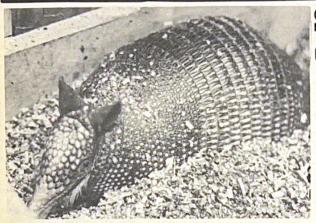
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with the armedillo. " CCHS armedillo Sherman sleepily peeks his "condo." Photo by Gretchen Spitzer

Sherman "tanks" Cy-Creek for his Memories

What's brown, has four legs, is one of identical quadruplets, weighs nine pounds, is two years old, swims, roams the halls of Cypress Creek at night and forages for food? No, it's not the "Phantom of the Creek" - it's only "Sherman" the armadillo!

On November 5, 1982, Freshman Susan Kasper gave Sherman to Mrs. Margie Lindsay, biology teacher. At the time, Sherman had no definite name, but soon the race was on to find the proper name for him. Although dozens were suggested because of his armour-like epidermus, he was finally named after the famous Sherman tank, first used in World War II. Now Sherman's

home is Cy-Creek. He lives in a wood and chicken wire cage that Senior Zack Taylor built (with materials his father donated). Nicknamed "Sherman's Condo", this structure is a legend in and of itself. However, Sherman doesn't spend all his time in his high-society condo. He was traveled to several elementary schools for educational programs and managers to get around by himself sometimes. "On three to four occasions," says Mrs. Lindsay, "he has gotten out of his cage (tears through the chicken wire). We usually find him in the boys' restroom, art, or photography." Mrs. Lindsay thinks this is because the boys' room doesn't have a door and the art Continued on page 2.

Parenting is not what it's cracked up to be

On February 22 Mindi Jezierski and Bo were married. The best man was Daryl Lazauskas, the maid-of-honor was Jennie Ferrara, and the bridesmaids were Diane Block, Cindy Lewis, Lisa Lester, and Stacy Kaiser. The Reverend Norman Pasche took time out from basketball practice to wed the teenage couple. The ceremony and reception took place in the school library. Jennie Ferrara made the cake. The reception lasted until the bell rang, when the bride and bridegroom, as well as the attending guests, were dismissed to their next class.

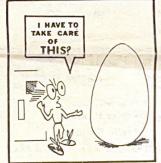
Although the wedding was only a part of a family planning unit in Advanced Health, it was very real. "They (the students) got really nervous about the wedding," said Ms. Donna Lowery, the teacher who came up with the idea, "and wanted to get it over with. It was very realistic." The bride explained, "I was so nervous. It took so long to plan and was over so fast. It felt so real."

Teenage marriages are a real fact of life. Many high school students often find themselves mothers and fathers and are faced with problems that they could not have even imagined. They must plan their wedding, pay the hospital bills, and find a means of supporting themselves all within

Those are the problems that Ms. Lowery wanted her students to understand during the unit. "I wanted to take the romance out of getting married," she said. "I am against teenage marriages." Everyone was in charge of some aspect of planning the wedding. They researched the costs of everything involved in getting married: the rehearsal dinner and reception, invitations, clothing, food and the wedding itself.

"I wanted to take the romance out of getting married," said Ms. Lowery

To complicate the situation, Ms. Lowery added another factor. She paired off the rest of the class into couples and also specified four students - two girls and two boys - as single parents. She gave each "family" an egg to represent their child. "I wanted them to learn the responsibility of a child," Ms. Lowery explained, "I chose an egg because it is so fragile." Each egg could not be left unattended. For three days the couples had to take turns keeping track of their "baby" which was not always easy. While one student was out, she had her



brother babysit the egg, which he accidently broke. Mindi Jezierski had trouble keeping her egg safe too. She forgot her egg one day and had to go home to find it. "It was in the trash can," she said of the whereabouts of her child. Susan Simon and husband Kendall Allen shared the responsibility of keeping their egg protected. They carried it around in a small plastic cup. "I learned not to have an egg," Susan said. "Having a child is not as fun as it seems. It takes a lot more than you think."

