

# CONNECTION

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## Shelton bids farewell to Cy-Creek

by Drew Jenkins

After the final bell has rung and the students have all gone home, the abandoned hallways and silent classrooms of a school make for a peaceful end to another hectic day that is usually enjoyed by its teachers and administrators alike. For Cypress Creek Principal Mr. Joe Shelton however, this quiet time is a slightly painful reminder of all of the sounds and activities that he will miss in the near future. Yet, it is also a time that he uses to think of the change and the challenge that lies ahead.

The big change that Mr. Shelton is about to face is that, after being the principal at Cy-Creek for eight years, he is being promoted to the Cypress Fairbanks I.S.D. Central Office where he will be the new Personnel Director for Support Staff. This new position leaves him in charge of the hiring of the maintenance workers, custodians, secretaries, security officers, and bus drivers for the entire district.

Mr. Shelton's replacement will be Mrs. Jan Aragon, who is currently the Principal of Cook Junior High School. He feels very comfortable about her becoming the new Principal here.

"Mrs. Aragon is a very fair, loving, and caring administrator, and a very close friend," Mr. Shelton said. "She will be excellent for Cypress Creek High School."

Mr. Shelton started his teaching career in 1960 at Reagan High School. There, he taught math classes, shop classes, and he coached. After that, he worked as a H.I.S.D. truant officer for a brief period, and coached at Black and Jane Long Junior High Schools.

His administrative career began in 1971. He has been the Assistant Principal at Channelview, C.E. King, and Cy-Fair High Schools. He was also the Associate Principal at Cy-Fair for four years.

Mr. Shelton became the Principal at Cy-Creek in 1981. Since then, he has originated several organizations that have been beneficial to the school, such as the student and teacher advisory committees, a hall of fame for distinguished students, and

the "VIP" Parent Volunteer Program. He has also been a member of the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals for the last six years.

Mr. Shelton has recently originated an All-State Academic Team. This program will honor the 20 most academically outstanding students throughout Texas.

Next year, Mr. Shelton will be missed by many faculty members and students as well.

"I am at Cy-Creek because of Mr. Shelton. He has not been just a 'boss', but guide, teacher, and friend to me," Associate Principal Ms. Carol Bryant said.



Although he will no longer be Cy-Creek's Principal, Mr. Shelton plans to attend many of the school's sporting events

and other activities in the future. He says he is glad Cy-Creek has given him the opportunity to be a part of it.

"I'll have a continued devotion to Cypress Creek, and I plan on never being a principal of another school," he said.

## PROFILE

### Joseph H. Shelton



**Birthday:** 2-9-37

**Place of Birth:** Houston, Texas

**Marital Status:** Married 31 years to LaVelle Shelton, senior counselor at Jersey Village with two children: Sheryll and Steve.

**High school:** Jeff Davis

**Role Models:** Carlos Watkins, principal of Cy-Fair; Doak Walker, All-American Football player for Texas.

**First Job:** Coaching football, basketball, baseball, and taught drafting, shop, health, and math at Reagan Senior High.

**Interesting Facts:** Coached Patrick Swayze and attended school with Kenny Rogers.

**Most Memorable Experience at Cypress Creek:** During his first year here, he attended a football game against Cy-Fair which the Cougars won by a score of 7-6. When he walked into the pep rally before the game, he could feel the excitement given off by the crowd, and it carried on to the game.

**What would you like to be remembered for:** A successful principal who set high academic standards for students at school and a fair and just man who was willing to listen, to compromise and to change things.

**What message would you like to leave to Cy-Creek:** I'd like to let them know that there is someone who cares and will listen to their problems. I will miss the close association with the students. My love and pride in the school will never change, but I know that changes are sometimes necessary. I want Mrs. Aragon to be supported by the students and faculty. I want the students to strive to the best that they can, whatever they do in their lives.

# OPINION

## OFF THE WALL

### Eat my asphalt, Maxine!

By Alex Rankell

I started across the shimmering, sun-baked asphalt looking for any signs of movement in the empty parking lot. Deciding it was safe, I turned the ignition and slowly began to creep out of the space. Then, out of the sun, speeding straight toward me like some crazed kamikaze pilot came Mad Maxine, Silverado from Hell. It screamed and threw my car into drive in a vain attempt to escape her. At the last possible second she swerved, narrowly avoiding my rear bumper. She then made a beeline to the exit, leaving a trail of squashed cross-country runners and band instruments. Trailing out into the main road she succeeded in cutting off a cement mixer and sending a school bus reeling into the ditch. I sighed and thought to myself that if only more str-

denters drove as safely as her, the school parking lot might not be such a frightening place. Granted, Cypress Creek's parking is not the most dangerous place on the Earth (I'm sure Secret is a nastier place) but it is at least in the top ten. It seems to have a weird affect on people, akin to a full moon and a werewolf, that sets it apart from anyplace else. Parking lot dangers fall into ten categories, ranked from the mildly disturbing to the life threatening.

