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The Editor**

Editor,

Maybe you can help me. Early in October, I was involved in an automobile accident. I was in pretty bad shape, and had to be put on a life support system. Now that I have finally returned, so that I may receive the education that I deserve, all of my teachers and the remainder of the staff claim that I was never enrolled here. One even went so far as to say that I never existed! I am destined to be an ignoramus! Help me!

Robert Skinner

Dear Robert,

According to our school computers, you don't exist. Good luck as an ignoramus.

Returning to Cy-Creek High we find Suzy strolling down the hall with bells tied to her shoes, carrying thousands of packages. Mrs. Denver, the journalism teacher, approached Suzy and questioned her about her many gifts. "They are for all my friends," stated Suzy. "I can't leave anyone out or I would be the laughing-stock of the school. So I bought plenty of perfume, candy canes, and cute, little

stuffed animals. Besides if I want to receive any presents, I have to give some."

"But Suzy," said the teacher, "there is more to Christmas than receiving cheap insignificant presents from people you don't really care about. It's more than Christmas dances, and bells on your shoelaces. It's the celebration of the birth of Jesus." A confused Suzy said, "Jesus who?"

**RESTRICTING THE RESTRICTED**

By Libby Averyt

Mainstreaming handicapped students into public schools has become a frequent event. Because of public law 94-142 schools now educate handicapped people, & we must make the proper provisions needed in helping these students. We have succeeded in placing support bars in some of the bathrooms, but other obstacles have been overlooked. In the bus loading zone and in the circle entrance of our school,

there are no ramps for students in wheelchairs. Maneuvering a heavy wheelchair with a person in it, is no easy task, especially over curbs. Ramps are not a luxury, but a mere convenience for those in a wheelchair. Perhaps we should take into consideration the problems of handicapped students and try to remove the barriers that hinder their performance.

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## OVER THE BORDER AND THROUGH THE WOODS

By Kirsten Howard

Alien is an ugly word no matter who you are or where you come from. It means outsider; someone who doesn't belong. Not everyone's idea of the ideal title. Illegal is another ugly word. It means violating the general opinion of a large group of people to achieve personal gain. Another less than sought after adjective. Together, the words become a very real part of everyday life.

Illegal aliens make the news almost every evening, and there is almost always an article in the daily newspaper. Many people feel secluded from this issue; like it does not affect their lives. Think about it for a moment, though; it does.

Each night, hundreds of aliens try to scramble over the Texas border to reach the golden land of opportunity. Some are caught; many are not. It is now the law that the children of those who do get across be given free education in public schools. These are the schools that legal citi-

zens' taxes support; yet the children of legal citizens are being slighted in that schools are overcrowded and must also pay more for bilingual teachers to adequately provide for the alien's education. This practice costs the tax payers money, while the illegal aliens whose children will benefit pay nothing. Nothing. This seems more than a little unfair, especially with the added fact that many of these alien children are benefactors of the federal free lunch programs, although our district does not participate in these programs. Not only do innocent taxpayer's educate children of illegal aliens, but they also insure the children at least one balanced, hot meal per day. Is welfare next? Will the taxes of American citizens clothe and house these families, too? If so, it seems that the golden land of opportunity will become an overpopulated unemployment ground. Jobs to put everyone to work, and an illegal alien will more probably work for less just to

be able to stay in the country. Nor is there enough tax money to support all of the presently unemployed citizens adequately. Imagine adding hundreds, even thousands, to that drain on the federal budget. The citizens lose some of their already inadequate support so illegal aliens can receive assistance. That doesn't seem quite just, does it? Slowly, but surely, it would begin to seem that the title "U. S. citizen" is no more prestigious than that of "illegal alien"; and that the title "illegal alien" is no longer so ugly or offensive, but a ticket to relative prosperity.

"The New Colossus," which is inscribed at the base of the Statue of Liberty, reads: "Give me your poor, your hungry, your huddled masses yearning to be free...I lift my lamp beside the golden door." Give, not smuggle past while some poor soul diverts attention. Through the golden door, not up a dark alley and thru a cracked window where guard is

sparse. The U.S. will accept as many legal aliens as it can feasibly support without hindering its population. That we cannot house the world is obvious. Perhaps the world should be busier trying to house itself than trying to find the perfect home elsewhere. But then, the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence, isn't it?

