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Seniors, young, wild and free.

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Seniors (L-R) Brett McBride, Kyle Standley, Tom Niermeyer, Russell Gonzales, Mark Nixon, Scott Steward and Kurt Schroeder entertain the crowds at the Creek's last pep rally.

Excessive amount of alcohol Impairs a person's ability to drive

How much is too much to drink if you're driving? In most states, the legal definition of intoxication is .10 percent blood alcohol content (BAC) and above. Yet, a person's driving ability can be impaired after drinking any amount of alcohol.

The statement that beer is less likely to get a person drunk than so-called "hard" liquor drinks is simply a myth. A six ounce glass of wine, a 12 ounce can of beer and one and a half ounces of 86-proof whiskey all contain about the same amount of alcohol. Factors that do determine how drunk a person becomes are age, metabolism and experience with alcohol. Junior Jeff Keys was involved in an automobile related accident on Friday, April 1. Jeff, who drank only one beer previous to the accident, was backing up his truck when he hit, not ran over, Freshman Gene Garza. Jeff explained, "One beer

didn't do me in so I knew what I was doing and I was able to avoid Gene." If Jeff had consumed more than his one beer, the accident could have been much more serious than it was. Jeff was arrested and charged for DWI, but the charge was dropped when he was given a breath test which did not show a BAC level high enough to be defined as legally intoxicated.

If a person is declared legally drunk while driving, he is faced with a DWI charge. The first offense is classified as a misdemeanor and is punishable with up to six months in jail and a \$500 fine. The second offense is classified as a felony and is punishable with a sentence of no more than 10 years and no less than 2 years in the Texas Department of Corrections. A fine of up to \$5000 may also be added to this sentence. However, these serious consequences can be avoided if a person drives only when sober.

Weight	DRINKS (Two-Hour Period)											
	1-1/2 Ounces, 80° Liquor or 12 Ounces Beer or 5 Ounces Wine											
100	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
120	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
140	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
160	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
180	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
200	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
220	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
240	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			

CAUTION
BAC TO .05

DRIVING
IMPAIRED .05-.09

LEGALLY DRUNK
.10 AND UP

Source: NHTSA

Fake ID's—Is alcohol worth All the problems?

By Melissa Daniels, editor

A thick, smokey haze clouds the air as you move towards the crowded bar. Blaring music beats upon your eardrums while you wait for the bartender to freshen your drink. Taking your tall frosty glass you drink a few icy sips, watching couples slide and spin on the dance floor. As your glass slowly empties you fight your way back to your table, feeling a slight numbness as the alcohol takes effect.

This could be the scene at any of Houston's clubs. The only thing that varies is the type of music and the age of the occupants.

It's no secret that high school students have long been able to get into various clubs and bars using fake identification or no ID at all. But do so-called "well-behaved" Cypress Creek students get wasted using fake ID's to get their Little Kings or Silver Bullets? It should come as no surprise to juniors and seniors that when a cross-section of Cy-Creek upperclassmen were surveyed seven out of ten students had gone clubbing using either no identification or a false one. "I've been to at least three or four different clubs lots of times and I don't have an ID," commented an eighteen year old senior guy.

Most teenagers don't realize the penalties involved after they've flashed their fake IDs to buy Little Kings or Kamikazes. How would you like to spend anywhere from two to ten years in prison just for one night of clubbing? If a minor alters any part of a Texas driver's license they will be charged with a third degree felony, fined ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or spend the next two to ten years in prison. Keep in mind that any seventeen year old can be tried as an adult and the penalties are stiff. For possessing someone else's driver's license a minor is

"I've been to at least three or four different clubs lots of times..."

charged with using a false name (class "C" misdemeanor), fined over one hundred dollars or sent to jail. When club owners allow minors into their establishments without checking identification not only will their liquor license be revoked, the club will be closed for the evening and waiters, waitresses and management will be taken to jail.

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The number drops when sophomores and freshmen were questioned. Out of a cross-section ten students, only two said they'd gone clubbing with or without an ID.

Why go clubbing at all? "It's different," said a sixteen year old junior girl. "I like it I guess because I feel older and it's a lot of fun." How did she get her ID? An older sister donated it, a common way to get an ID. Fake ID's are easy enough to obtain for those who want one. Four Seasons Flea Market issues identification using only your word as their source of information. There are advertisements in several magazines such as *Glamour*, *Teen Beat* and various others which, when sent a mere fee of seven to ten dollars, will mail you an ID with an official looking seal emblazoned upon it using your word as the advertisers' source of information.

Raising the drinking age won't cure the problems of fake ID's, student alcoholism and DWI. In every state that raised the drinking age, fake ID's have become more common and widespread. Since raising the drinking age doesn't help, perhaps enacting new counterfeit ID laws would. In this way flea markets and other establishments cannot issue ID's similar to Texas DPS ID's the way they do now. Fake ID's are much more serious than anyone realizes—more than a key to the adult world or a key to looking older and having adult fun, they're the key to a jail cell.

The more extensive a man's knowledge of what has been done, the greater will be his power of knowing what to do.

— Benjamin Disraeli

Commentary



Student apathy rises at the Creek as summer vacation grows nearer

By Susan Manning
Cypress Creek students are becoming more apathetic towards school as summer vacation approaches. "The students' dislike for school has been more obvious this year than in the past," said one Cypress Creek sophomore.

Mrs. McKeller, sophomore English teacher, said that sometimes this apathy stems in students as a result of pressure from home. Students are pushed by their parents to make good grades and to be successful. This puts a lot of stress on the students and they become burned out on school work.

On the contrary, students don't learn unless they are not with a challenge. In the past, students working beyond their grade level, breezed through their classes and



Are boys better? Steve David (number 14) looks for a pass during basketball season.

'Anything boys can do, Girls can do better'

Classroom
In today's world, the male is still dominant over the female in many situations such as jobs, marriages and athletics. But things are changing in these times—women are becoming more career-oriented and men are sharing the domestic chores. But women athletes are having trouble getting the recognition they deserve.

There are now only two major professional sports for women that get national coverage—tennis and golf. So what happens to the women who competed in college and want to continue on a professional level? Only those in golf or tennis can continue, but the others either have to give up the idea of becoming a professional entirely or end up coaching, where they cannot be doing what they really want to do.

Last year, a woman named Ann Meyers tried to start a professional basketball league for women. It went under. Why? Was it because of money? Players? Management? Yes, it was all these factors, but there are less obvious ones.

The amount of coverage for women's sports is very small in comparison to men's

professional sports. Having little or no support from the media can be very discouraging to an athlete—male or female. Do you by chance know who holds the record in the women's indoor mile, the top-ranked tennis player this year, the MVP in women's college basketball, or the fastest women's swimmer? Probably not. You might say, "Who cares about all these sports?" Well, they are important to the owners, the trainers, and even more important to the athletes who consistently train to better themselves in their event.

As today's women emerge from the underworld, hopefully we will be seeing more women's sports turn professional. It would be nice to think that these girls have somewhere to advance after high school and college other than coaching or giving up their dreams completely. The work these athletes put into their sport can be equated to men, so why not give them equal coverage? We are supposedly living in a world where a woman can do anything she wants professionally. This should include sports.

Are holidays in the forecast?

Hey Underclassmen! Next year are you planning that week long Pacific Island trip during your spring break or that two week Christmas vacation to the Rocky Mountains or sunny Hawaii with Mom and Dad? Well, they may all have to be cancelled now. Our spring break has been split, and our Christmas vacation has been shortened.