9. Zombies - People that haven't been getting to bed on time and are concentrating on walking to their class period without falling over. They usually decide to walk in front of your car when you are about 4-5 feet from them.

8. Those Darn Speedbumps - Did they really have to make those things 4 feet high?

7. Vultures - The wrecker drivers that wait around the lot during bad seasons to see if they can tow anybody.

6. THE NEW, IMPROVED LANE ARROWS - Does anyone really think that an arrow painted on the ground will stop someone from driving on the wrong side of the road if they really want to leave.

5. Shaggy People - The people that insist they are going to enter the parking lot from 2:45-3:00 on any given day.

4. Teachers with an Attitude - Teachers that have had a bad day and want to rid the world of at least one rocky teenager.

3. Battering Rams - People that have just received their licenses and/or think driving is one big video game. Drive with the Bounce method. They bounce around between cars like a great big pinball until they finally are bounced out onto the road.

2. Cool Doobies - People that drive fast and make a lot of scratches so they look hip. Usually they don't pay much attention to direction.

1. Silverados - Put them behind the wheel and that cute, high-kicking babe can turn into one vicious chick. If you see one, pray for mercy.

I don't think reasons can ever be fathomed for why the above things occur. I guess the lot just offers students a great place to let out their frustrations, get back at the world, or just to mean to someone for a few minutes. It's probably very therapeutic. One thing that can be said for the parking lot however: After this you can drive in anything!



## Calendar

MARCH	
1-3	UIL One Act Play 6-9 p.m. in auditorium
4	Cheerleader Competition (Fame City)
6	District Science Fair (Cy-Fair)
7	Career Night 7:20 p.m. in auditorium
11	Houston Fest German Competition (I of H)
14	8th Grade Orientation 8-12 p.m. (Commons)
15	Cheerleader Try-outs 10:00 Round Ball Winter Banquet
17-18	State Swim Meet at UT/Austin
29-30	Silverado Officer Try-outs
30-31	Houston Engineer & Science Fair (Astroball)
31	Freshman Dance

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# FEATURES

## Spots, shots and agony

By Gretchen Hill

Since early December, the Houston/Harris county area has been plagued with a disease that most people had thought to be long gone, the measles. Despite all of the immunizations, somehow somebody caught the disease and brought it to Houston, creating chaos in Houston clinics.

Although many students who were immunized between 1971 and 1980 are immune, they received a vaccine called the Moraten Strain vaccine, some are not protected because the dosage was not refrigerated at the appropriate stabilizer was inactive causing the vaccine to be basically worthless.

"It's unfair. The precautions should have been taken beforehand when the shot was given," senior Andrew Smith said.

Regardless, it happened, so the Center of Disease Control has adapted a new policy. The policy states that during the course of an epidemic where transmission of measles is identified in a school, all individuals within that school who have not been immunized subsequent to 1980 should be reimmunized.

There are many symptoms which accompany the measles. These include: red, irritated eyes, colds, aches and pains, fevers, and of course the well-known red dots. The incubation lasts for about 11 days, beginning three to four days before the rash appears.

Okay, so there are the facts, but does this really have an effect upon the student?

"I'm not worried because, I have other things socially and academically to worry about," junior Janice Gaynor stated.

Some students, such as junior John Turner, are going to rely on the shot they had previously, and hope it was administered correctly.

Even though the disease has not hit the halls of Cypress Creek, there have been cases reported within our district, and many cases in the Klein district as well.

"We are currently not advising students to get the shot," school nurse Mrs. Marlye Wilson said, though she recommends students to find the date of their last vaccination, and ask their doctors for advice.

Harris County Health Department holds a clinic the first Friday of each month. The shot is given at the Manual Baptist Church on the corner of Spring Cypress and Bondur. The cost is \$2.00, and the clinic is open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

## BRIEFS

### AFS hosts Mass. students

During the week of February 13th through the 20th, the Cypress Creek AFS chapter played host to 16 exchange students and their four chaperones. These exchange students were not from another country, however, but from Easton, Connecticut. While here, the visitors were treated to the main attractions of our city which included a trip to NASA, Galveston, and, of course, the rodeo. The attending students were as follows: Josh Gordon, Greg Shangs-

hoed, Stephanie Hill, Carl Linquist, Tim Mala, David Schmitt, Steve Cooper, Dan Touman, Ed Brinson, Andrea Mattison, Regina Wlodarski, Colleen Joyce, Jody Silverman, Sarah Dible, Wendy Millower, Marylou Demosselle, Erica Cebulski, and Brenda Silveri. Chaperones were: Mr. and Mrs. Cebulski and Mr. and Mrs. Mala. Representatives from Cypress Creek will be attending school in Connecticut during spring break.