## LOOK WHO'S GETTING THE LOOKS.



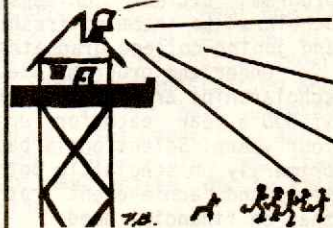
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## Silverados Bring Cheer

Exchanging gifts, visiting hospitals, giving toys, and singing songs have all been a part of the Silverados Christmas activities. The Silverados started off their activities with their annual Christmas party on December 11th. Gifts were exchanged between "big and little sisters", gag gifts were given, games were played and fun was had by all.

After collecting canned foods, toys, clothing and household necessities; the Silverados delivered care packages to five needed families in the area. On Tuesday December 15, the Silverados brought candy and sang songs to pediatric and orthopedic wards of the Houston Northwest Medical Center. After visiting the hospital they went to the Villa Northwest Nursing Home where they handed out fruit and cookies, and sang and visited with the elderly.

Along with their Christmas activities, the Silverados have been working hard for contest which is in January and planning their Spring Show which will be in March. Christmas is a busy but joyous time for the Silverados. They would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Southwest Scholars

SAN MARCOS----Southwest Texas State University is offering a unique scholarship program titled "University Scholars" to incoming freshmen and junior college graduates.

Under the program, seven scholarships are offered worth \$1,000 a year each for up to four years. Selection is based primarily on scholastic potential and achievement rather than on financial need.

High school seniors and junior college sophomores desiring to apply for a University Scholarship should write to Dr. Ralph Harrel, Associate Vice President, SWT, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

The latest date for requesting information is March 1, 1982. Counselors have been mailed application post cards. Completed applications must be received by March 12, 1982.

When applying, students should list their intended major. Failure to list intended major could lead to a week's delay.

Some interviews may be conducted on the Southwest Texas campus after the April 1 deadline.

The University also offers a number of freshmen scholarships worth \$150-300. March 15, 1982, is the application deadline for these scholarships. SWT's Student Financial Aid Office handles the freshmen scholarships, in addition to other scholarships and other forms of financial assistance.

Any interested students should contact the Student Financial Aid Office. Students are encouraged to apply early for all forms of financial assistance.

## F.F.A. Shows Leadership

Placing first in the district competition the F.F.A. farm radio team advanced to the Area III leadership contest where they placed sixth.

Team members were Alan Kirtley, James Wishkoski and Ronnie Wishkoski.

District results and team members are as follows: Jr. Chapter Conducting----third place--Cliff Alford, Genna

Brown, Anthony Gaskin, Tony Roberts, Paul Schollar, Charles Siegle, and Robert Stubblefields. Sr. Chapter Conducting-fourth place-Kenny Bonam, Efton Bradley, Donna Demmy, Danny Liebham, Terri Phillips, Britt Reat, and Ken Vollbrecht. Qu. Team-fourth place Kim Hargrave, Brenda Laskoskie Patricia Noski, and Mike Vollbrecht. Extemporaneous Speaking-fourth place-Anne Dejoie. Jr. Farm Skills-sixth place John Dublin, Eric Pilsen, and Karen Wishkoski. Sr. Farm Skills----sixth place-Scott Griffith, Mike Mylius, and Sharon Twardowski. The chapter received a fourth place Sweepstakes rating at district competition. Congratulations to all these teams.

## KISS ME I DON'T SMOKE!

Medical Careers Club started this year with a field trip to Baylor School of Medicine early in September. The members apparently enjoyed the activities planned which included seeing the cadavers supplied for advanced undergraduate study. The club will continue its field activities by attending a Medical Health Careers Day at the University of Houston in December.

Medical Careers Club sponsors two major drives during the school one of which is the Great American Smokeout. This year, the Smokeout was on Thursday, November 19, after a week of active campaigning, with the slogan, "Kiss Me, I don't smoke." The club got a good response on the American Cancer Society "holiday" and are ready to proceed with their other major drive, which is the Senior Blood Drive, which is in March. The club wages a campaign to convince all our 18-year-olds that weigh over 110 lbs. and have

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## HOW DO THEY CELEBRATE

# CHRISTMAS IN TAIWAN

By Carol Montgomery

There were not any messages blaring from the media concerning how many shopping days left, Christmas gift advertisements, decorations, Santa Clause in virtually every store or any other of the typical Christmas traditions, yet it was Christmas in Taiwan.

