

El Caballero



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Nine Cerritans awarded honors

BANK OF AMERICA

Four of the ten students competing in the Bank of America contest have been selected to represent El Cerrito in further competition.

The students are Steve Schaffran in the field of Liberal Arts, Craig Swan in the field of Math and Science, Bill Upholt in the field of Fine Arts, and Lora Beth Larson in the field of Vocational Arts.

The students, chosen after discussing questions for a faculty selection committee, will compete next in Berkeley for a possible \$100 and the right to continue further in competition.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP TEST

Barbara Bolton, Dave Booth, Pat Liymqa, Ken Ludwig, Es Snell, and Bill Upholt were recently named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

These six seniors scored well enough on their College Board Tests to advance to this last level of competition. Waiting to hear if on the basis of their tests' scores, Merit and College Boards, and their scholastic records they have been awarded a scholarship, is their next chore.

UC pre-engineering examination set for April 8; sign-up deadline March 29

Those seniors interested in studying engineering at the University of California this coming fall are reminded that they must take the pre-engineering qualifying examination this spring.

Although the test is to be given on April 8, the deadline for the application is March 29. A \$5 fee is also necessary, if the student has not already applied for admission.

Junior Class wants anyone

Anyone at all is wanted by the Junior Class.

The Junior Class will present the Junior Varieties on May 19 and is at present enlisting workers to make the Varieties a success.

They are interested in talented people willing to present their acts in the Varieties as well as juniors willing to work on committees.

Students, all classes, who have an act are to contact June Fleming. Juniors who want to work on committees are to check the Junior class bulletin board for committee heads.

Hojer, Earl, McCarthy star in performances tonight

A take-off on a french bedroom drama will share the limelight with "Down in the Valley" to be presented by the Fine Arts Department tonight at 8:00 in the boys' gymnasium.

"Poison, Passion and Petrification" is the title of this "sa-

tirical farce of a melodrama" which will star Ed McCarthy as the husband, Marilyn Willey as his wife, and Bill Logan as her lover.

This tantalizing drama, sometimes called "The Fatal Gazogne"



OPERETTA REHEARSAL

JESSI, science - engineering session, for Juniors, Sophs

The Junior Engineers' and Scientists' Summer Institute is

now enlisting sophomores and juniors for this coming summer's program.

The JESSI was established for the purpose of helping students decide for or against a science or engineering career and showing them what they can expect if do go into either field.

The two-week long curriculum includes recreation in the afternoon. There are about 25 students in each class. The instructor may choose the method of presentation, although the lecture-demonstration method is the most common.

The session is from June 10 to June 24, for the boys and from June 18 to July 2, for the girls on a different campus. The cost is \$105.00 plus transportation, but financial assistance is available for those who qualify and need it.

A student need not be interested in science or engineering to attend, but JESSI is not an effort to cause the student to decide on a science or engineering career.

High school graduates will be admitted if there is room. For more, information, see your counselor.

certificates, and ribbons are also given away.

Last year El Cerrito had a grand prize winner, Margaret Martin.

was presented before the P.T.A. on January 19 in the cafeteria. It will also be presented with the operetta at a drama festival to be held at San Francisco State later in March.

"Down in the Valley" which has been called "a touching love story surrounded by deceit and murder," takes place during the settling of the west. Gunilla Hojer will co-star as Jenny Parsons, the heroine, with Dan Earl as Brack Weaver, the hero, and Don Carpenter as Thomas Bouchee, the villain.

Other lead parts in the operetta were taken by Rod Harris as the narrator, Glen Kay as the father, and Dean Barnett as the preacher.

The characters will try to create an illusion of a flashback to the church where the hero and heroine first met, with the help of almost no props. Any props needed must be supplied by the imagination of the audience.

Mr. Headley, the choral director, and Mr. Overholster, the orchestra director, will work together to supply the music necessary for "Down in the Valley". Mrs. Gruneth, modern dance teacher, is working, of course, on the dances and Mr. Elkind is the director of both productions with the help of student director, Marilyn Willey.