In previous years, we had a two week vacation for Christmas and an entire week for spring break. Next year our traditional Christmas and spring break have been changed. Our Christmas vacation is now December 21-January 2. Our spring breaks are March 2-5 and April 20-23.

The Christmas vacation will start on a Wednesday. This will give us a two day school week. How much school work can be accomplished in two days? Most teachers will probably show films these days. The spring breaks will start on a Friday and be carried over to a Monday. This kind of break could interfere with school organizations and family trips. The week long vacation has vanished. This change does, in fact, happen every four years due to the changing date of Easter Sunday. Some teachers feel that the two separate breaks are helpful. The students, this year, became very irritable because of the long span of school days with no breaks. The students, next year, will have a break in March and April. Other teachers still want the one week vacation.

These changes have happened, and there is nothing anyone can do to change them. To have a two week Christmas vacation and an entire week for Easter is impossible for next year's calendar. The district requires a certain amount of school days each student must attend. The normal vacation interferes with this. If we kept the same vacations, we would have to start school in the middle of August. This would conflict with the parents because some families are still on vacation at this time. Teachers also disagree with starting school so early since they would have to go to school at the beginning of August to get everything prepared for school to start.

Firing Line

Superintendent of CFISD
Mr. Labay, Christmas vacation starts on a Wednesday. What educational purposes can be accomplished in a two day week?

"We were aware that New Year's Day would be on a Sunday. We felt that it would be better to have students come back on Tuesday, January 3, than the day after New Year's."

"To compensate, we would have to require students to attend school on Monday, December 19. How much instruction can be administered in a one day week? The other option was to have an eleven day holiday, and require students to attend school through the first Monday and Tuesday in June, or eliminate two days given for Easter."

Cypress Creek Principal Mr. Shelton, do you feel in-house suspension program will be effective?

"It will be more appealing to the parents and better for the students. Instead of the students being home with the parents to watch them, they will be in a classroom with strict supervision."

"Being suspended at home counts against your attendance for exemption. The suspension hall will not do this. It will be on campus. There will be a teacher in the classroom to help the students. A counselor will also be there."

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations, grads! You've made it to graduation. After many years, you will be free of books, grades, and teachers' probing looks. But in another sense, you will only substitute the problems of school for the problems of work. Know-how on the job will replace books; wages will replace grades; and supervisors and managers will replace teachers. The boss, however he or she is titled, must be satisfied—and not with just passing work. Your work must be top or you will be demoted, perhaps fired.

Realistically, then, instead of working on some "kid stuff" in school, you will be working in the adult world of making a good living and a good life.

So, congratulations for the challenges you have met. Graduation marks your period of attainment. But now it's time to face the challenges of the future.

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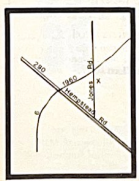
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Entertainment

Silverados create a fantasy For Spring Show viewers

It was a chance for the audience to escape, escape to another world for just one night. The Cypress Creek Silverados, under the direction of Miss Jeanine Magberry, provided this escape by performing 22 dances which related to the theme "It's Just a Fantasy."



M.C.'s Carol Pacione, Chip Leighton and Cheryl Broedel help keep Spring Show rolling along.

The show, which lasted approximately an hour-and-a-half, included dances to songs by such groups as Rush, Scandal, Hall and Oates, Trampol, and Earth, Wind and Fire. But the favorite dance for one Silverado, Barbara Berryman, was not performed by a well-known group. "Money," described as "different" by Barbara, was a unique dance choreographed by Miss Weaver and Deborah O'Banion. The dance combined body-bag dancing and normal dancing into a high-kick routine.

The overall performance displayed several types of dance including one which was different from all the rest. This dance was not performed by a group of Silverados, but by several senior guys.



Senior guys strut their stuff during "Family Man" at Spring Show.

"Family Man" provided an interesting look at the different side of these guys which has never been seen, the female side. This added a humorous twist to the evening.

The show had three reasons of ceremony. Seniors Carol Pacione, Chip Leighton and Cheryl Broedel tried to add comic relief to the night of dance.

Simon returns with Max Dugan

Neil Simon's newest movie Max Dugan Returns has also proven to be one of his best. Like all of Simon's movies, it combines comedy and drama.

Martha Mason portrays a widowed, high school English teacher, without any money and a teenage son (Matthew Broderick) who highlights the movie throughout with his facial expressions. These become complicated when her ex-coach father (Jason Robards) shows up with bundles of illegal money in front of Mason's new heart-throb, David Sutherland, and inquiring detective. Towards the end there is an added touch for baseball fans when the batting coach of the Chicago White Sox, Charley Lau, shows off with some of his batting expertise.

For the audience there is nothing but smiles throughout this movie and you will leave the theatre feeling good again.

Go to Health

A puzzle to work in your spare time

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3 Not fluffy monsoon												
9 Navy prison												
15 Not mid-King of Siam												
14 Point of view												
16 Public transport systems (abbrv.)												
17 Perhaps the most nutritious of foods												
18 Fame												
21 A son of Adam												
22 Napoleon was one (abbrv.)												
23 Poking gear												
25 All work and no made												
Jack dull												
27 Bacterial action on food												
29 Healthy beef substitute												
31 Pass into law												
24 Tony's friend												
35 Pipped												
62 Fit to sail												
65 Dairy machines												
39 Greek goddess of victory												
41 Carbonised drink (abbrv.)												
42 Bad for James Bond's health (2 wds.)												
43 January in Acapulco												
45 Spots												
48 Self												
49 Correct an error												
51 To cause to suffer emotional strain												
52 Question												
53 Exercise voice box												
55 One of a pair of ears												
57 Blushing excitement												
60 Mild cash												
63 Fat to eat												
66 Hand work												
69 Healthy nerve												
70 What health food stores and others sell												
71 Female sheep												
72 Associate												
73 Make mistakes (2 wds.)												
74 Twist, veer												
7 Get enough for good health												
8 Resolve, as dispute or argument												
9 Baby's naps												
10 Vitamins play an important one in												
11 Bit of news												
12 Too much jogging forces this												
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18 Level												
20 Attacks												
24 Ginger												
26 Poultry enclosure												
27 Decartes												
28 Sheeplike												
30 Indifferent												
32 Dish for nutritious breakfast (2 wds.)												
33 Tart tastes												
36 Stimulates												
38 Defused by cheating												
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45 Welcome rest												
47 Breeding horse												
50 Hiss												
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56 Going home												
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64 Or												
66 Some, if at all												
67 Streets (abbrv.)												

The Silverados practiced for about a month after school before their three performances on April 14th, 15th, and 16th. "It was a lot of hard work but I think it paid off," said Junior Silverado Sandra Chrowak. "This year's show had a good variety of dance, more than ever before. We got to show our individual talent and our creativity."

"It could have been better, but it was good. It was a lot of fun," said Sophomore Silverado Barbara Berryman. The 1983 Spring Show provided a variety of entertainment and music which proved enjoyable to the parents and students who attended.

Spring Break's in Florida

Fort Lauderdale will definitely not be the same after Spring Break, a recent movie release which manages to show only the best effects of drugs, alcohol, and non-stop sex. Although the acting could have used some help (replacement actors) the cheese/cheerful beach shots scored with the college/high school audience.

The plot is simple—bad guy tries to cheat good girl out of her hotel, kids staying there intervene and save the day. However, guys—the Penthouse Pet of the Year has a major role, and girls—some of the beach scenes could make your mouth water. The movie is attention-holding, and should not be seen by those 24 and older.