Celebrated in February, Chinese New Year is the "Christmas" for the people of Taiwan who are not Christian, but a combination of the Buddhist and Daoist faiths. Although, most know what Christmas is, they generally remain oblivious to the holiday. These were the conditions under which foreigners, such as myself, attempted to celebrate Christmas in Taiwan.

One arriving in Taipei, Taiwan's capital, around Christmas would hardly have known it was approaching, but signs of the holiday were present in many aspects of the foreign community. At the Taipei American School (TAS) the school for young internationals residing in Taipei, the spirit of Christmas was quite apparent. Halls were decorated, posters were up advertising the annual

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no viruses, fever blisters or history of hepatitis or other toxic diseases to give blood. 17-year-old students conforming to the same criteria can donate blood with a parent's signature.

The 15 member club, sponsored by Marilyn Lau, elected its' officers at their first meeting. They are: Pres. Brendan Snyder; Vice-Pres. Sandy Snyder; Secretary-Susan Buchanan, and Treasurer Denise Watts. New members are always welcome; check the clinic for important dates.

Christmas concert and formal dance. During the last days of school before vacation, as Christmas parties were held, presents and cards were given out and roses delivered to friends. Santa Clause even visited to take pictures with students!

Some fortunate people flew back to their home countries, but most people made plans to stay for Christmas and then travel to a place nearer Taipei for the rest of the vacation. Many people took a one hour plane ride to Hong Kong, where Christmas is celebrated because of the British influence, on the 26th as there is an annual basketball tournament played between the international schools of the Far East. In addition, Hong Kong is also a shoppers paradise in which the money one received for Christmas is soon spent.

However, believe it or not some people did come to Taipei for the holiday season. Graduates of TAS came back to visit their parents and reunions with old friends were constant at this time. Families and friends managed to congregate no matter where in the world they were.

Most will agree that the Christmas spirit is actually of greater meaning than the materialistic and commercialized elements of Christmas and even though it was not a significant holiday in Taiwan, my Christmas was always rich in spirit.

## Let It Ring

What's an inch in circumference, is easy to lose, and costs more than the down payment on a new car? No it's not a krugerrand. It's a class

ring, the pride of the seniors and the dream of the juniors.

The Balfour man should arrive around December 17 to collect the juniors' money and distribute the expensive little buggers. So bring your receipt and money for your ring, to enable the Balfour man to raise his little boy Matthew (remember him?) in the nicest way possible.

## College Preparation

High school seniors have many responsibilities in order to get accepted into a college. Most colleges require an ACT or SAT test score, and some also require the ACH. Achievement tests are given in History, Mathematics, and Science. The purpose of these tests is to determine the extent of a student's knowledge and place him in the correct level of a subject. The next ACH test recommended for Cypress Creek students is January 23. The registration deadline is December 18.

## Connection Stands Corrected

The Cougar Connection stands corrected. In the last issue, Volume V, No. 4, The Connection ran a story on the guidelines for fund raising activities (Titled "Fund Raising Guidelines Set"). The story stated that the decisions originated from the School Board. However, those decisions stated in the story were created by the Central Administration, not the School Board. Furthermore, the Child Nutrition Act was not passed under the Carter Administration and federal funds have already been cut. The Connection apologizes for any problems that might have arisen due to this mistake.

# YOU KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE A BAD CHRISTMAS WHEN . . .

By Mark, Alyson and Melissa

Your parents give a subtle hint, "You kids don't need anything for Christmas any way, do you?"

The school administration's gift to the students is a shorter holiday so you can get ahead of the other school's schedules.

None of the presents under the tree have your name on the tag.

You are eating deer meat on Christmas Eve and your dad tells you that the deer you are eating had "the reddest nose he's ever seen!"

You sneak down Christmas Eve to get a quick peek of your presents and you set off the burglar alarm.

You send 100 Christmas cards off to your friends, and only receive 5.

The only present you got was a sled, and it snows once every ten years in Houston.

Your parents tie a red ribbon on what was your new puppy "a little too tight."

You come downstairs on Christmas morning to find the fire in the fireplace blazing, and there's a hole in your stocking.

Your big present comes from the local U-Tote-M

Your letter to Santa comes back postmarked "Return to Sender."