### NHS begins inductions

National Honor Society will be inducting new members during the spring semester. Qualifications include:

- 1) Must be a junior
- 2) Must have an overall GPA of at least 5.6000

- 3) Must have verification of service and leadership activities
- Invitations to all eligible students will be sent out the week of March 13 during junior English classes. Induction ceremonies will be held April 4.

### Blood Drive successful

Thanks Cy-Creek! This semester's blood drive was a true success. Through donations of faculty, administration and students, Health Occupations received a whopping 133 units of blood. The units of blood collected will be distributed throughout the Houston area to med-stops and hospitals.

The blood itself can be divided into three individual components, therefore serving three different purposes. Although most chose to give blood in order to miss a class or two, just think of it this way - you not only gave blood, you also gave life.

### NFL racks up wins

In the last regular season tournament of the year, Cy-Creek's NFL traveled to Klon on Feb. 10-11. Advancing to finals were Shane Auipua, 6th overall. In debate, the CCX team of sophomores Stephen Lloyd and Jon Sacks played fifth with Stephen as 4th top speaker in his division. In Novoc CX, these debaters advanced to Semi-finals missing Finals round by one point.

Saadia Fauz won first place. They will be advancing to state appearance at Regional Mock Trial Competition at South Texas College on Feb. 25 were seniors Janice Bala and Allison Eaves, junior Dave Gosald, and sophomore Stephen Lloyd.

### Rush registration

Attention Senior Girls: Do you plan to attend a college with national sororities? Are you interested in going through Rush? The Northwest Harris County Panhellenic Association invites you to attend a Rush seminar and registration on Monday, March 13. Rush registration packets, to be completed and returned to the Rush seminar, are available in the counselors' office.

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# NEWS

## Seniors keep class while enjoying fair

by Jennifer Brooks



Paul Latwood and Caroline look at Blue purchases during the Economics Fair.

or on video tape, were shown to the prospective customers prior to the fair and again at the fair.

"It was so embarrassing to show my commercial, but it was fun, I guess," senior Amy Hill said.

Each participating student was given 10 dollars in "funny" money, and on the day of the fair, they had to sell their products and purchase any other items they wished to buy. With such a large crowd of "students and teachers" in the "market place" at the same time, things tended to be rather chaotic.

"Our product started selling slowly, but since we lowered our price it seemed everyone wanted one," senior Allison Kava said.

Once the fair was over, and all of the money counted, the seniors were left with items ranging from "canned" animals, Texas Snowmen, and painted T-shirts to fellow students singing the classics from the 60's on tape.

The commercials, either live

# NEWS

## Students share and compare worlds

by Diana Davis

"Do they speak English?" "What should we say?" But, after a few minutes, the tension relaxed and Cy-Creek students realized that, although a world away, the Soviet exchange students had many of the same problems with boys, girls and parents, that American teenagers have.

"When we picked them up from Bellaire High School where they were housed with the Bellaire Russian language students, I couldn't tell the difference between the Soviet students and the Americans," World Area Studies teacher Mrs. Linda Chancellor said.

The conversation included preference of rock groups, clothing styles and the differences between the Soviet Union and America. Marina Merkulova, Egor Korotkov, and Elena

Vavilova looked like Americans and acted like Americans. The main differences between their lives and the typical American teenager's are the school systems. They go to school for eight months a year and six days a week, and graduate when they are 16.

As elsewhere in Europe, they cannot drive until they are 18, but they go out on dates and to the movies just as in America.

"They don't have cars because they have to put their name on a list to wait for a car. It could take years. They still go out with their girlfriends just like we do though," Senior Eric Brian said.

They were asked if they felt oppressed in the Soviet Union, and their answer was, unanimously, no.

They said they liked the look of the American culture, the music and the way Americans



Student Council member Eric Brian chats with Russian Exchange student Elena Vavilova.

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They were excited about returning home with the gifts from Texas and hope the friends they made here will continue correspondence through letters once they return to the Soviet Union," Senior Shelby Stonecipher said.

