeline Kahn, Lesley Ann Warren, Christopher Lloyd and Tim Curry. In this comic murder mystery, a group of strangers (who use the famous pseudonyms made famous in the game) are invited to meet the man who has been blackmailing

them. Laughs never stop as the tale unfolds faster and faster until the murders are revealed...in three different (and equally funny) endings.

On a wholly different note, *Legend* is a whimsical fairytale chock-full of amazing special effects and vivid characters. Starring Mia Sara, Tom Cruise and the astoundingly versatile Tim Curry, *Legend* is a beautifully told piece of fluff...a classic tale of the ultimate battle between good and evil. Curry's performance as Satan is perfect.

- Astounding Facts!**  
**Incredible information!**  
*(How many times can you say "I knew that"?)*
1. On his first world tour, Jimi Hendrix toured with The Monkees.
  2. Kevin Costner's big break? One scene as a corpse in the 1980s Yuppie hit "The Big Chill."
  3. The original lead singer of Black Sabbath was the mighty Ozzy Osbourne.
  4. Before Han Solo, Harrison Ford played a teen cowboy in a wonderful film called "American Graffiti."
  5. Rap artist Coolio owns a chain of California hair salons called Whoop-De-Do.
  6. Originally cast as Marty McFly in "Back to the Future" was Eric Stoltz of "Pulp Fiction." Michael J. Fox took over after three weeks of rehearsal.
  7. Sheryl Crow played back-up for Don Henley on the album "The End of the Innocence."
  8. Robin Williams' hit series "Mork and Mindy" was a spin-off of "Happy Days."
  9. Sharon Stone's first starring role in a feature film was as a woman driven to insanity in "Scissors."
  10. What was Johnny Depp's first feature film? The first "Nightmare on Elm Street."

**FEBRUARY FIND-A-WORD PUZZLE: SUMMER OLYMPIC EVENTS**

Find the words listed to the right in the puzzle below. These words will be in a straight line, but may be backwards or forwards, up or down or diagonal. Circle them as you find them. A score of 20-26 is astoundingly brilliant; 15-19 is pretty darn fine; 10-15 is okay but you got lazy. Under 10, well you fell asleep, right?

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- DISCUS
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- MARATHON
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- SWIMMING
- TABLE TENNIS
- TENNIS
- VOLLEYBALL
- WATER POLO
- WEIGHT LIFTING
- WRESTLING
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**INNER-CITY GAMES 1997 CALLS FOR ENTRIES**

Last year, the first year of the Greater Las Vegas Inner-City Games, more than 1,000 students took part in a competition for writers and artists. One category is for teenagers in grades 9-12.

**DEADLINE: MARCH 11 FOR ART & WRITING ENTRIES!**

This year's theme is "Who Am I?" You may send in a short story, poem, news article, or artwork in any medium for this contest.

Prizes will range from \$100 to \$1,000, for first, second and third-place winners.

To help students with their entries, local professional artists and writers will offer workshops..

**REGISTER NOW FOR SPORTING EVENTS**

Registration will continue from February 18 through March 14 for eight different sports clinics and competitions. These include:

I basketball I martial arts I soccer I swimming I track and field I tennis I volleyball I and hip-hop dancing.

For further information, call 223-5300.



## Senator discusses teen concerns

By Veronica Marsh & Cliff McMacken

U.S. Senator Harry Reid addressed many issues important to teens during a recent interview with local journalism students.

The Senator does not believe that drugs should be legalized. He says, "You can't win a war by surrendering." He believes that big drug companies, which created drugs like heroin and speed, should be forced to deal with the effects of their actions.

According to the senator, heroin was originally a cough suppressant. When patients were asked how the drug made them feel, they replied, "like a hero." The makers of these drugs should find a way to cure addicts. He would also like to see drug education programs in junior high and high school students.

Senator Reid is pro-death penalty and an advocate of stricter prisons. If a judge gives a verdict of life without the possibility of parole, he expects the criminal to spend the rest of his life in prison.

Though Reid is in favor of rehabilitation programs, he believes inmates are in prison to be punished, not get a free ride. Criminals should be performing community service, not lounging around watching cable on T.V.

He also says that, whether a criminal is a juvenile or an adult, they should be treated equally by the judicial system. The same crime deserves the same punishment.