In case any accidents or illnesses occur before the production, Betty Morris is Gunilla Hojer's understudy, Floyd Smith is Dan Earl's understudy, and Glen Kay is Don Carpenter's understudy.

The doors will open to these two entertaining dramas at 8:00pm for the low price of \$1.00. Carla Hendel is in charge of obtaining the props; Bob Logan is in charge of publicity for the plays; Kathie Parker is in charge of arranging for the costumes; and Caroline Woolworth is in charge of the tickets.

"Down in the Valley" was written by Kurt Weill, and "Poison, Passion and Petrification" was written by George Bernard Shaw.

news in brief

- Friday, March 3:
Baseball-Cal Frosh (H) (3:15)
Track-Arroyo (T) (3:15)
Operetta-8:00 Boys' Gym
"Down in the Valley"
- Tuesday, March 7:
Baseball-Oakland Tech (H) (3:15)
- Wednesday, March 8:
Los Cosmopolitanos Sale
Swim-Albany
- Thursday, March 9:
Los Maestros Sale
Baseball-St. Mary's (H) (3:15)

What's Coming? ? ? ?

"This Spring Semester promises to be a very delightful and enjoyable one", replied Mr. Lovette.

March starts off with "Down in the Valley", the Music Department presentation. An awards assembly is scheduled for March the 10th, and an exchange assembly will take place on the 15th. La Dorada is having a dance entitled the "Shamrock Swing" on the 17th, also. Along with everything else sports is still in the picture. Track season starts for earnest in March and the relay queen on the 22nd is the highlight of the sports finale for the month of March.

There will also be a fashion show and a Junior Statesman car wash during March.

April is a busy month and among other things coming off, on April 5th is a student body program, April 7th, the Relay Queen show, April 8th, the

The highlight of the month falls on April 15, the middle of the month this year. . . . El Cerrito Relays. The event will start at 9 A.M. that morning and extend well into the afternoon. Following this up, the Thespian Play, Open House, and a Music Department show take place on the 20th, 27th, and 20th respectively.

June, that long anticipated month begins with an Athletic Awards Assembly on the 1st, the Installation of Student Body Officers on the 2nd and a Sports Banquet begin the month off. On June the 10th, the Senior Ball, takes place. Another Awards Assembly comes off on the 12th, and the Senior All Night Party ends up the years activities. The 15th of June is the last day of school and in the mind of most students, the best activity of all.

At the Bar



SUPREME COURT JUDGES

Just how does the Supreme Court of El Cerrito High School work? What makes it tick?

Dick Cunningham, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, explains that the court consists of three judges: Kirk Weaver, Sid Smith, and himself, along with two faculty members, Mr. Samples and Mr. Travis.

The El Cerrito Supreme Court functions very much the same as the Supreme Court of the United States.

The judges are appointed by the Student Body President, and remain in office as long as they are members of El Cerrito High, unless they do some grave injustice or acquire another office in the Student Body.

When asked what cases they try, Dick replied, "By far the majority of all our cases are appeals from the lower court. In these cases, we simply decide if the trial was improperly conducted and if so, we grant re-trial in the lower court."

He further stated, "In our last case, a petition of referendum for Bill #418, we simply approved the form of the petition and ruled that the legislature must present it to the voters within a specified time."

Committee News

SOPHOMORE CENTRAL

Meeting in the Cafeteria on February 23 after school, the Sophomore Central Committee conducted their regular meeting in an atmosphere of expectation, as discussion of the coming Sophomore Hop occurred.

It was announced that the music for the hop this year will be provided by Murray Peterson and his band. The dress for the hop is semi-formal. Tickets to the hop were discussed, and it was decided that the tickets would be made by an outside source.

Mr. Gustavson, the Sophomore Central Committee's advisor said that in the future they would have more special meetings to further discuss the Hop.

SPORT FISHING

At 5:30 in the morning on Feb. 10, a small procession of fishing boats filed its way out through the Golden Gate Bridge to usher in the opening of the salmon fishing season.