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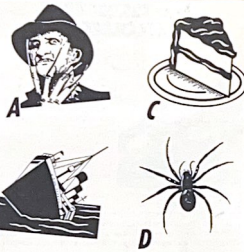
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## S.P.A.R.K.S. Club shows enthusiasm helping handicapped

by Elaine Flint

S.P.A.R.K.S., Special People Assisting Retarded Kids to Succeed, has recently been formed here. Other high schools in the Cy-Fair school district have been active with the club previously, but a desire has just been shown here at Cypress Creek this year.

Education about handicapped people is not required to join. "It's a self-rewarding experience that makes you feel great knowing that you are helping special kids," sophomore Jennifer Chappie said.

S.P.A.R.K.S. members helped out with basketball practices at Cook Junior High, now they are assisting with track practices at Langham Creek.

"S.P.A.R.K.S. is an easy way to help a worthwhile cause," junior Nancy Flint said. Members will be volunteering

at the Rice University track meet on April 14 and 15, and the Austin chapter meet during April 22-29.

A walkathon/bikeathon, which was held on March 11 in Jersey Village, was sponsored by S.P.A.R.K.S. The event was not limited to club members; anybody could have participated.

The clubs sponsored by English teacher Terri McCoy, and sophomore English teacher Bruce Marshall. Marshall also trained athletes for the Paralympics in Seoul last year.

"I am very impressed with their response that S.P.A.R.K.S. students have shown in their participation and enthusiasm. It's great to see young people caring so much for handicapped people," Marshall said.

"S.P.A.R.K.S. is always welcoming new members," Marshall added.

# THE SAGA CONTINUES...



by Alex Ruszell

Spring Break. Two little words that make all the difference in the world for the average high school student. It is the best of times, it is the worst of times (depending on what your definition of worst is). It offers the chance to act really stupid, to get some much needed relaxation, to get violently ill, or to get into all kinds of interesting trouble. But the greatest value in Spring Break is that it gets us away from the same routine that we've been going through for the past seven months, namely school.

Spring Break couldn't come any sooner this year, people are already starting to loose their minds from the tedium and pressures they've been experiencing in the past seven months. Students report frequent hallucinations, increased ulcer risk,

upset stomachs, and occasional Mental Meltdowns (which are fun and informative to watch, especially when the person begins to actually try and eat their textbooks). Also, apathy is at an all time high during this time. Those pesky little things called "grades" just don't seem that important anymore. Tests are scoffed at, homework a convenient forgotten, and "calling in sick" becomes more and more of an attractive option. What does a student need to combat these vague rumblings of insanity and rebelliousness? He needs a good vacation.

The success of your spring break rests upon your choice of how to spend it. The more trouble you cause, the better. Examples of things not to do during your week of fun and frolic:

- Anything involving school-

work of any kind

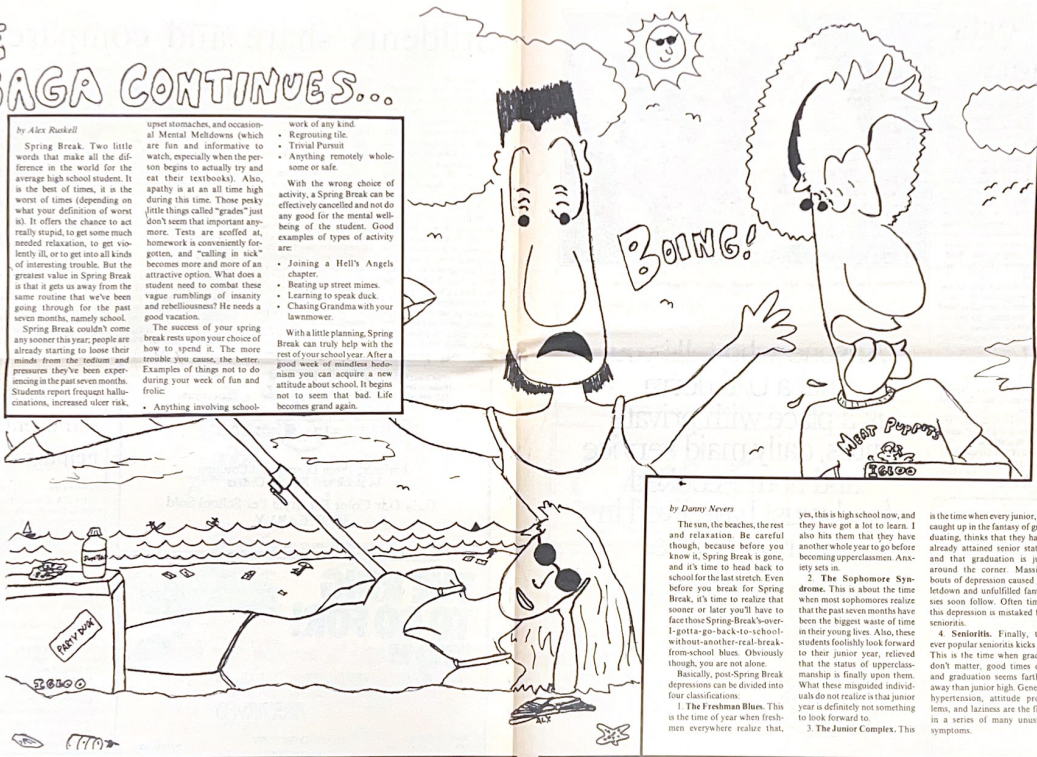
- Regrouping the
- Trivial Pursuit
- Anything remotely wholesome or safe.