Although Senator Reid is a democrat, he is anti-abortion. This excludes special cases like rape and incest. According to him, people need to speak out against teenage pregnancy. The average age of the man who impregnates a girl is six years older than that girl.

Senator Reid says, "Fathers should get jobs or perform community service to support their children...unwanted pregnancy could be avoided by sex education and the use of birth control."

## Did 'Worm' learn his lesson?

By Elmer Montero (left)



Dennis Rodman, one of the most colorful players in sports, is also known as "The Worm." He plays for the Chicago Bulls and is called the "bad boy" of basketball.

On the positive side, Rodman is part of the most versatile team in the league. He has been the leading rebounder for the last six seasons. The Bulls won 72 games in the 1995-1996 season, with Dennis in the starting line-up, and they won their fourth championship in the 1990s.

You have to respect this man for what he stands for, whatever it is. At least he speaks his mind. Even through he might curse on the air, give him credit for his courage to say the things he has to say.

On the negative side, the Worm causes a lot of trouble for the National Basketball Association. Those tattoos and dyed hair give the message that he's going to get under the skin of other players. He bad-mouths people when he feels like it. It's not his fault.....it's just his nature.

Is there any way to stop Rodman for his antics on the court?



He has: tripped players on purpose, skipped team practices, started fights, head-butted referees, and recently kicked a cameraman in the groin. For this, Rodman was suspended for 11 games and had to pay a large fine, as well as paying the cameraman \$200,000 to drop the charges.

The cameraman incident pushed Commissioner David Stern to take drastic measures. He required Rodman to go through counseling for his behavior. Some speculate that Stern wants to make an example of Rodman. If the Worm has another violation, he will be out of the league permanently.

The NBA reinstated Dennis Rodman just a few days ago. We'll see if he can stay "well behaved" in the coming months; the Bulls will need him when the playoffs come around.

Have the suspension and the fine taught him a lesson? Only time will tell.

## A Message to fellow African-Americans

By La Keysha Collins

One month of the year is dedicated to the culture, leadership, and struggle of the African-American race. Some say it's a shame that it only occurs one month out of the year, but others see it as an open doorway for expressions of wisdom and feelings that have been on minds, or in our lives year round.

It is tradition to salute African-Americans during February. Too often we tend to stick with familiar names such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Harriet Tubman, and Rosa Parks. In doing so, we are closing our minds to other African-Americans whose small triumphs may have had just as much impact.

African-Americans have struggled so hard to accomplish things we overlook in everyday life. In the early 1900s it was a crime for an African-American to be educated. Learning to read and write was prohibited.

Think what it was like not to be able to communicate with those you had to part from, or something as simple as not being able to spell your own name!

So, when you're in class sleeping or paying "half-attention," just think: It wasn't too long ago that you wouldn't have been allowed in school.

I am not asking you to discover a cure for AIDS or be the first to walk on Pluto. I'm just telling you to get all you can from the education offered to you and leave your mark.

Take all the struggles you have endured and have yet to endure and turn them into triumphs. Whether they be little or big, it doesn't matter. It may be in basketball or in science, but, whatever you do, do it well. And, with that said, I leave you with the words of Frederick Douglas,

**"Without struggle there is no progress."**

## Five tips how not to hurl on Valentine's Day

By Michelle Sproul (left)



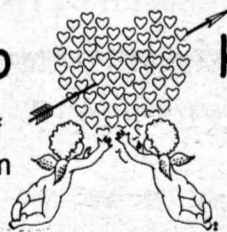
Valentine's Day: a time full of forget-me-nots and long-stem roses, couples cuddling in the halls and meaningful looks across the room between star-struck lovers.

Make you sick? Definitely. Not everyone can be so lucky as these fortunate souls.

So, if seeing "goo-goo eyes" everywhere makes you want to hurl, don't worry. You're not alone. This doesn't mean you're anti-social, or even that you're disgusted by love. It just means that, like millions of other teenagers, you feel alone, and seeing your buddies in lip-locks around campus isn't very helpful.

To help combat your Valentine blues (or the need for one hefty brown bag), here are a few pointers:

1. When little, pink hearts are making you gag, just remember there's some other pink stuff you can add to your Valentine's list — Pepto Bismol.
2. When faced with couples smooching in the halls, resist the urge to smash their heads together. (If one of



them has braces, they may wind up bonded permanently and then we'd all have to see it!)