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

BY PAUL BRADLEY

Each year, in the month of December, Jews throughout the world celebrate the holiday of Hanukkah. They light candles and play games and sing songs and eat festive foods.

The Hanukkah lasts eight days, during which Jews are reminded of their proud past. Also the Hanukkah celebrates the first battle fought by the Jews, for the right to the free expression of a way of life.

The definition for a Hanukkah is the Jewish Feast of Lights of Feast of Dedication. There are three ways to spell Hanukkah. There is the Hebrew Chanukah and Hannuka, and then there is the most commonly used Hanukka.

The Hanukka holiday begins on the eve of the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev. Each evening one additional candle is lighted. By the last evening eight lighted candles stand together.

## W.O.W.

Well known for her fashionable attire of three pieces of electrical tape, is lead singer of the Plasmatics, Wendy O Williams.

One shocked KLOL listener had Wendy O and electrical tape show up at his door, with sledge hammer in hand. Wendy O stormed in and mutilated his television set.

Now for those of you who are wondering who would let a girl with a mohawk, wore three pieces of electrical tape, and carried a sledge hammer in his house, there is a reason. The winner of the KLOL contest would proudly have Wendy O destroy his TV set, and get reimbursed with a new 24 inch color set. The winner, after having his TV destroyed, was told the whole thing was a joke and there was no new television.

Furious, the winner kicked everyone, including Wendy O with sledge hammer in hand, out. The KLOL staff later apologized for the joke and he did get his 24 inch television and a great story to go along with it.

## SCHOOL STORE: COUGAR CAGE

Animals are being caged in the Commons! Stuffed animals, that is, caged in the Cougar Cage, Cy-Creek's new school store.

The Cougar Cage held its grand reopening last month, and began selling belt buckles, hat tacks, school supplies, and stuffed animals. No candy is being sold, but the prices are reasonable, and after all, the purchases do help support the school.

GERMAN STUDENTS

## Take Honors

Daniel Price and Laura Stapleton submitted poems to TAGS, the Texas Assc. of German Students' publication.

Wendy Ruff, Monika Neumann, David Booth, and Monika Marschall submitted cartoons with captions. These students' works were published in the December issue of TAGS. TAGS is distributed to German Departments in high schools, colleges, and universities throughout Texas.

Congratulations German students!!!

# CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS BEWARE!!

By Phil McDivitt

During the Christmas Season, a common scene in many of Houston's giant malls has been robberies, rapes, and murders. These crimes have gotten out of hand; anyone could fall prey to robbers.

Because of the great confusion the Christmas shoppers create, criminals have many unsuspecting victims to choose from. They follow people to their cars and attack them in the parking lot, or follow their targets to their home. Though many couples have been attacked, most people who are attacked, have been shopping alone.

Many cases of auto burglary have occurred at malls. If you bring packages back to your car, and plan to continue shopping, make sure you store them in the trunk; leaving purchases in your backseat invites auto burglars.

The most dangerous shopping center in Houston is Greenspoint Mall, a popular place for shoppers at Cypress Creek. Because of the poor lighting and large parking lots, criminals can take advantage of the potential victim. Because of the traffic around the mall, you

could be followed and not even know it. The problem just isn't at Greenspoint, it has spread to all the malls.

When you go shopping, there are a few tips which might make it safer for you:

- Try to go shopping in the daylight hours if possible.

- If you go at night, make sure you go in pairs.

- If at all possible, NEVER go alone even in the daytime. Most robbers don't have 9 to 5 jobs. Males and females have both been attacked.

- Always place your purchases in the trunk of your car. Don't invite auto burglars.

- Be wary of cars who follow behind you. Many couples have been followed home, burglarized, the woman has been raped, and the car has been stolen.

Remember these simple tips, and hopefully your Christmas will be a very merry one.

(Information taken from Houston Chronicle)  
November 29, 1981

## What Do You Mean Santa Isn't Real????

By Sally Coleman

How did you find out that St. Nick isn't really flesh and blood? That he really truly doesn't have "eight tiny reindeer"? That that "big bag of toys for good girls and boys" is really sale items from K-mart??

Any way the revelation comes to you it can be pretty traumatic unless it is handled correctly. Yanking your child out of bed on Christmas Eve and telling them the facts of the "faking of Santa" while threatening immediate death if that same child tells any younger siblings and ruins Christmas for them is not the way. (Thanks, Dad!!!!)