Ms. Lowery wanted her students to think

twice about getting married at a young age and to see how time consuming a child is. "You don't have the freedom of being single," she said. During the unit, Ms. Lowery asked her class what they would want in their own future marriage. They first thought the most important thing would be love, but later felt it was just as important to have something in common

She also gave them a budget based on a minimal starting salary. The students had to take out 30 percent for taxes and were faced with payments for new tires, medical bills, and plumbing problems. "The idea was to live on a set budget and really understand what it is like to be married," Susan said. 'Now I don't want to get married, " Mindi joked. She understands how expensive marriage is and that it is not all "fun and games." "It was good that we did it," Mindi commented.

Earlier this year the Advanced Health class, which is in its second year as a pilot program at Cy-Creek, did a unit on nutrition, in which they were given a budget, and had to first shop and then cook their meal at school. Later on this year a camping and outdoor life unit is planned, and Ms. Lowery would also like to have some older people come in and talk about old age.

The worst DJ of 1982?

Creek students say no.

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"Get your lazy a-." A hushed silence fell over the student-filled Cypress Creek gym. 'Just kidding guys! I can't say that kind of stuff at high schools!" laughed Moby, 97 FM's morning disc jockey, as everyone began breathing again.

Yes, Moby, the notorious FM KSRR morning crazy man, visited the Creek February 22 to introduce the Cam-fel film, "Stampede." Moby doesn't get paid for driving around town introducing "Stampede" and the Cam-fel people. He does it because "I like kids!" as he claims.

Thank goodness Moby likes kids because he met plenty of them at Cypress Creek.

Students from auto mechanics contributed to Moby's famed dirty joke collection and, as he put it, "I met and fell in love with Ms. Jeannine Maberry." The Silverado officers and Ms. Maberry got to meet the tall, large, dark-haired DJ before the "Stampede" assembly, and she along with her drill team officers received autographs and several nice compliments from Moby.

Moby has been in the radio business a long time. At one point he made commercials which he did not enjoy half as much as he does his job at 97 FM. "It's a lot of fun. I couldn't do what I do and get away with it in any other job!" explained Moby.

From 5:30 until 9:00 AM Moby along

with newsman Jon Matthews entertain thousands (probably millions) of Houston radio fans. Although Moby was billed as the "Worst DJ of 1982" by Houston Music

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magazine, he still has quite a following. In fact, the same magazine recently published a story claiming that Moby has the best response to a "worst" award.

"I really enjoyed my visit at Cypress Creek," said Moby as he was leaving us that Tuesday (Hawaiian shirt day to him). For those who did not tune in to his show the following Wednesday, Moby had some complimentary things to say about Cy-Creek and the people here. He also asserted that, "It takes fifteen Cy-Fair guys to beat up one Cy-Creek guy!" Way to go, Moby!

For those who don't listen to 97 FM in the mornings, or who've never heard the legendary Moby and Matthews' morning show, there's only one thing to say. Quoting Moby himself as he left the Creek's gym, "KSRR, 97 FM, Kick-a-Rock and Roll!"

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The Cy-Creck Marching Band will par-ticipate in the annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D. C. on April 7:12: The cost of \$58 per person was raised by the various fund raisers of the band this year. They will be marching in the Cherry Blossom Festival parade and will be the year by band representing Texas in a mass con-

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Sports



Cougars end hoop season

As the final buzzer sounded, and the scoreboard read 56-53 in the hard fought game against Kileen; the successful Couga varsity basketball season had come to a close. The team truly had a great season, being honored with numerous awards.

The Cougars finished with a 26-5 record overall, and an 9-1 record in district 15-5A where they finished as champions. The Cougars moved on to the area playoffs and defeated Conroe 53-47. Senior Gary McGuire had 21 points and controlled the boards in the Cougar triumph. Seniors Craig Britton and Kendall Allen each added 12 points in the Cougar victory.