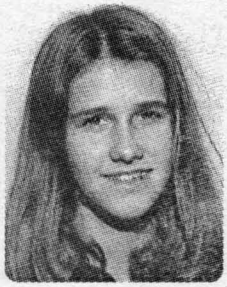
3. If that geeky admirer you've been dodging between classes, happens to humiliate you by sending roses, think of several options: one, there's a trash can at nearly every doorway, and two, you can always give them back with the hopes that he/she impales a finger upon a thorn. Hey, love hurts, doesn't it?

4. Unless you plan to buy gallons of Clearasil and have Jenny Craig as a best friend, avoid the temptation to finish off the box of chocolates you sent yourself to tick-off your (not so) significant other.

5. Think of Cupid as just another guy with an abnormal dislike of clothing and a psychotic impulse to flutter around, firing gold-tipped arrows at people.

These tips come from the heart (I thought you might like to hear that horrific phrase once more.) But you have to admit Valentine's Day is not all bad. So get out there, pass out some mushy little cards and make some memories. (It only last 24 hours.)





## So who's sitting and moping?

By Kellie Haycock (left)  
& Stephanie Stonex

**It's that time of year again! A time where those who have relationships and crushes live it up, while the rest of us wallow in self-pity.**

Without a loved one to share Valentine's Day with, the natural thing to do is whine about how pathetic your love life is. At first your friends may take pity and feel sorry for you, but after countless hours of complaint even your best friends stop listening.

Everyone knows how it feels to be alone, but on February 14th it's like a big slap in the face. It is not enough that you must suffer depression alone during the month of February, but you are constantly reminded of your loneliness everywhere you look.

You can't go anywhere without seeing dozens of roses for sale, hearts strung up as decorations, and teddy bears that say "I Love You." You walk into a store and are surrounded by red, white, pink and candy in heart-shaped boxes. Even television movies all portray sweethearts and Valentine crushes.

While everyone is out on the

town for a romantic evening with their loved one, what will you and your lonely self be doing?

Will you sit at home reading romantic novels and wishing your love life was like those characters?

Will you sit at home moping and talking on the phone to a fellow loner and feel sorry for yourselves?

You could cry yourself to sleep with a big box of Kleenex on the nightstand.

You could always choose to stock up on your favorite junk food, soda, and the all-time best 'chick flicks' or you can get over feeling sorry for yourself and still have a fun time hanging out with your friends.

So what if it's Valentine's Day, no one ever said you need a loved one to have a good time. After all, Valentine's Day is only 24 short hours!

What is one day out of the year when you still have 364 more days to find the perfect Valentine?



## We must take part in democracy of school

By Laura Henderson (right)

*"How did she win Prom queen? She's uglier than my cross eyed parakeet."*

*"Joe for class president? He can't even tie his own shoe laces. How is he going to run our class?"*

Do you ever find yourself asking these questions after a school election? Do you disagree with the people who are running your school? Are you sick of seeing the same group of people up on the wall? Well, did you vote in your school election?

It's cast your ballot or shut your mouth, because people who don't take part in elections have no right to complain when the results aren't how they want them to be.

One excuse is that one vote won't make a difference; that is so untrue. There have been times when one vote determined the outcome of an election. Plus if everybody thought that way then nobody would vote.

According to Ms. Ginger, out of roughly 2,600 students only 600 students vote for Homecoming royalty, 300 for student body

president and as little as 200 for advisory board and class committee. Don't leave these important decisions to a few hundred students who may have totally different opinions than you. If you believe your opinion is really worth something, then make it count.

The saddest part is that not even half of those who are able to vote in our country's national elections do. This means they don't care about voting for who will run their country for the next four years. Many citizens who don't vote are uneducated and in the lower classes of society. They don't vote because they are uninformed and unconcerned with the election. So if by not voting one is labeled as uneducated and uninformed, why don't we show that we are better than that?

It's true that these people are voting for our nation's president or whether or not to pass policies which may affect our lives. We vote on prom court and class presidents. By getting interested in what your government (whether it be school or national) does now can only help you to more involved in the future.

Let's show that our generation is grateful for freedom and will take part in our democracy.



## THE WAY I SEE IT

By Kristi Hartz

### *Not only changes in your school, but changes in your friends*

I wonder why everyone is so concerned about changes in our schools but not changes in the people around them? Sometimes I ponder the changes in my closest friends.