I must have been kind of slow as a child, though. Most people have it figured out by the time they're six or seven. I wasn't rudely awakened until I was at least eight.....

Here are some experiences that maybe you have had:

Kris Bland: "My older brother told me."

Jeanine Balas: "I just kinda figured it out."

Melissa Cox: "I stayed up and watched my dad set out the presents."

Matresa Neel: "My older brother told me."

John Makely: "It was pretty obvious. I figured it out by myself."

Andy Hernandez: "Oh, I just knew. And then I saw my parents set out the stuff."

And maybe some experiences you haven't had:

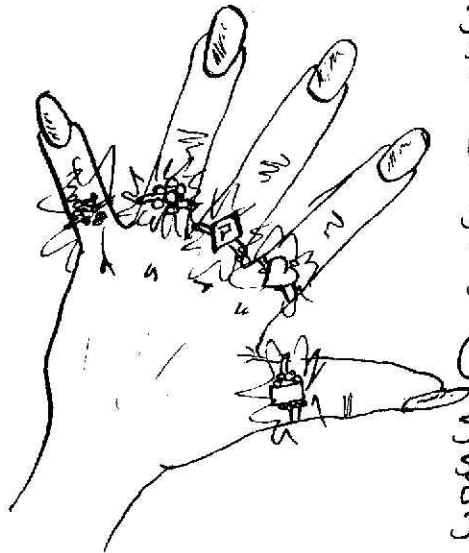
Patti Payne: "I set out cookies for Santa and he wrote a note saying, "Thank you." But his signature looked just like my big brother's. It was the worst thing ever!!!!!!"

Lara Ulrich: "I got this pretty new bike for Christmas and my big brother said, "Oh, I helped Daddy put that bike together last night!!" And I said, "But Santa brought it!" And he said, "No-Daddy did-not Santa." I cried."

Raul Sepulveda: "My parents had gone to a big party the night before and they kind of forgot to set out the presents. When I got up on Christmas morning and there weren't any presents, I went upstairs and cried. When I came down a little later, there were presents. I figured it out then."

# THE TWELVE DAYS OF CYPRESS CREEK

AS COMPILED BY  
TOM GARRITY & THE CONNECTION STAFF



On the first day of Christmas,  
my daddy bought for me...  
A jacket lettered C.C.C.

On the second day of Christmas,  
my daddy bought for me...  
Two RX-7's, and a jacket lettered C.C.

On the third day of Christmas,  
my daddy bought for me...  
Three pink izods, Two RX-7's, and  
a jacket lettered C.C.C.

On the fourth day of Christmas,  
my daddy bought for me...  
Four cashmere sweaters, Three  
pink izods, Two RX-7's, and a jacket  
lettered C.C.C.

On the fifth day of Christmas,  
my daddy bought for me...  
Five diamond rings, Four cashmere  
sweaters, Three pink izods, Two RX-7's,  
and a jacket lettered C.C.C.

On the sixth day of Christmas,  
my daddy bought for me...  
Six Alpine speakers, Five diamond  
rings, Four cashmere sweaters, Three  
pink izods, Two RX-7's, and a jacket  
lettered C.C.C.

On the seventh day of Christmas,  
my daddy bought for me...  
Seven Calvin's Klein's, Six Alpine  
speakers, Five diamond rings, Four  
cashmere sweaters, Three pink izods,  
Two RX-7's, and a jacket lettered C.C.

On the eighth day of Christmas,  
my daddy bought for me...



Eight credit cards, Seven Calvins Kleining, Six Alpine speakers, Five diamond rings, Four cashmere sweaters, Three pink izods, Two RX-7's, and a jacket lettered C.C.C.

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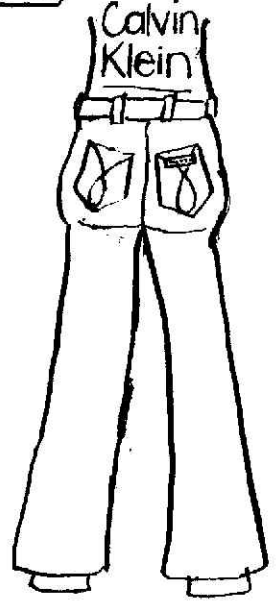
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On the ninth day of Christmas, my daddy bought for me... Nine furring coats, Eight credit cards, Seven Calvins Kleining, Six Alpine speakers, Five diamond rings, Four cashmere sweaters, Three pink izods, Two RX-7's, and a jacket lettered C.C.C.