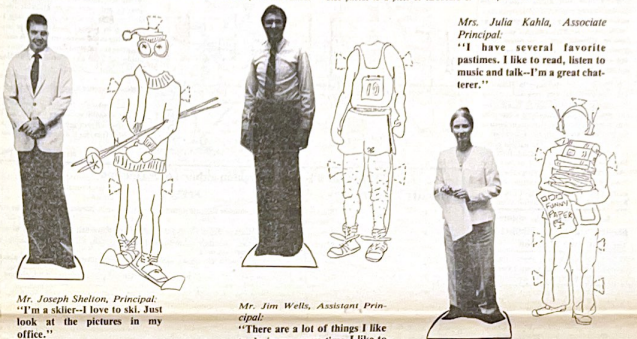
Entertainment

Cardboard Administrators

These paper dolls Say definitely not!

Everybody has a favorite hobby or pastime they indulge in when there's time to spare. Surfing, skiing, playing tennis or just lying on the beach trunk high on Cay-Creek students' list of leisure time favorites. But what about administrators? Mr. Shelton, Mrs. Kahla and the assistant principals we know so well. "C'mon," you may say, "Administrators aren't people! They're just cardboard disciplinarians—all they do is get you in trouble." The Connection staff would like to prove this rumour false. Our administrators are people too. Just see below what they look like in their spare time!

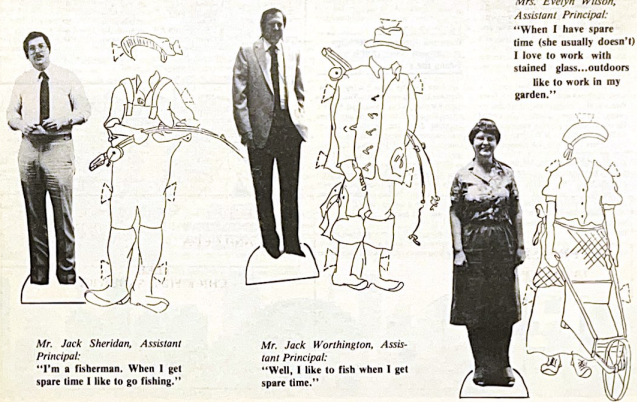
INSTRUCTIONS: Cut out clothes and administrator's photos along dotted line. Glue photos to a piece of cardboard or posterboard for support and place clothing cut-outs over photos, folding tabs over to hold. Voilà! They aren't just your average "cardboard disciplinarians" now, are they? For a different look, try switching principals' outfits.



Mr. Joseph Shelton, Principal: "I'm a skier—I love to ski. Just look at the pictures in my office."

Mr. Jim Wells, Assistant Principal: "There are a lot of things I like to do in my spare time, I like to run."

Mrs. Evelyn Wilson, Assistant Principal: "When I have spare time (she usually doesn't) I love to work with stained glass—outdoors like to work in my garden."



Mr. Jack Sheridan, Assistant Principal: "I'm a fisherman. When I get spare time I like to go fishing."

Mr. Jack Worthington, Assistant Principal: "Well, I like to fish when I get spare time."

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Features

Nuclear war threatens to destroy our future

By Todd Savage, Features editor

At the end of another school year almost over, excitement and anticipation can be felt throughout the building. Students are ready for a change and a chance to relax. Perhaps someone sees the most exciting, for they will soon enter a new stage in their lives—four-year college, close to home, a part of society, and closer to reality. The future seems so fresh and full of opportunity. Without hope in the future, there would be no reason to keep trying, working, and surviving. But what if there were no future?

It was a sunny afternoon in Houston. The sky was clear and there was a strong cool wind blowing in off the Gulf. Final exams were going on at Cypress Creek and across were out of school, many of them at the beach celebrating their new freedom.

At 11:30 a twenty-megaton nuclear bomb—1500 times more powerful than the weapons used at Hiroshima—exploded several thousand feet above Houston's distinctive downtown skyline. Within seconds the city is in ruins. It's place is a football, four and a half miles in diameter.

Galveston beach, students playing frisbee are blinded by the light over Houston.

Rising higher into the sky, brighter than the sun, is a visible hundreds of miles away. At the beach in Galveston, some students playing frisbee are blinded by the light over Houston. Although they do not fully understand what has happened, they get the feeling that they will not be graduating.

Their confusion is correct. Because 70 miles north of the beach, hell is taking place. The skyscrapers of the city have been vaporized by the intense heat with hundreds of thousands of people burning from the city in seconds. For 20 seconds, the thermal pulse (intense heat and radiation) of the fallout causes instant and painful death to anyone in the open, at a distance of five miles from the center of the blast. More than 20 miles away, people receive severe second and third degree burns.

As the fallout dim, the blast wave—a super-hardened wall of air moving faster than sound—destroys everything that remains. The people standing at the central library, visitors at the zoo, shoppers at the Galleria, tour groups at the Astrodome—they do not know what has happened, for they no longer exist. Activity has stopped along the sea wall. Eyes are directed at the mushroom cloud that is now filling the sky over the Space City, blocking out the sun and turning day into night. It reaches the height of 20 miles and stretches over 70 miles across the sky. It is frighteningly similar to a picture often seen in history textbooks.

Ten miles from the center of the cloud the winds reach 160 mph. Glass that was



Effects of a 1-and-20-megaton airburst over Houston		EFFECT
ONE-MT.	20-MT.	
1	1, 2	Steel surfaces evaporate, concrete surfaces explode, glass melts, multi-story reinforced-concrete buildings destroyed
1	3	Reinforced concrete buildings destroyed along with anything less substantial, 100% mortality likely
1	3	Aluminum siding evaporates, carbon steel melts, lucite windows melt, multi-story monumental-type wall-bearing buildings destroyed
2	4	Wood, plastics, heavy fabric burn into flames, asphalt surfaces melt, unreinforced brick and wood frame buildings destroyed
2	4	Lithology, canvas, clothing burn into flames, asphalt surfaces melt, unreinforced brick/wood frame buildings damaged beyond repair
3	6	Severe third degree burns to people; grass, shrubs ignite; fires spread, unreinforced brick/wood buildings damaged but repairable
3-4	7	Severe second degree burns to people; glass melts, people with open eyes, typical residential buildings unable but extensive repairs required

is gone as thousands of people cry for help. But no one will hear their cries or try to assist them. Houston is a city of victims. They are scared, confused, and suffering extremely serious injuries. Those able to walk must leave their family and friends, who can not be helped, and make their way to safety, away from the fires.

Eyes are directed at the huge mushroom cloud that is now filling the sky...

A more ordinary terror has begun now. Fires are burning everywhere. They stretch from Katy to the International Airport, across the city to the ship channel, where the heat from the engulfed refineries reaches several thousand degrees, and to Gilley's in Pasadena. It is a huge firestorm, propelled by the winds, burning out of control. The heated air rises forming an air column. Cool air rushes to fill its place. This causes the fire to burn hotter still and with more intensity. Fallout shelters become toxic ovens; oxygen is sucked out of them by the fire, and the people "suff" inside suffocate.

At this point the survivors begin to pull themselves out from underneath the rubble. Houston's world-renowned medical center

"Activity lowered to mere survival"

"What's going to happen? They (the victims and others) aren't going to be helped. There are going to be thousands of people that need assistance immediately, and it's not going to be available. And they're going to die or they're going to linger on for a long time. The average level of activity in the society would be lowered significantly, to mere survival. No one is going to be out there rebuilding society...they're going to be dying."