Take "Louise." She used to be more goody-goody than I was; school used to brighten her day. Now she just gets high and parties with her new, always strung-out friends. I look at her and think: is it because her parents are like that, or is it because she really couldn't care less about how she ends up?

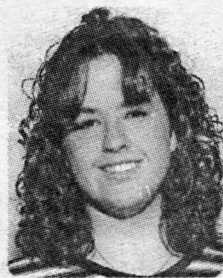
Louise used to say, "I'll never be like her! She isn't anything but a druggie and a whore! I hate her!"

She said that about her mother. My mother would never ask for marijuana for Mother's Day. But after Louise started getting high, that's all her mom ever wanted from her — for her teenage daughter to get her loaded.

#### 'HATE' USUALLY NOT MEANT

Your family is there to set a good example for you and to love through the hardest times. Sure, you might get mad and tell your mom you hate her, but I don't think, down deep, you really mean it.

The one time I ever told my mom to her face that I hated her, and a lot of other unkind words, she put me in my place.



I really couldn't blame her for reacting that way. She was right, without her or my dad I wouldn't be here.

Louise doesn't feel the same as I do because her parents contributed to the bad things she did instead of helping her.

Now Louise is pregnant and, as far as I know, still up to the same things. I hope she realizes that she doesn't have to be like her parents.

If a mother can't give her child a better home than the one the mother has, she should have the common sense not to keep the child, even if she just puts the child in foster care until she's able to care for it.

#### MORE TO LIFE THAN PARTYING

I'm not trying to say that you shouldn't party, because I'm "guilty" of it, but I realize that there is more to life. Sooner or later, it will catch up with you.

High School is to change your life, but you really can't have a life on your own, wasted, still living off mommy and daddy, and without an education.

All I'm trying to say is: you want to be treated like an adult. Well, take on adult responsibilities — get that job and deal with everything sober.

## HUH?

(Bits and pieces from answers given by kids in other schools)

**"Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered American while cursing about the Atlantic."**

**"One of the causes of the Revolutionary War was that the English put tacks in their tea."**

**"Benjamin Franklin invented electricity by rubbing cats backward."**



A PIECE OF MY MIND

Wanna go to college? Try breaking laws

By Jennifer Ripplinger  
Boulder City High School

A few Sundays ago, I saw an article that discussed complaints that college classes are no longer readily available to prisoners — and the “economic consequences” that fewer college courses will bring.

This caused me to wonder about a society where law-abiding citizens are sometimes unable to attend college; yet, a person who robbed a bank is freely given college classes.

WANDERING

Many argue that, unless educated, these prisoners will go “right back to their life of crime,” and, if not in class, these prisoners spend their time wandering around the prison yard.

However, if we want to be sure there are no repeat of fenders, prisoners should be given stiffer punishments...punishments that fit the crime they committed.

And if these prisoners have so much extra time that they just walk around the prison yard, they should have to do something constructive, such as working to pay back victims of their crimes.

I'm not saying these prisoners shouldn't be given a chance for a higher education; uneducated people, ex-convict or not, pose a problem for society.

GIVE \$15,300 TO LAW-ABIDING KIDS

However, I do think that the \$15,300 spent yearly on each Nevada prisoner should be given to students who obey the laws.

But until this happens, if you feel you won't be able to support yourself through college, grab a gun, rob a store, and in prison you may be one of the lucky convicts who attend college at no cost to you.

EDUCATION

From “If My Boss Calls, Get His Name” by Vince Spezzano (Reprinted by permission)

- Kids love school. It's graduating they're not too thrilled with.
- Teachers are people who used to like children.

CHAPARRAL Feb. 19-22

Eight fine plays for price of one

The Advance Drama Students of Chaparral High will present a Festival of One-Act Plays, all directed by the students, February 19-22 at the school.

Eight lively plays, some very short, cover two evenings. You can buy the two-night package for just \$4 or attend just one night for \$3. (See, you not only have twice the fun by seeing all eight plays, you save money!)

The plays are “The Philadelphia,” directed by theatre student **Gigi Ghazal**; “The Make-up Artist,” directed by **Lalae Azodi**; “Bridal Terrorism,” **Kelly Johnson**; “Death Knocks,” **Tina Jewett**; “Totally Cool,” **Dusty Furlong**; “Mine's Better than Yours,” directed AND written by **Anthony Montano**; plus two one-act plans to be announced.

For reservations or more information, call 799-7632.