On the tenth day of Christmas, my daddy bought for me... Ten chains a hanging, Nine furring coats, Eight credit cards, Seven Calvins Kleining, Six Alpine speakers, Five diamond rings, Four cashmere sweaters, Three pink izods, Two RX-7's, and a jacket lettered C.C.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, my daddy bought for me... Eleven cowboy boots, Ten chains a hanging, Nine furring coats, Eight credit cards, Seven Calvins Kleining, Six Alpine speakers, Five diamond rings, Four cashmere sweaters, Three pink izods, Two RX-7's, and a jacket lettered C.C.C.



On the twelfth day of Christmas, my daddy bought for me... Twelve records and tapes, Eleven cowboy boots, Ten chains a hanging, Eight credit cards, Seven Calvins Kleining, Six Alpine speakers, Five diamond rings, Four cashmere sweaters, Three pink izods, Two RX-7's, and a JACKET LETTERED

C.C.C.

LETTERING DONE BY BETH NANCE 1981

Artwork (BY) MESSIAH

## IT'S TIME FOR:

# LAST MINUTE SHOPPING

By Tom Garrity

It is almost nine o'clock, you still have to buy presents and cards for family and friends, and Willowbrook Mall closes in 5 minutes! What will you do? What will you do? Blow it off till next year? That might be your best bet. But don't take my advice...join the other Americans in LAST MINUTE SHOPPING.

If you find yourself in this yearly bind, here are a few suggestions for all types of price ranges.

For the person who has everything, go to Sakowitz for The Ultimate Gift: American Know How. A cool \$1,250,000.00 will get your name as production associate in the credits for Robert Evans' motion picture The Cotton Club. \$15,000 will arrange a day with F. Lee Bailey, world-renowned criminal defense attorney. However if you are into great American wines \$10,000.00 will buy you five days in California's Napa Valley. Your host in Napa will be American vintner Robert Mondavi.

What! Your income is not that high? In that case here are some more reasonable ideas. For all types of friends Christmas cards accompanied with joy juice (i.e. coke, pepsi, A&W, etc.) are generally accepted with a smile. But seriously if you're having a hard time finding a gift for someone this list, hopefully, will help you somewhat.

Father: Don't get him a tie. I'm sure he has all he can use. Get him something he can use like a personalized mug, stationery, or something of that nature. New boots always make a nice gift.

Mother: Aprons, Spatulas, and hosiery all have one thing in common. True, they are good ideas, but those presents get old after five years. Buy something like a good novel, jewelry or even some records and tapes. That's right, believe it or not, some of our parents actually listen to music. Moms also love stationery.

Brother&Sister: Usually a present that can be used by you, mainly records and tapes.

Religious Ministers: Chances are they already have a Bible, so a wealthy donation, in the weekly collection would be nice.

Relatives: A nice Christmas card with a little note from you would suffice.

Girlfriend: Of course, depending on the seriousness of the relationship, one might buy something reasonable, but not the florist. Sure, flowers are nice but so is jewelry, perfume, books and records. What ever you do, don't buy her make-up, she might take it in the wrong-way.

Boyfriend: Girls, don't stay up all night pondering the subject. Depending on how serious the relationship, one might want to buy a necklace, record, shirt, pen set, or even a new wallet.

Local Bum: A cup of coffee.

Favorite Punk: A roll of 100 Hefty Trash Bags.

Friend: A card with a note and a sweet treat will go over real well.

If all else fails you might try asking!



"BUT I FORGOT THE NAMETAGS!"

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# ALBUMS ON REVIEW

All albums reviewed this issue courtesy of Hastings Records

By Allyson Braae

## PINK FLOYD

Pink Floyd. Need I say more? Pink Floyd's long awaited album is finally here. After not recording an album since The Wall in 1979, they have finally released their greatest hits, entitled A Collection of Great Dance Songs. Although all of Pink Floyd's songs are excellent, the album contains six of their best including "Shine On You Crazy Diamond," "Another Brick in the Wall part 2," and a cut of "Money" never before released. The only thing missing from this truly awesome album is "Comfortably Numb." This album is a definite must for all true Pink Floyd lovers.