Deioned Hall International Institute for Strategic Studies

"Those who aim to upset the balance of nuclear weapons encourage the idea that it is feasible to fight a general nuclear war and survive." This idea is not merely irresponsible, it is mad.

New York Times, 1982

The clinic is filled with patients who have severe burns, and worried parents have started arriving at the school to take their kids home. No one is quite sure what has taken place. How many people are dead? How many people have injuries? Has a war started? Will there be more bombings? Is it safe to go outside yet? What will this summer be like? What about graduation? Where is someone? Where has the future gone?

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International Institute for Strategic Studies published in 1970. Source: Civil Defense

Features

Is there no Defense?



While a nuclear war itself is frightening to imagine, the real shock is how little protection is available against such an attack. Due to tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union during the 1950's and 1960's, Americans became obsessed with building fallout shelters. These shelters were stocked with food, medical supplies,

Experts predict that an all-out attack would kill 139 million.

bankers, and other articles needed for a lengthy underground stay. In the 1970's city defense planners noticed that the food had spoiled and the medical supplies had grown outdated, and emptied out the shelters. With fallout shelters apparently for peon officials and workers. The plan does not take into account the lack of fuel, ruined buildings and destroyed highways

This new plan is designed to prepare temporary rat fooding and fallout shelter areas for city dwellers fleeing the threat of an all-out nuclear holocaust. Experts predict that an all-out nuclear attack would kill 139 million of the United States' 231 million population. It is estimated that there are over 400 targets, which include all U.S. cities of more than 50,000 citizens, bomber and nuclear submarine bases, missile silos and other military and industrial sites, there are about 400 targets.

The United States has been spending \$100 million a year, on nuclear defense which has brought little or no real protection. Last year the Reagan Administration called for \$4.3 billion for civil defense over a seven-year period. The Office of Management and Budget commented that the program had been planned hastily and could end up costing over \$10 billion over the next five years. The proposed evacuation plan

"You can't convince me that they're going to destroy this country's petrochemical industry," Caswell said.

would cost \$2 billion; a proposal to build underground urban fallout shelters would cost \$90 billion—3 times the cost of the MX missile system. The Soviet Union has a reported 15,000 blast shelters that could protect national and local leaders, along with 10-20 million others. The remainder of the population would be evacuated out of the cities, many on foot, however, there is no evidence the Russians have ever tried to evacuate their citizens. The Soviet government employs 100,000 light-duty workers and 50,000 heavy-duty workers in its civil defense program. It has also set up procedures for carrying out with their own tasks after a holocaust. The Department of Housing and Urban Development has a plan for requisitioning houses "whose owners have disappeared," while the Department of Agriculture has a food rationing system to distribute its eggs and four pounds of cereal to every surviving American each week.

The Post Office has a 400 page report detailing the delivery of mail after a nuclear attack. They call for moving postal operations to remote areas to continue mail handling and providing fallout protection for postal officials and workers. The plan would be present after an attack. When the plan was presented before a congressional sub-committee, Rep. [Ed] Markey (D-Mass.) would not be surprised if half of the population were left to read and write letters after a nuclear war. Ralph J. Caswell, defense coordinator at the Post Office, replied, "Those that are left will get their mail."

before the plan has received funding. The New York City Council rejected the plan. Mayor Ed Koch explained that it is "impossible to evacuate in any timely, acceptable way" (The Nation, 1982). Detroit has spent \$350,000 a year on relocation preparations but probably would not survive. A one-megaton bomb would instantly kill 350,000 of the four million residents and cause more than half a million injuries. Janning plans to relocate an underground number of 225 miles northwest to Traverse City, Michigan.

The Washington, D.C. evacuation plan is not much better. It calls for people with 700 numbered license plates to wait for those with even-numbered plates to leave the city first. Cities with out plans include Philadelphia, in which 410,000 of the 785,000 people living within five miles of the refinery would die. San Diego, whose 2.5 million residents are surrounded by Mexico on the south, Los Angeles on the north, the Pacific Ocean on the west, and the mountains and desert on the east; and the fourth largest city in the United States, home of NASA, a huge petrochemical industry and one of the world's busiest ports—Houston.

The Department of Defense has identified 33 high-risk areas in Texas, including the petrochemical complexes in the Beaumont and Houston areas, the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan, Austin, San Antonio, and other plants of economic or military importance. The Governor's Disaster Emergency Service has drawn up plans for 32 high-risk areas, but the Houston and Harris County refused to participate in planning to relocate people. John Caswell, the top civil defense official for Houston and Harris County, is not satisfied that Houston even identifies a high-risk area.

"You can't convince me that they're going to destroy this country's petrochemical industry," Caswell said.

would cost \$2 billion; a proposal to build underground urban fallout shelters would cost \$90 billion—3 times the cost of the MX missile system. The Soviet Union has a reported 15,000 blast shelters that could protect national and local leaders, along with 10-20 million others. The remainder of the population would be evacuated out of the cities, many on foot, however, there is no evidence the Russians have ever tried to evacuate their citizens. The Soviet government employs 100,000 light-duty workers and 50,000 heavy-duty workers in its civil defense program. It has also set up procedures for carrying out with their own tasks after a holocaust. The Department of Housing and Urban Development has a plan for requisitioning houses "whose owners have disappeared," while the Department of Agriculture has a food rationing system to distribute its eggs and four pounds of cereal to every surviving American each week.

Edward P. Masley, a Texas Department of Transportation spokesman, said that Houston is not a high-risk area because of its large population, concentration of facilities, and huge manufacturing capabilities. While there are

plans for the evacuees once they reach their destination, formal planning for relocation of Caswell and his elected officials. "The problem is that you put your people into a false sense of security by having them believe you can move them out of the city and save their lives," Caswell said (Houston Chronicle, 1982). More than 30 counties north of the Harris County area have been designated hot areas in front and feet evacuees. Masley pointed out that many of the buildings on the San Houston State University campus would provide excellent fallout shelter, and many other buildings could be converted to increase their resistance to radiation. The refugees would have to stay in shelters for a minimum of two weeks and possibly up to four months depending on the severity of the attack and the prevailing winds. (Houston Chronicle, 1982).

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There are 400 designated fallout shelters in the Houston area, but the shelters were cleared in 1977 the state food auctioned off, and the bunkers and bedding distributed to city and state agencies. Caswell feels there would be adequate space for those who did not leave the city in the event of a nuclear attack. "But can you imagine what it's going to be like with everybody trying to get out of town?" he said. "It'd be worse than trying to go home on Friday afternoon." Caswell seems optimistic in the regard of the possibility of a nuclear war. "I've got my feet fixed to sink about. It's not belief we won't all be lost" (Houston Chronicle, 1982).

But it would "with or without evacuation plans and fallout shelters, Houston (or any other city) would be devastated in an assault by nuclear weapons. Advance warning would be a critical factor in survival. But how much warning would there be? Twenty minutes or thirty days? Maybe a quarter of the population would be able to crawl into empty basements or attempt to leave the city on the always congested freeways."

Just how safe would they really be against temperatures higher than in the core of the sun and winds blowing faster than 300 mph? And what would be the fate of the people without transportation or safe shelters nearby? Nuclear war is perplexing because there are so many questions. Hopefully we will never confront the answer.

As of the end of 1981, the total destructive power of nuclear weapons of all nations represented 10 tons of TNT for every man, woman and child on earth.

Special thanks to Sue Gorman and the Houston Chronicle.