L.V. ACADEMY Feb. 27-March 1



The Importance of Being Earnest

By Megan Capehart (left)  
Las Vegas Academy

Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* has been entertaining audiences, British and American alike, for 100 years and now makes its debut at the Las Vegas Academy of Performing Arts this month. The cast of nine will perform the British classic tongue-in-cheek comedy in the Black Box Theatre at LVA, Thursday through Saturday (Feb. 27-March 1) at 7:00, with a 2:30pm matinee on Friday. The director is Carrie Barnhardt.

Starring in *The Importance of Being Earnest* are **Matt Gubler** as John Worthing and **Sean Bray** as Algernon, the character Oscar Wilde fashioned after himself.

Other members of the cast include **Michael Speegle, Cassie Coleman, Tara Adams, Kristee Cook, Lucynda Pardey, Dan Feeley and Krystel Williams**. The student director is **Jaron Greenberg**.

The writer of *Earnest* created this play on words and mistaken identities as a mockery of the 1890s high society in London. The play has fast-paced, physical, sharp-witted comedy.

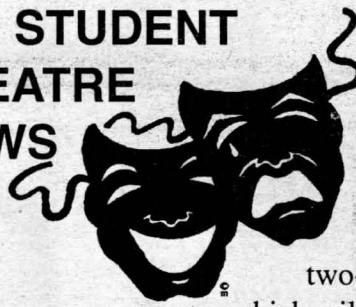
Oscar Wilde himself was considered quite inappropriate and flamboyant in his time. In fact, when he wrote *Earnest* he could not find a theater that would allow him to perform it. The preface to the play notes that “four days after the opening of his last and finest comedy (*Earnest*), the succession of events began that brought about his disgrace, imprisonment, and exile.”

THEATRE 'HISTORY'

The following is from a report written by a student in a school that will remain anonymous:

“Abraham Lincoln...signed the Emasculation Proclamation. In 1865 Lincoln got shot by an actor. His name was John Wilkes Booth. this ruined Booth's career.”

STUDENT THEATRE NEWS



CLARK Feb. 27-March 1

Drivin' daddy nuts

It's well known that parents don't understand their teenagers and teenagers don't understand their parents. This is the theme of the two-act comedy “The Impossible Years,” which will be presented by Clark High School's *Acting Connection*.

Show dates are February 27 & 28 and March 1, 7pm in Clark's theater. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door. This play takes a look at the antics of 17-year-old Linda...a typical teenager, with a typical room, typical parents, and not-so-typical social life.

Her father, a psychiatrist, is working at home and is driven crazy by Linda's many friends, especially the guys. Take, for example, Smuts...a painter of sorts, with a motorcycle and a fetish for nude models.

This play is full of characters that make you laugh from act one to curtain call. You're invited to join this romp through all-too familiar teenagers' years.

The talented actors of the *Acting Connection* are: **Mike Laussade, Brittany Buchanan, Alyssa Santos, Christina Minnick, Andy Mauer, John Tran, Hanna Kim, Brianna Zimmerman, Triston Ivory, Will Adamson, James Hymer, Krisna Wymore, and Jeff Sherman**.

“The Impossible Years” is under the student directorship of **Will Adamson** and **Carrol Staton**, the director of Clark High School's *Acting Connection*.

Guys and Dolls

GORMAN March 5-8



GUYS & DOLLS. From left: Paolo Raho, Megan Miller, Jaymie Profico and Brian Dermody.

Theatre students and musicians will set a precedent March 5-8 when they take Gorman's spring production of *Guys and Dolls* into the historic Huntridge Theatre.

The cast includes **Jamie Profico**, a junior, as Sister Sarah; **Brian Dermody**, senior, as Sky Masterson; **Paolo Raho**, senior, as Nathan Detroit; **Megan Miller**, sophomore, as Adelaide; **Chris deJoseph**, junior, as Nicely Nicely; **Ishmael Johnson**, senior, as Benny; and **Paul Lewis**, a senior, as Rusty Charlie.

The orchestra combines student and local professional musicians. Choreography is by three of the famous Rockettes (now visiting Las Vegas from Radio City Music Hall in New York).

The 50+ year old Huntridge closed when its roof caved in 18 months ago. It has been restored and is a true performing arts theatre. The Gorman production will be the first to use the new facilities (including the new orchestra pit) since the Huntridge's restoration.

Tickets go on sale February 24. For information, call Gorman High at 732-1945.