## AC/DC

Adding to their collection of heavy metal albums, AC/DC released their eighth album entitled For Those About to Rock. The album features a cannon on the front which will be the newest element to their show when they tour this winter. All of the songs included in the album are new and were written by Angus and Malcom Young and Brian Johnson. Some of the songs included are "C.O.D.," "Inject the Venom," and the title song, "For Those About to Rock." This album will keep AC/DC fans anxiously awaiting their '82 tour.

## THE J. GEILS BAND

J. Geils, a band seldom listened to by most people, is becoming more and more popular with their newest album, Freeze-Frame. "Centerfold," one of the band's more popular songs, is included in this highly recommended album. Other songs include, "Rage in the Cage," "Flamethrower," and the title song, "Freeze-Frame." This album will definitely give the J. Geils Band the recognition they deserve.

## RICHARD PRYOR

By Mark Mangan

"Da man is phenominal!" No, Richard Pryor wasn't describing himself when he said that,

but for most of the people who listen to him, he is truly phenominal. Always having something funny to say, Richard Pryor is even more funny on stage than on tape. Actions speak louder than words, as they say, and it more than evident when he is viewed live. If you didn't get a chance to see him at the theater or on HBO, you can obtain a videotape from a store. Buy it or borrow it, but one way or the other, watch it.

## MISCLASSIFIEDS

I HATE TRIG!!!!

Beth and Brad are just good friends.

Jan and Margaret- Don't walk that way!

Happy Birthday Mandy!

Mary, You're such a Girl Scout!

Another one for Kevin!

Hey Greg, AC/DC stinks!

This is so sudden!

There are three gross MG's now.

Charlyn loves the gutter!

Scott, let's quit fighting!

Hey SFDBSBDCEJY, let's go huntin.

J.M. loves J.P.

Mary, when are you going to Wisconsin again?

I love Rick!!!!

Better acting next time Steve.

Get well soon, Stacy.

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Melissa, my eye still hurts!

Mike is a Santa Claus!

I'm glad Christmas is here!

Cackel, Cackel!

Hi Kyleroo! S.V..L.C.

H.D. strikes down three

aha=6.02x10

But Patty, you didn't tell me.

Lara, have a FCD on me.

Hi coach LA!

# MOVIES! MOVIES! MOVIES!

**SATURDAY THE FOURTEENTH:** (PG) Warning--anyone seeing this movie needs to be accompanied by a pillow! An unbearably long movie, "Saturday the Fourteenth" begins with the usual Disney-like family, who inherits a haunted house. The ten year old boy (who has a genius' I.Q.) opens an old book releasing all the evil in the world. Now this could have been a decent movie had all the jokes been updated, plot made scarier, and a few more touches added. However, the movie is a two-and-a-half hour sleeping pill, guaranteed to put even insomniacs in dreamland.

**PICK UP SUMMER** (R) The only use for this movie is to waste time on a Sunday afternoon. It contains no plot, no acting, and no taste. If you consider seeing this movie, think again. A definite loser!!

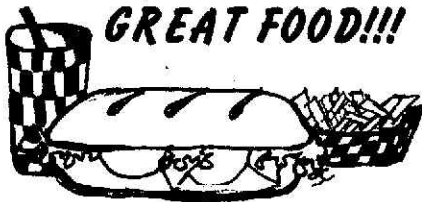
**TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE** (R) Based on a true story, this film is definitely far above recent horror flicks. Five teen-agers face an unusual family of three; one who cuts himself, one who wears a mask and carries a chainsaw, (which never runs out of gas), and the other who makes barbecue. Although the acting is extremely weak, this movie promises to raise a few hairs. If the frantic chase scenes don't chill your bones, surely the meathook scene will.

**Time Bandits** (PG) A story about six midgets and a boy going through time and robbing people, Time Bandits was just another average movie. It contained many boring parts and the audience was almost ho-hummed to death with the exciting parts to few. The audience was treated to a few humorous parts and even though they were also to few, they almost made the movie worth the \$3.50 to see it.

**PATERNITY:** (R) If you had \$50,000 to spend would you buy a baby? Burt Reynolds decides to pay a surrogate mother to have his child in the movie "Paternity." Through jogging, health food, and the sounds of whales mating over the stereo, Burt's mother-to-be somehow falls in love with him (as he fools around with several other ...ladies). Finally, after several attempts to convince Burt of her feelings fail, the surrogate mom runs off, leaving Burt to chase her down (literally) telling her he loves her. The show has a happy ending, and is a nice movie to blow \$3.50 on.