Artwork by K.C. Capello

The graduating class of 1983—

"We're young, wild and free" echoed through the halls of Cypress Creek this past year. From the first hot September day until these last laid back weeks the "class with class" has made its personality and presence known. Now they've come, as Lionel Richie sings, "to the end of their rainbow" and they're eager to leave. For a moment stop and think—this is it, their last years of high school. Stop and remember as you look at this photo essay of the 1982-83 school year the graduating class of 1983. Say goodbye to your friends as well as your enemies because in almost a week they'll truly be "young wild and free" and gone forever from Cypress Creek, leaving the halls still and empty.



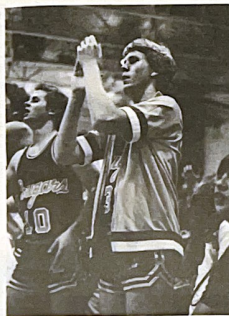
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"Everybody is so nice and so much fun! I've really enjoyed working with everyone." Jill Jezewski, Secretary



"(The class of '83) is the most original, outstanding class Cypress Creek has ever had!" Lori Casper, President



"The spirit and participation in our class is overwhelming. It really made my year more enjoyable to work with people like that." Patty Niegos, Vice-President



"At the beginning of the year we were so short on money. We were worried. But thanks to our class's spirit and their pulling together we made it!" Deanna Sutton, Treasurer



Photos by Eric McNamara, Carol Pacioni, Steve Schorr, Gretchen Spitzer

Young, wild and "free at last!"

Features

Astroworld unveils new attraction ...the SkyScreamer

By Robin Horton

Flash white faces stare straight ahead, afraid to move. Enlarged eyes, filled with wonder, show uncertainty in the surrounding. Outstretched lips release a screaming piercing sound, torturing every ear in Plaza de Fiesta at Astroworld. This is how the anxiety is seen and the screams are heard as they radiate from the mouths of the terrified victims of Astroworld's newest adventure, SkyScreamer.

When the Texas Cyclone came to town, everyone thought it was the ultimate ride. Then Greased Lightning captured the hearts of thrill seekers. But SkyScreamer is unsurpassable. It is like no other. It stands alone.

Four passengers sit in a padded gondola with an over-the-shoulder harness securing their safety. After the car is moved to its starting position, it zooms up rapidly, very rapidly, to the top of the tower. Within thirteen seconds, the riders' view changes from the line of the anxious people waiting for their chance to the tip-top of the Astrozone and other monstrous buildings. The gondola then creeps to the left, and the riders are suspended...nervously



Susan Carol Peterson and Robin Horton are a few of the first people to try out the SkyScreamer.

waiting, anticipating, starting in shock at the spectacular view.

After its release from the lift chain, 100 feet drop before the eyes of those who dare step into a world of horror and excitement. It takes just two seconds to fall the heights

looking into the sky where they just experienced one of the most memorable rides they will ever consider standing in line for. When the passengers get off, four more jump in, some hesitantly and others excitedly. After the scare and fight is all over, whether they wanted to ride the SkyScreamer or not, most people find themselves in line once again to live the one minute, twenty second fascination.

SkyScreamer, which cost approximately 2.5 million dollars to build, is run by two computers that send information back and forth and must agree on all safety technicalities. They make individual braking adjustments for each gondola after the speed of the dropping car has been measured and sent to the braking system. This way, a car with heavy passengers will be insured extra protection and security when it comes to a screeching halt.

Each hour about 1,000 adventurous people will get the feeling of stepping off a cliff. SkyScreamer is equipped with eight gondolas, one dropping every twelve seconds. It weighs 120 tons, strong enough to carry all the trauma and terror each rider puts into it.

Malinowski dominates district, Regionals; state in the future

Jon Warren

District 15-5A girls tennis was dominated by Cy-Creek Junior Karin Malinowski who, along with her partner Freshman Tally Longhorn, is headed for the State Tournament in Austin, April 26-30. The team has earned second place in Regionals on April 6 at Mesquite.

The pair teamed up to take the District doubles championship. "Me and Tally just started playing together at district. I was shocked that we got this far," Karin said. Last year Karin and partner Dewa Parkhurst escaped from district to capture fourth place at regionals.

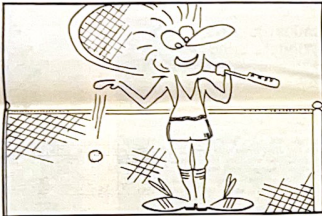
A two time regional doubles player, Karin primarily played singles this season going undefeated in district play. Last summer she competed in many Junior Tennis tournaments winning the Conroe and Bob Madsen Opens. Her performances ranked her

thirty-third in Texas and enabled her to compete in the state Sectional's tournament last fall.

Karin moved to Houston in 1981 from Plover, Wis. because her number one ranking and for whom she represented in the United States National Tournament held.

A National Honor Society member who started playing tennis at the age of 10, Karin trains by more than just playing tennis. "I get up at 5:30 in the morning to run, and then I run again at night," Karin said. But still the actual tennis is not forgotten. "I average two to three hours a day now and four to five hours in the summer."

With all this work under her belt, how does she feel they will do at the state tournament. "I think if we can get past the first round we can do just as good or better than any other team...I don't believe we are going to state."



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Senior Gene Spears



Gene and Steven Spears: The family that studies together, stays together

Is there really a sibling rivalry between two of the smartest people in school? Senior Gene Spears and Junior Steven Spears are both the sons of Mrs. Spears, chemistry teacher. As most people know, Gene is the winner of dozens of awards and several thousand dollars worth of scholarships, and Steven is close behind. Yet a lot of people don't know anything else about these two remarkable people.

Gene was born in Austin, Texas, and has lived most of his life in Houston. He enjoys bridge, playing piano, and music composition. He likes school very much and feels that Cy-Creek's academic program is excellent. His favorite subjects are physics and chemistry, which also happen to be his strongest subjects. The only thing he really dislikes about school is not academic. "I just the one thing is the tendency of the school to view the students as a mass instead of individuals with different motivations," Gene remarked. When questioned about how he felt about having his mother teach where he goes to school, he said he felt awkward at first, but gradually got used to it. "There are advantages and disadvantages," he admitted. He normally spends approximately 10 hours a week studying and plans to attend Rice University.

Steven was born in Lafayette, Louisiana, and has also lived here for most of his life. His hobbies are mainly debate and science symposiums. This year he says that he enjoys English, chemistry, and physics, and he also studies for about 10 hours a week. He is a member of several extra-curricular activities, such as Latin Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, and the National Forum League, which is the debate team. "I think that it's good to have such activities," he said.

This year Steven has won such outstanding awards as first place at the State Science Fair in Austin, which will allow him to compete at West Point in May. His project also earned him the Grand Award at the Houston Post Science Fair, and he will go on to compete internationally in Albuquerque, New Mexico. "I feel that I've worked hard for my accomplishments," he stated. There is not really anything that he dislikes about school except for the fact that having his mother teach him can sometimes be a disadvantage.

Since both brothers share the same interests, one may think that a competitive conflict could arise. This is not true, because Gene and Steven help each other out. "There isn't any rivalry between Steven and I," said Gene. "We support each other in whatever we do."

Junior Steven Spears



Industrial Arts Winners Bring Home outstanding Awards

This year Industrial Arts Local Competition introduced three new project classification areas for students to place in: Plastics, Fiberglass, natural and man-made energy related technology are all offered for the first time as part of Mr. Kammers' wood shop class. They proved to be successful in impressing the many who turned up at Cy-Creek's main gym April 24 & 25.