After the tough loss to Kileen at Austin, the 15-5A All-District teams were chosen.

Tennis takes

"I'm very pleased with their efforts and

the way they try," said Coach Chris Snap

about the way the tennis team has been per-

The varsity Cougar team started off the

season on February 2 with a 9-1 victory over Katy. Then on February 4 and 5, the

Cougars placed third in the Cy-Fair Tour-

nament. Chip Leighton won first place in

Boy's A singles. Karen Malanowski took se-

cond place in Girl's A singles, and Jenny

Hagaman won second place in girl's B

In the Alief I.S.D. Tournament,

February 11 and 12, the Cougars won first

place in the "A Division", and brought home a team trophy. Again Chip Leighton

forming the past few months.

chosen to the first team all-district squad. Junior Louis Garza and Senior Kendall Allen were selected to the second team, and Andrew Howard was chosen as Honorable

season by being selected as the 15-5A Most Valuable player. McGuire led the district in rebounding (15 boards a game) and led the Cougars in scoring with a fifteen point average. "I feel this was one of the finest teams Cy-Creek has fielded. I am proud to be associated with young men of their type and hope that they achieve their every life's wish," said Coach Pasche.

district spots

won first in Boy's A singles. Tally Leighton and Patty Kiest won first place in Girl's A doubles. Liz Hagaman and Patty Castellani won second place in Girl's B doubles.

On February 16, Creek had another 9-1 victory, this time destroying Cy-Fair. Then on Wednesday, March 2, the Cougars faced Klein whom they were tied with for first place in district tournaments. Although all boys lost, they still won second place. However, the girls held their undefeated title with a 4-1 win.

"Forest will give us some competition, but I'm not too worried about Klein Oaks," said Coach Snap about the upcoming matches with Klein Forest, March 9, and Klein Oaks, March 16.

Gary McGuire and Craig Britton were each

Gary McGuire capped an excellent senior

Cougar soccer teams fight For first district titles

In the first season for soccer at Cypress Creek High School, the boys varsity soccer team has jumped out to an impressive 16-2-1 overall record, and a 6-1-1 record in district placing them tied for first.

The Cougars started their district season with a tough 1-0 defeat to Klein Forest. Since that loss, the Cougars have reeled off an unbeaten string of seven consecutive games which includes a win over Cy-Fair.

The Cougars have gotten consistent play all year from captains Chris Suess and Kenny Hilton, goalie Mike Moran, and the entire 20-man team. The Cougars also look strong for next season because the team is made up of eight seniors, seven juniors, and five sophomores.

In the Cougars' latest victory, they upset Kingwood High School 7-0. Kenny Hilton led the Cougars with four goals, as they showed a balance of good offense and superb defense.

Since the first two teams are taken from district to play in state, the Cougars have an excellent chance of continuing on to the playoffs. "I think we have a good chance to go on to state. It's been a great season so far, and I hope it continues," said captain Kenny Hilton

"We don't just have II outstanding girls - we have 18." says girls' varsity soccer coach Connie Walling. The team has begun a successful season and how has a 3-0-2 district record.

As the first game of their district season, the girls played Humble and defeated them with a score of 6-1. Lynette Melnar, varsity player, said "It was a great game. We were nervous at first but it all turned out for the better.

The Cougars' easiest victory was against Klein Oaks whom they crushed with a 10-2 score. Kim Daily and Sandy Zenson were the leading scorers in the game with the help of a great offense.

On March 3, the girls added another victory to their record by defeating Spring 9-0. They had fallen into a slump prior to this game, tying both Klein and Kingwood, each with a score of 1-1. Daily was again the leading scorer with five goals. Also scoring were Lori Haliday with two goals, and Kim King and Lisa McDermitt, each with one.

"As long as we can keep up our spirit, we'll do good," said Junior Lynette Melnar. The whole team has made an outstanding effort to make their first season a winning one.

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