With the wrong choice of activity, a Spring Break can be effectively cancelled and not do any good for the mental well-being of the student. Good examples of types of activity are:

- Joining a Hell's Angels chapter.
- Beating up street mimes.
- Learning to speak duck.
- Chasing Grandma with your lawnmower.

With a little planning, Spring Break can truly help with the rest of your school year. After a good week of mindless hedonism you can acquire a new attitude about school. It begins not to seem that bad. Life becomes grand again.

- Anything involving school-



by Danny Nevrs

The sun, the beaches, the rest and relaxation. Be careful though, because before you know it, Spring Break is gone, and it's time to head back to school for the last stretch. Even before you break for Spring Break, it's time to realize that sooner or later you'll have to face those Spring-Break "over-I-gotta-go-back-to-school-without-another-real-break-from-school blues. Obviously though, you are not alone.

Basically, post-Spring Break depressions can be divided into four classifications:

1. The Freshman Blues. This is the time of year when freshmen everywhere realize that,

yes, this is high school now, and they have got a lot to learn. I also hits them that they have another whole year to go before becoming upperclassmen Anxiety sets in.

2. The Sophomore Syndrome. This is about the time when most sophomores realize that the past seven months have been the biggest waste of time in their young lives. Also, these students foolishly look forward to their junior year, relieved that the status of upperclassmanship is finally upon them. What these misguided individuals do not realize is that junior year is definitely not something to look forward to.

3. The Junior Complex. This

is the time when every junior, so caught up in the fantasy of graduating, thinks that they have already attained senior status and that graduation is just around the corner. Massive bouts of depression caused by letdown and unfulfilled fantasies soon follow. Often times this depression is mistaken for senioritis.

4. Senioritis. Finally, the ever popular senioritis kicks in. This is the time when grades don't matter, good times do, and graduation seems farther away than junior high. General hypertension, attitude problems, and laziness are the first in a series of many unusual symptoms.

There's a certain kind of restlessness throughout the Creek. Students and faculty are displaying symptoms of anxiety. No, it's not a disease although it does seem contagious. The cause of this abnormal behavior is simply — SPRING FEVER!!!

Abhhh!! That long awaited time of year is once again upon us. Now it's time to shed the drab, winter wools for bright, cool cottons. Goodbye snags, Nintendos, and Scrabble. Hello — great outdoors! There are so many wonderful things to do in the Springtime. Only your imagination can limit the list of outdoor activities.

Once out of hibernation, comes realization. Now there are certain things that require special attention. A very noticeable area is the old body. Bears shed pounds during their long winter's nap. We humans seem to do the opposite. Somehow, we fail to notice this under all the layers of clothes. When it comes tanning time, we wonder how the bathing suit slunk over the winter months.

With spring, comes spring break. This is something we plan for and look forward to. Unless your parents are like mine. For me, spring break means mowing and edging the lawn, and planting flowers. That's not so bad since I enjoy outdoor work. But there's also Mom's spring cleaning spree. This means cleaning the house from top to bottom, plus painting everything that doesn't move. Rover, you better wake up!

Spring is the perfect season for just about everything — except attending classes. The spring fever bug has bitten me too. I find myself daydreaming in class about water skiing, camping, sunbathing. Like most "illnesses" this too will pass. I know that during the hot summer months I'll be looking forward to cooler weather. If I had my way (which is almost never), it would be springtime all year long.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Carrz supports teen sobriety

by Nikki Bell

As music blares, lights strobe across the floor, and walls vibrate, teenagers dance the night away at the latest "in" hot spot, Carrz. The success of Carrz started less than 12 months ago when some kids and their parents had a dream "to give kids an alternative to drugs and alcohol," one of the owners, Bradley Parks, said.