Winners were chosen by specialists from such distinguished companies as Fluor and Cameron Iron Works according to the specific field of the project. Amongst the winners in the new categories, Peter Hubbard, hand of ocean won first-place in plastic occupation. Louis Hight of General Wood I, also won a well-deserved first-place for his twin night stand enhanced with more than a half-dozen kinds of wood and topped with sheet glass.

After local competition made history, the award-winning students who are Industrial Arts Club members will move on to Regionals held in Houston at the Sam Houston Coliseum August 29 and 30. Even if a project places honorably at Regionals, the battle to Nationals is only half over.

Go to Health!

Answers to crossword puzzle on page 4.

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The first place winners for this year's state competition were Roberta Madson, Adam Schmitz, Jim Pratt and Howard Ross in General Drafting, Martin Olin in Engineering Graphics, Craig Brown in Technical Drafting, Gary Schuitzer in Architectural Drafting, John Braun in Leatherworking, and Kyle Elerstus in Metalworking.

Did you buy your 1983 Cougar Pride? This is your last chance....

Dollars and Sense: Prom expenses Empties seniors' wallets

By Susan Manning

As the school year draws to a close, the seniors are participating in the most memorable night of their high school year: the Senior Prom. The memories of this night may remain close to their hearts, as well as their wallets.

Unfortunately, most special events have a price tag attached and this event is certainly no exception. First, there is the preparation involved for the big night. The girls must purchase a formal gown which can cost anywhere from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 for the gown.

The prom, however, are undoubtedly stuck with the larger tab. They not only have to rent a tux, but also they have to make other costly arrangements. The bus cost will probably run \$50. The guy also has to make reservations for a limousine, restaurant, and purchase the tickets. The limo cost an average of \$30 per hour, depending on which style is ordered. The cost of the restaurant can vary drastically, depending on where the couple decides to go. The most popular restaurant this year is Vargo's, which costs \$50 for two meals.

This price can increase if the couple decides to eat breakfast out as well. The tickets to the big event are no small expense either, at a cost of \$25 each.

The prom would not even be possible if the senior class had not worked so hard on their fund raising projects. The class earned over \$27,000 and will spend \$18,000 of that on the prom.



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Senior Mike Mylius shows off his award-winning physique. Photo by Gretchen Spitzer

Students take off their shirts And unveil their healthy bodies

As students fished down their pizza and burrito during lunch on April 21, they saw a sight that may have made them swallow their food a little quicker than usual. The attraction was the Second Annual Mr. and Ms. Physique Contest, which was one of the activities during Health Awareness Month sponsored by the Medical Careers Club in April.

Cypress Creek Nurse Mrs. Wilson said the purpose of Health Awareness Month, expanded over last year's week-long event, is "to increase the public's knowledge of disease prevention and health promotion." She hopes that it made people more conscious of their own health as well as their responsibility for health.

Some very healthy-looking students competed in the Mr. and Ms. Physique Contest.

A competition to find the students with the best bodies. The winners were: Senior Mike Mylius and Junior Lisa Lester, while Sophomores Keith Bell and Sheri Conners were named runners-up. The contest was judged by a panel of coaches, counselors and student council members and trophies were awarded by the Medical Careers Club. Mrs. Wilson said the contest was held again this year because last year it was "quite successful and received a good response."

While the physique competition was the main activity during Health Awareness Month, the Medical Careers Club also helped to promote health with posters, a library display, and gave teachers a cancer risk evaluation pamphlet.



Junior Lisa Lester the 1983 winner of the Ms. Physique contest. Photo by Gretchen Spitzer

Cypress Creek elects leaders for next year

In the past few weeks, Cypress Creek students have been electing the students they feel are the most qualified to represent their organizations next year.

"Absolutely fantastic. I couldn't have better officers," said the newly elected Senior Class President, Libby Layton, about Vice President Jennie Ferrara, Secretary Mindi Jermicki, and Treasurer Paul Jank. The new council has already managed a car wash for the summer, hopefully at the beach, and a two week

competition to find the students with the best bodies. The winners were: Senior Mike Mylius and Junior Lisa Lester, while Sophomores Keith Bell and Sheri Conners were named runners-up. The contest was judged by a panel of coaches, counselors and student council members and trophies were awarded by the Medical Careers Club. Mrs. Wilson said the contest was held again this year because last year it was "quite successful and received a good response."

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Newsmakers: UIL Literary contestants triumph at district meet

Photography has had quite a successful year with students winning awards in many different categories. The most recent event was the Southwest Competition for State Students held at San Houston High School Students held at San Houston High School. The winners were as follows: **Joe Garland**, honorable mention in black and white nature; **Karen Friske**, first in color landscape and second in color open capture; **Chet Friske**, third in color open capture; **Craig Newitt**, second in commercial and honorable mention in open black and white; **Devon Parker**, second in open black and white; **Jan Starnes**, honorable mention in color landscape; **Laura LaBarne**, second in black and white animal; **Mike Egblin**, honorable mention in commercial; **Any Rader**, honorable mention in black and white informal portraits, and black and white nature.

Miss Cruise is thrilled with this outstanding accomplishment for photography because winning these awards is a first for this district.

The members of the court will have to pass a screening procedure in order to be selected to serve.

The court sessions will begin on May 9 and will continue for two weeks. All court sessions are closed to audience.

If this experiment works, we will proceed through the proper channels to get permission to make the court a permanent part of our school.

More than 500 students from 50 schools across Texas qualified to compete in the second annual Texas State German Center in Austin on April 23, 1983 at Crockett High School. Cypress Creek entered 23 out of 51 events bringing home a third place sweepstakes trophy. "This is the highest award achieved by any German department in the CoFair district for this state contest," explained German teacher Mrs. Weaver.

Group and individual events were entered. Group winners include: First place: Play-act members: **Colleen Riley, David Farrar, Maria Szakalis, Ed Keper, Vicki Matava, Monica Venema, Margit Lee, Leanne Schlicher, Roger Verste, Chris Dohs**

Slide Show with Narration: **Lisa Tosh, Colleen Riley**

Second Place: **Diet Acting Lead: Pam Capps, Michelle Castellan**

Diet Acting Advanced: Margit Lee, Maria Szakalis

Individual winners are, first place: **Monica Newman**, upper level poetry reading, second place: **Vicki Matava**, upper level prose reading, **Daniel Price**, research paper.

Many other students captured third, fourth, and fifth place awards.

Cypress Creek students recently participated in the UIL Literary meet, April 9, at Klein Forest High School. Representatives from the Debate, Journalism, Speech, Drama, English, Math, Science, and Business departments attended. Winners at the district meet included: **Gene Spivey**, first place (Informative Speaking), **David McDavid**, third place (Informative Speaking), **Laura Staphorn**, fourth place (Persuasive Speaking), **Stephanie Geyer**, fifth place (Persuasive Speaking), **Melissa Daniels**, first place (Feature Writing), **Cher Rosemond**, third place (Headline Writing), **Phil McDavid**, fifth place (Headline Writing), **Gene Spivey**, first place (Society), **Richard Powell**, third place (Society), **Lisa Kergan**, fifth place (Shorthand). In addition, **Karen Holman, Charle Houston, Bill Lewry, and Karen Trishew** placed in final. **Allen Prasad and Liz Hagaman** were given an Honorable Mention, and **Jerry Panstun** was awarded a seat in the All-Star Cast for their performances in

Cyrano de Bergerac. Tied for first place were the award-winning Debate teams of **Adam Czaico-Daniel Price and Keith Jones-Stevens Spivey**. The team of **Jim Brown and Jason Nelson** was awarded fourth place. Winners at Regionals included **Cher Rosemond** and **Gene Spivey**.