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Predictions by Mark Milligan

As most people know, the college football season is over and now is the time for those post-season classics: those wonderful bowls. Here they come, the Tangerine, Peach, Gator, Rose, Cotton, Holiday, Sun, Fiesta and Independence bowl. Let's not forget those exciting bowls that match the perennial powerhouses of the NCAA, the Garden State, Palm and newly aquired California bowl. How about those bowls you always wanted to see but couldn't? Just imagine... the Loser Bowl matching the 0-11 Northwestern Mildcats against 0-12 Colorado State. I see Northwestern by a penetration. How about the Religion Bowl matching Notre Dame against Baylor? (A match made in heaven!) How about the wver popular Probation Bowl wotj SMU battling Miami of Florida? The officials would probably win that contest.

Here are some of the "real" contests starting off with....

## Independence Bowl

Texas A&M by one over Oklahoma State

## Sun Bowl

Houston by three over Oklahoma

## Bluebonnet Bowl

Michigan by four over UCLA

## Gator Bowl

North Carolina by six over Arkansas

## Fiesta Bowl

USC by four over Penn St.

## Cotton Bowl

Alabama by eight over Texas

## Rose Bowl

Washington by three over Iowa

## Orange Bowl

Clemson by two over Nebraska

## Sugar Bowl

Georgia by seven over Pittsburgh

## Liberty Bowl

Ohio St. by eight over Navy

## Hall of Fame Bowl

Mississippi by five over Kansas

## Peach Bowl

Florida by ten over West Virginia

## Swimmers

### SPLASH ON!

What Conroe is to football, Clear Lake is to swimming. Clear Lake finished first in both boy and girl catagories at the state meet last year.

Clear Lake is the only team standing in the Cougars way in being state champions. Breaking the spell, the Creek girls trampled Clear Lake in the Spring Branch Invitational. Swimming their off strokes, the boys finished second to Clear Lake.

The LaPorte Invitational showed no competition for the swimmers, with both boys and girls swamping their opponents by over 150 points.

The Memorial and McCullough meet proved to be an exciting meet. Even with stiff competition from the Memorial boys, the Creek outlasted all competition and protected their unmarked record.

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## Girls Romp Past Spring

Basketball season has long begun and the girls teams are off to their best start ever. The varsitys preseason record is 4-2 and they participated in the Clear Creek and Barbers Hill tournaments. In district play the Cougars blasted Spring for their first game of the season 74-49. Dana Revelle led all scorers with 24 pts., followed by Susan Serafin with 14, Liz Grant 10, and Lenore Gilliam 9.

The j.v. squads record is 6-4, and they travelled to the Cy-Fair tournament taking second place, and also participated at the Aldine McArther tourney. In district play, the Coogs routed Spring 46-24.

The freshman team won their own tourney Dec. 4&5, and placed 5th at the Clear Lake Tourney. For their first district game the freshman defeated Spring 53-22.



Lenore Gilliam lays up an easy 2pts.

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## Netters Win Tourney

The varsity tennis team travelled to the Klein Forest Fall Tournament Dec. 5,6 claiming the "A" division and "B" division team trophies. Members who contributed exceptionally were Dawn Parkhurst, Chip Leighton, Noel Wallace, Paul Sanders, Tracy Keist, Karen Malinowski, Tarik Hijazi, Jenny Hagaman, Kelly Folk, Jaime Suderman, Jim Miller, and Ronnie Staple ton.

Winners of individual trophies were Jenny Hagaman 1st in "B" girls singles. Tarik Hijazi 2nd in "B" boys singles, Tracy Keist and Karen

Malinowski, 1st in "A" girls doubles, and Patti Castellani and Kati Wiles 2nd in girls "C" doubles.

## Boys Take Third at Clear Lake

The boys varsity basketball team is off to a great season start with a 9-2 record. At the Clear Lake Tourney, the Cougars played 3 state ranked teams. They first defeated Austin Reagan, then Pasadena Dobie, and then lost to rival Clear Lake 59-57. From there they went on to defeat Clear Creek and claimed 3rd place

The Cougars played several games this past weekend at Bryan High School in Bryan, Tx