Well, 11 months later and three clubs bigger, they are still growing. With all of their new locations in mind, Carrz just becomes more popular. "We like to present a friendly environment for the kids," Parks said.

"It's really neat. There are lights everywhere, all different colors and strobe lights, too. There are also so many people and everyone is so friendly," sophomore Kelly Miller said.

Carrz got its name from the popularity of automobiles. "I love cars and so do teenagers," Parks said. Although the club at Jones and FM 1960 is not fully stocked with cars, they do have plans to get more as soon as possible. "All the cars there are for sale, and they get bought quite rapidly," he said.

"We don't want to be another

night club. We want to be a students' club." To present this image, Carrz will start offering tutorials. Although this project isn't usually planned yet, it will be in operation soon.

Carrz has booming business at approximately 1000 students crowd into each of their locations, but they already have plans to open in four more locations: Galveston, Windsor Plaza, Humble and

Carrz does not serve alcohol, and according to owner Bradley Parks, they "never have and never will."

Not only does Carrz have a D.J., but on occasions, they have live entertainment such as New Kids on the Block, Sir Mix A Lot, and Book of Love.

"We always have top 40 stars. We have approximately 18 groups and hope to get a lot more," he said.

With all the spotlight on Carrz now, students are finding it to be more than the usual night club.

"Carrz is a break from the usual movie and mall," junior Shauna Bruball said.

Overall, Carrz has impressed the students so they continue to park at the club and dance away the night.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## 'Cops' an unrealistic look at life on the beat

by Ric Sweaney

"COPS" is a weekly series featuring the exploits of different police units across the nation which is broadcast Sundays at 9:30 on Channel 26. The show takes a gritty look at real life crimes. What we have here is not "Miami Vice." This is real life, on the streets, face to face with the headlines of today. Yeah, right. "COPS," at best is a mildly interesting show and only keeps you tuned in because you keep hoping it will get better. But it doesn't. Instead of attacking the real issues, the show (at least the one viewed for this paper) focuses on three different officers from a Florida police department, who proceed on their patrols armed with guns, handcuffs, and the always convenient camera to film all that happens for you, the home viewer. The first officer, a woman, goes to the aid of a child who has called 911 when his mother doesn't come home after work. That's gritty TV. The whole scene was such a waste. There was no murder, no blood, no excitement. Next, we

see the officer risk her life by arresting a prostitute. The cop's such a mess. But, like a bottle of syrup, we see the cop attend the annual Pig Bowl, cops vs. defense lawyers, charity football game. Ahhh! I mean, that's the problem with this show. They try so hard to make the police look as though they have a big heart and aren't really that cruel, that all the stories look staged. It seems like every officer arrests someone, then goes home to his lovely family. It would seem to me, that the show would appeal more to the corrupt of society if it showed cops beating the Hades out of a criminal. If the show didn't appeal to that sector, it would at least scare them, especially the younger viewers.

The next officer, a man, actually tells a teenage prostitute, who was heading to a crack house (or so she says), to go home for the night and gives her a warning. What a caring guy. What an idiot. Don't you think on "Miami Vice," they would have shot her? Yeah, out that's not real. "COPS" is the real thing. Give me a break.

The "Burbs" looks like two scripts were thrown together: one which spoofs both horror films and suburban life, and another one which is a black comedy with a "Twilight Zone"-style twist ending. The result is a few elements of both styles, but never enough to let you know which path they're taking.

The plot is a reasonably good one: a neighborhood full of eccentric, paranoid people begin spying on a family who is even more eccentric than they are. Some people see them dig-

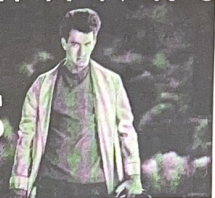
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## The BURBS

A comedy about one nice guy who got pushed too far.



## Keep "Burbs" in city limit

by Kevin Dowling

John Hughes had "The Great Outdoors," George Lucas and Steven Spielberg had "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," and now, Joe Dante, director of the hits "Gremlins" and "Encounter," gives us "The Burbs," proving that all directors must have at least one bad movie to their name.

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ging in their back yard in the middle of the night, and others see strange lights coming from under their house. Then, one of the neighbors disappears, and some snooping in his house reveals signs of a struggle. So naturally, everyone begins to suspect these "neighbors from Hell" of taking this man and murdering him.