Members of the club with the bright red sash, **Ms. Alpha Theta**, elected their officers for the 1983-84 school year. Those chosen to run the honorary math club are: **Pavel Cho**, president; **Laura Peet**, vice-president; **Dana Zaufoff**, treasurer; and **Ann Shah**, secretary.

The Cy-Creek computer programming team finished second in the programming competition held on April 5 at the University of Houston central campus. The Cy-Creek team of **Richard Powell, Mark Bennett, Matt Duggan** and **Andi Shah** finished second only to the Klein team.

The Cougar team completed 15 programs for 27 points, just behind Klein's 15 for 34 points. The Cougar finished ahead of 15 other teams in this Houston area event. **Jerry Fairchild** completed the Cy-Creek team.

The teams had more than two hours to solve as many of the 31 programs as possible. The judges awarded from one to three points on each problem solved with the points depending on the degree of difficulty.

Shelton has agreed to let the students run an experimental court to handle discipline problems. Teachers and assistant principals will refer students to the court for disciplinary action. The court will decide on the type of punishment to be handed down to the student. This is a mock court and the cases will be real.

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Choosing the "right" college from among the more than 3,500 in the U.S. which offer two- and four-year degrees or vocational certification is time-consuming. Some students, however, spend more time thoughtfully researching the selection of their first or than they do researching the selection of a college education.

The college search should begin when you're a freshman or sophomore; by the time you're a senior, it may be too late to ignore it. Two years of a foreign language and two more years of math and science that your first-choice college demands as a minimal entrance requirement.

Most college materials suggest a well-balanced but rigorous four-year curriculum that can help you design a preparation necessary for virtually any post-secondary program.

The earlier you and your guidance counselor develop a plan, the more flexibility you'll have to revise it as you move from sophomore to senior year. Examining college catalogs and career brochures when you're a freshman or sophomore also will tell you if you need to schedule any special course work, or vocational programs, throughout your high school years. A prospective employer, for example, may be asked to provide an extensive portfolio of original work as a college admissions requirement.

Some seniors, after completing three years of a foreign language, choose to drop the fourth year of study. A familiarity with college requirements may convince you to continue with French IV. Some institutions will waive a foreign language requirement if you successfully complete four years of study in high school.

But what can junior and senior do to simplify the search process?

Start attending college night programs in your area, and encourage your parents to accompany you. Representatives from as many as 50 colleges and universities make group presentations, and they allow time for questions and answers. When college admissions officers schedule visits at your school, sign up to meet with them.

With your high school guidance counselor, begin by examining the basics. These include assessing your standardized test scores, attitude and interest in your area, and encourage your parents to accompany you. Representatives from a quality of the colleges you have completed.

Counselors also can help you match your profile against previously admitted freshmen at the colleges you are considering, and tell you the acceptance rate of graduates from your high school. They can explain how heavily colleges weigh grades, test scores, letters of recommendation, personal essays and interviews.

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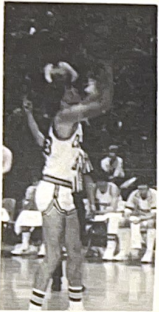
McGuire named Sportsman of the Year

At the beginning of the year, Coach Norm Pasche said, "To have a good club, you must have a good person," and the Cougars did. He stands six feet-six inches tall and makes his home on a basketball court. Other players fear him because he is overpowering, and has the ability to take control of a basketball game. In case you have not already guessed who this imposing player is, it is Gary McGuire. McGuire has been chosen as this year's Sportsman of the Year by the Cougar Connection.

McGuire, a two-year letterman in basketball, led the Cougars to the 15-5A district championship. He was also named Most Valuable Player in the district because of his outstanding play.

And this was just the beginning.

McGuire paced the Cougars to a 26-5 overall record and a 9-1 district record. He led the district in rebounding averaging fifteen a game, and the Cougars in scoring with a fifteen point game average. The Cougars also became area champions as they defeated Conroe 53-47. McGuire was unstoppable scoring 21 points and controlling the boards.



Evans named Sportswoman of the Year

This year, Cy-Creek's athletic program has had an all over success. Our teams were made up of very talented athletes who really stick out among all the others, and all of them deserve recognition. But the Cougar Connection has picked one of our athletes as Sportswoman of the Year, Junior Holly Evans.

Holly has participated in most of our girls open programs. She played on the varsity volleyball team, varsity basketball, and high jumped for varsity track. Holly will be a returning letterman for all three sports next year.

In track Holly took top honors in district, second in regionals, and advanced to the state meet which was held on May 7. The University of Texas has recognized her talents, and has asked her to visit their campus in regards to a possible scholarship.

Other athletes considered for Sportswoman of the Year were: Ann Betton, basketball; Lenora Gilliam, basketball; Debra White, volleyball, basketball; Debbie Zaiss, volleyball, basketball.

Cougars pound way to district victories



Coach Nick LaBarbera has moved his baseball Cougars within striking distance of a district playoff spot with three consecutive victories after three early defeats. The key to the team's success has been hitting.

The Cougars faced tough pitching in their district opener against Jersey Village and Klein which resulted in their slow start, (0-3 in district). Not counting themselves out, the Cougars rallied to beat Katy, Klein Forest, and Jersey Village in three home games.

The highlight of these three games was when the Cougars faced Klein Forest on April 12th. The Cougars sent Jeff Daubar to the mound hoping that he could start the team on the track to a district playoff spot.

The game started well for the Cougars as they scored two in the second inning. Klein Forest fought back to take a 3-2 lead in the third. The team traded runs in the fourth and Cy-Creek scored one in the fifth to

knock the score at four. The game remained that way until the seventh inning when Klein Forest scored three times to take the lead 7-4.

The Cougars came to bat in the bottom of the seventh needing four runs to keep their district playoff hopes alive. They scored the four runs and pulled out a thrilling 8-7 victory. "We gave the game to them and they gave it right back to us in the last inning," said Coach LaBarbera.

The Cougars will have to continue to get pitching, timely hitting, and solid defense if they plan to advance into the district playoffs. They must win their remaining games because with three losses the Cougars will have a hard time securing a first or second playoff finish.

The junior varsity team headed by Coach Johnny McWilliams is having a super season, leading in the 15-5A race. They have a perfect 9-0 district record with three games left on their schedule.



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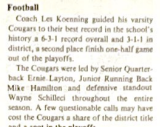
Cougars end successful year



Football

Coach Len Koenig guided his varsity Cougars to their best record in the school's history a 6-3-1 record overall and 3-1-1 in district, a second place finish one-half game out of the playoffs.

The Cougars were led by Senior Quarterback Ernie Layton, Junior Running Back Mike Hamilton and defensive standout Wayne Schillaci throughout the entire season. A few questionable calls may have cost the Cougars a share of the district title and a spot in the playoffs.



Basketball

Standout center Gary McGuire led the boys varsity Cougars to another successful hoop season with an impressive 26-5 season record and a 9-1 district record. The Cougars, under the guidance of Coach Norm Pasche, won the district 15-5A championship, beating Klein Forest.

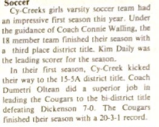
Hard work and dedication paid off for the girls varsity basketball team this year. The girls took the top district spot with Cy-Fair, and ended their season with a 9-1 district record.