That's the plot. Good as it sounds, however, do not be deceived. There's a lot of potential for some black comedy, but it never really shows itself completely. And the spoofing of horror films could be read into the loud, overpowering music and occasionally wild camera work, but in the end, it is simply supposed to be a light-hearted romp with a twist ending that anybody who has seen at least one episode of "The Twilight Zone" could predict from the beginning. There are some good

elements, but they are few and far between, and then only warrant a smile. As I said before, when the movie's over, it's hard to believe that Joe Dante would make something so... mild. Usually, he blends action and humor well enough to make a good, enjoyable movie, but this time, both elements completely miss their mark. Another thing hard to believe is that Tom Hanks, who's made it apparent that he is an actor to be reckoned with, is the star of the picture. I could understand his being interested in the plot, but the script just doesn't add up to it's potential. If ever you're looking for something to watch on cable and you happen to catch "The Burbs" just as it's starting, watch the first five minutes of it. If you haven't laughed by that point, give it up: the whole movie is like that.

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# SPORTS

## Creek swings into city ranking

by Stefan Gushold

Last year, the since realigned Westfield Mustangs, won the ICSA baseball championship and Jersey Village finished as runner up. Both clubs were led by exceptionally talented seniors to the second round of the playoffs. Westfield pitcher, Chris Gaski, who led the district with a 7 and 2 record and 50 ERA, now throws strikes for the University of Texas. Jersey Village was led by, now Aggie, Trey White, who led the district in amazingly six offensive categories.

This year, Cy-Creek hopes it will be senior shortstop Rick Elliott who leads his team to the playoffs. Last year, Elliott batted .489, behind four homers, scored 18 runs, stole 22 bases and led the district with 20 walks. If that does not make you think of Roy Hobbs, he also had an 800 slugging percentage and he knocked in nine runs from the lead off position.

In 1988 he was named to the post-season "All-City" team. And this year he was named to the pre-season "All-City" team. Elliott is certainly not alone. Senior Braxton Hickman was named to last year's second team "All-District" team. Seniors Chris Pittman, C.L. Baskin and Craig Kercho along with junior Jason McCleendon were all given honorable mention.

"In every hurting spot, with exception of second base, we have seniors," said head coach Harold Pollard. Coach Pollard believes this team should be stronger at every position over last year's team.

This year's probable starters are: Baskin and junior Glenn Coombs on the mound, senior Jo Loria behind the plate, Hickman at first base, either McCleendon or junior Sean Hale at second, Kercho will move from the outfield to third base, and Elliott moves from third base to shortstop. In the outfield, Strickland in right field, Pittman at center, and senior Jon Jaynes in left.

"I feel more comfortable with this ball club," said Coach Pollard. "I've been with them for two years and they know what I want."

Pollard believes a couple of players have to come through, besides Elliott, to be successful.

"I think a really big key is (Jo) Loria," Pollard said. "He really has been working hard and I think he's really going to do a good job this season. Another big key is getting Hickman around (he has been in basketball). His timing and hitting will take a few weeks to come around."

"The team feels a poor attitude was its worst enemy last season. (Last year) we didn't look at the small games like we looked at the big ones," Elliott said.

"We have got what it takes," said Pollard. "But we cannot play as individuals. We have to play as a team."

Momentum is also important. "If we start out strong in the tournaments, we will have momentum to go into the district," Kercho said.

Kercho believes pitching will be the key to a winning season. "I think if C.L. (Baskin) and (Glenn) Coombs stay healthy, we'll have a good chance this year," Kercho said.

The loss of Jeff Williams from last year's team leaves this year's pitching staff a little thin.

"The loss of Williams really cut down on our pitching depth," Pollard said. Other than pitching, this year's team has no major question marks.

"I really enjoy working with a ball team that's hungry and these guys are hungry," Pollard said. Experience, balance, and a new batting order should separate this team from last year's. "Pittman will move from #3 to #1 and McCleendon and Strickland will be interchangeable at #2," said Pollard. "Consequently, they (opposition) can't pitch around Elliott because I think Kercho (#4) and Hickman (#5) can hit for power."



This season Elliott will be expected to perform on a higher plateau by scouts, coaches, and teammates.

"It helps me," Elliott said, "because the more notoriety,

the more people come out and expect me to play better, and I play better under pressure."

"If we have everything fall into place, I think we have the speed, experience, hitting, and

overall ability to make the playoffs," Coach Pollard said. The 1989 Cy-Creek baseball team is ranked fourth in the city.

## Girls' track running strong

The varsity girls' track team placed fourth at the Cy-Fair ISD Girls Invitational. Senior Cathy Clover placed second in the long jump and triple jump and sophomore Danielle Sicker and senior Kelly Hermann tied for fourth in the high jump. Freshmen Cecile, April, and Bell Sangalang came in second, third and fourth in the 200-meter run. The team of senior

Cathy Clover, freshman Tooba Lewis, sophomore Laura Goodman, and sophomore Deanna Chalcy placed fourth in the 400 and 800-meter relays. Senior Kristen Irwin came in sixth in the 400-meter run. Placing second in the 1600-meter relay were the team of April, Bell, and Cecile Sangalang and senior Kristen Irwin. The girls will compete in March and April.

March 18  
Conroe High School  
March 30-April 1  
Rice University Invitational  
Rice University  
April 7  
Jersey Village Invitational  
Jersey Village High School  
April 7-8  
Texas Relays  
Memorial Stadium/Austin

## SPORTS BRIEF

by Renee Renfrow

### Tennis

The tennis team traveled to the Clear Lake Tennis Tournament February 10-11. Junior John Shanklin placed second in A Boys Singles, while seniors Erin Pettit and Saiee Danning-er lost in quarter-finals in B Girls Doubles. Seniors Mark Sullivan and Mike Hofmeister lost in A Boys Doubles in quarter-finals. The team won several awards at the Galveston Tennis Tournament on February 24 and 25.

### Boys' Golf

The boys' golf team traveled to Pecan Grove Plantation to place first with a team total of 322 on February 13. On February 20, the team took first again at the Sweetwater Country Club. Senior Jean-Paul Hebert took first place individual with a score of 75. The

team schedule for March is as follows:  
March 6  
Cy-Fair ISD  
Hearthstone C.C.

March 13-14  
McCullough High School  
Woodlands  
March 27  
Conroe High School  
River Plantation

### Girls' Golf

The girls' golf team placed third in Dulles High School tournament at Quail Valley with a total of 394 on January 30. Senior Sandy Hamby took first place with a score of 75. In Cy-Creek's own tournament, the team placed fourth, but Sandy placed first again. The team traveled to Pasadena Municipal to place third on February 20, the team schedule for March is as follows:  
March 6  
McCullough  
Woodlands

March 13  
Klein  
Ravenoux  
March 27  
Stratford  
Weston Lakes

### Boys' Track

The varsity boys' track team participated in a practice meet February 25 in Tomball to kick off their season. First place went to senior Steve Davis in the 1600-meter run and senior Corey Grindal in the 800-meter run. Sophomore Sam Adam also placed first in shotput with a new school record of 53'9". The team will participate in the following meets for March:

March 17  
Copper Relays  
Tomball High School  
April 1  
Katy ISD Relays  
Katy Taylor H.S.  
April 8  
Cy-Fair ISD Relays  
Langham Creek H.S.

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# FEATURES

## Houston Rodeo breaks past attendance records

by Sherri Marsh

Working clothes are traded for hats, boots, and blue jeans; everyday activities are exchanged for show-stopping bull riders, fast horses, and an exciting presentation of stars — thus begins the interworkings of a rodeo.

Among the many attractions Houston offers, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is one of its most notorious. Although the show is little more than 58 years old, its fame is known throughout the world. Such a show as this did not suddenly arrive upon the scene. Many hard years of work and dedication went into the production of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

In 1931, seven men answered to an ad in the newspaper, and met in the Texas State Hotel in downtown Houston to form the Houston Fat Stock Show. Little did these individuals know the impact this organization would have on the lives of

future Texans. This small assembly of men, headed by J.W. Startwelle, was guided by two initial goals — to establish Houston as a cattle marketplace and to hold a livestock exhibition to promote an exchange of information among the cattle raisers.

These goals became a reality when one year later, the first Houston Fat Stock Show was held in the Democratic Convention Hall April 30 through May 4, 1932, drawing 2,000 entries.

Even though the early shows placed a priority on entertainment, the likes of the stars seen now were a long way off. During those first years, trick horses, dog races, circuses and bands made up the show's live entertainment.

The Show began its strong dedication to young people with the presentation of its first agricultural scholarship award in 1957. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is now ranked as the world's largest

donor of agricultural scholarships having given out more than 2,200 scholarships since 1957.

Livestock entries and attendance continued to grow steadily in the 1970s. Support of Texas youth was then expanded further through the development of research programs and endowment funding. Since 1970 when the Show decided to budget \$100,000 annually for funding of agricultural research projects, more than \$1.7 million has been given to 12 Texas colleges and universities.

Thanks to the abundance of volunteers and outstanding performances of both the youth and others involved in the rodeo, the Show has become a major attraction. Individuals worldwide come to see this brilliant show, and because of them, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's youth program has flourished, providing many young people with the opportunities of a lifetime.