Tennis

State-ranked Chip Leighton helped the boys varsity tennis team to a strong finish in district this season. Leighton headed up an experienced team which included Noel Wallace and Fabian Pollio.

This year, the girls varsity tennis team has excelled to reach goals the team made at the beginning of the year. Sophomore Jenny Haganan and her sister Junior Liz Haganan both have done very well this year and both will be returning.



Track

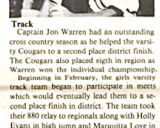
Captain Jon Warren had an outstanding cross country season as he helped the varsity Cougars to a second place district finish. The Cougars also placed eighth in region as Warren won the individual championship.

Beginning in February, the girls varsity track team began to participate in meets which would eventually lead them to a second place finish in district. The team took their 880 relay to regionals along with Holly Evans in high jump and Marquita Love in shot put.



Swimming

The Cypress Creek swimming and diving team won their district season and finished second in the regional meet. They advanced to state where the boys led by Philip Bacon, David Mail and David Hayes finished in ninth place and the girls led by Sandra Gooking placed sixth. Gooking, Bacon and Hayes advanced to the junior nationals where Bacon placed 3rd in the individual medley.



Golf

Spring has officially begun as the girls varsity golf team red for a great season. The girls participated in many tournaments under the guidance of coach Linda Dawson. The girls golf team won the state title by nine strokes.

With the addition of freshman sensation Randy Lee, the boys' golf team stroked their way to the 15-5A district title. Lee along with Senior Bart Guyton led the Cougars to their first district championship.



Soccer

Cy-Creek's girls varsity soccer team had an impressive first season this year. Under the guidance of Coach Connie Walling, the 18 member team finished their season with a third place district title. Kim Daily was the leading scorer for the season.

In their first season, Cy-Creek kicked their way to the 15-5A district title. Coach Danerri Olman did a superior job in leading the Cougars to the bi-district title defeating Dickinson 7-0. The Cougars finished their season with a 20-3-1 record.

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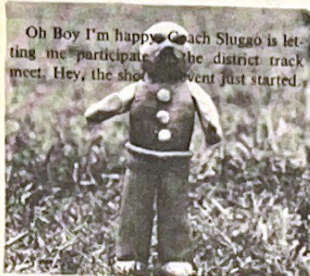
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Mr. Bill runs in the Cy-Creek District Track Meet



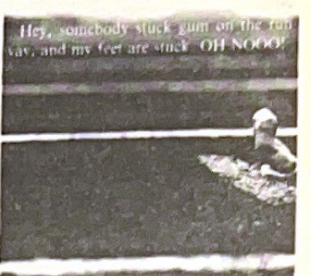
Oh Boy I'm happy Coach Sluggo is letting me participate in the district track meet. Hey, the shot put event just started.



OH NOOOO! Maybe I'll try to clear the hurdle. This is too dangerous.



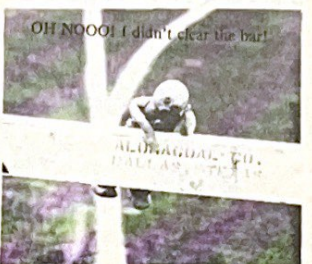
I'm standing here at the long jump pit. I can't wait I'm gonna win!



Hey, somebody stuck gum on the run way, and my feet are stuck! OH NOOOO!



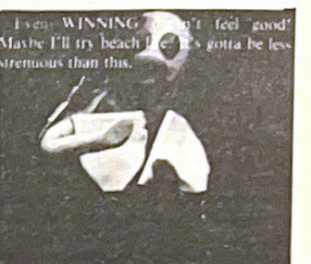
Clearing hurdles. The great one!



OH NOOOO! I didn't clear the bar!



I give up. I'll just go home and go home.



Even WINNING doesn't feel good! Maybe I'll try beach volleyball. It's gotta be less strenuous than this.

Spring fever has not set in for track Boys take individual honors Girls win second in district

The Cypress Creek varsity track team, led by Jon Warren, ran to an overall third place Friday, April 22, at the district meet held at Katy High School.

The Cougars finished third with 82 team points behind second place Katy, and first place Klein Forest. Jersey Village finished fourth, Cy-Fair fifth and Klein finished in sixth place. Senior Jon Warren contributed twenty points by winning first place in the 800 meter run and the 1600 meter run. The Cougars picked up twenty-five points in the field events thanks to Matt Elliot with a second place in the discus and a sixth in the shot put, Craig Britton a second in high jump, Jon Courville a third in high jump and Bret Thomas received a fifth in shot put. The points in the running events were twenty by Warren, ten points by Alan Higginson with a third place in the 200 meter dash and a fourth in the 100 meter dash, Stuart Angst with a third in the 800 meter run, Noel Manning with a third in the 1600 meter run, Randy Janek with a fifth in the one 10

meter high hurdles and a sixth in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles. The Cougars also received a fifth place in the mile relay.

Jon Warren who dominates the first and second place categories in the mile, the two mile and 800, did just as well last year. He placed fourth in the two mile at the state meet last year, and first place in cross country at the state meet this past fall. "I expect him to get back to state this year in both events," said Coach Howton.

Seniors Craig Britton and Jon Courville are the Cougars most outstanding high jumpers. Even though both are suffering injuries, Britton from a bad back and Courville a bad knee, they both jumped six feet -six inches this year.

Cypress Creek head track coach Jack Howton states, "We did a super job, a lot better than we were picked before the meet." Coach Howton will take this first and second place finishers to the regional meet in Mesquite, Texas on May 6th, and 7th.

Tension mounts as the starter tells the runners to enter their blocks. In their eyes, concentration on winning their race is the only thing to see. The starter raises the gun, fires it and the runners are off. This is a typical scene at one of the girls varsity track meets. Under the guidance of Coach McVay, the girls sprinted their way to second place finish in district.

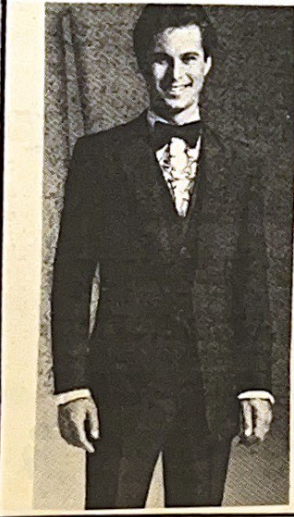
The team began its season on February 17 winning against Aldine. One runner said, "This is just the beginning of a long hard season. We have a lot of important meets between now and district." The runners were not the only part of the team that won. The girls in field events did their part in scoring points for the team. High jumper Holly Evans placed high in all the team's meets. Marquitta Love also was a strong competitor in shot put.

During the course of the season, the team participated in several meets, including Klein, the Cy-Fair ISD Invitational which

was held at Cy-Creek, and the Rice University High School and College Invitational. Because of the number of teams participating in these meets, the girls and had trouble placing high among them. But as their district meet came into view, the team set their minds to prove exactly how good they were.

The district meet was held at Cy-Creek on April 6, 7, & 8. The girls placed second overall and produced these regional qualifiers: the 440 relay, which consisted of Cathy Palmer, Sandy Zenson, Gisele Saralegui, and Yvonne Wilborn; the 880 relay, which was Cathy Palmer, Janet Joseph, Jan Renfroe, and Gisele Saralegui; Marquitta Love in shot put, Holly Evans in high jump, and Terrie Potsavich in long and triple jump.

At the regional meet, held April 22 & 23, Holly Evans placed second in high jump, which qualified her for the state meet on May 5 and 6.



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