Previous reports had indicated schools of salmon feeding on the Duxberry Reef near Bolinas.

The reports were proven to be true when all of the boats returned with near limits of fish.

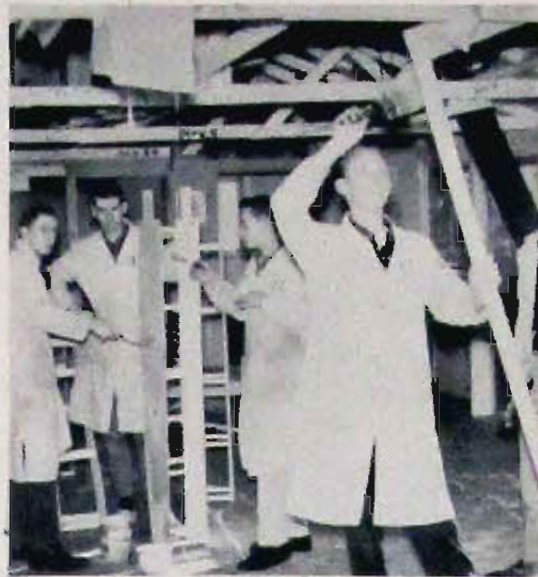
After having a conversation with Doris Marshall, the owner of the Berkeley Harbor Bait Shop, I have found that the fishing is still in the Duxberry Reef area. The boats have been limiting out with a few exceptions. The fish have been averaging around twelve pounds.

Finally, what was considered by most to be the hottest period of striped fishing, has slowed down to a near snail's pace. The Red Rock and California City areas are merely producing enough bass to draw the attention of striped fishermen.

Thespian play--behind the scenes

Twenty-seven different shades of reds, blues, yellows, greens, purples, pinks, and oranges will enhance the set of "The Doctor in Spite of Himself" by Moliere.

The comedy is going to be



MEMBERS OF STAGE CRAFT

SENIOR CENTRAL

At the Senior Central Committee meeting of February 23, it was decided that a night club of The Roaring Twenties would be the theme of the Senior All Night Party, according to Helen Stiles, Senior Class Secretary. Plans for last Friday night's dance were completed.

At a meeting of the Freshman Central Committee on February 23, a car wash, dance, trip, and a sale were discussed.

According to Jill Miller, secretary, the Freshman Central Committee pins are in the cashier's office, and can be picked up by the members who ordered them.

Ralph Giberson, president; Sue Gallagher, vice president; and Jill Miller, secretary, plan to check with Mr. Lovette about a dance for ECHS freshmen, ninth grade students at Portola, and their dates.

THESPIANS

In accordance with their regular schedule, the "Thespians" met Tuesday, February 21st in room 63 to discuss old business, talk finances and draw up plans for club pins.

Bill Logan remarked that the meeting mainly had to do with finishing up business for club pins and also dealing with the problem of sweat shirts. He further stated that new members will pay now \$1.50 for membership, which is a new addition to the club procedure.

Cabby cubs begin...

Breaking the usual procedure of Journalism classes, Journalism I this year is editing its own sheet, to be a supplement in the form of an insert to appear every other week.

Usually Journalism I takes instruction for a longer period of time, but it is hoped that this new system will help the staff put out a better sheet.

Naturally, having an assignment like this one, the "Cabby

directed by Mr. Sam Elkind and his assistant, Jack Jobe. April 20 and 21, mark the dates on which the rainbow-hued costumes will be displayed to the public.

The costumes, replicas of the styles popular in the 16th century, were designed by Ilona Orly who selected the eighty yards of material, assisted by Adele Gordon.

"The \$70.00 worth of material was purchased in Berkeley after

school," Ilona stated. "Since there are no patterns for the costumes, the crew is doing a tremendous amount of work," she continued, "And their help is really appreciated."

The sewing, which was started February 7, is being done after school and during second period by Nina Diliberto, Sue Slavin, Pat Elliot, and Gus Sherwood, who is hemming and pinning. Carla Hendel, and Carol Alberti are also helping.

P.E. going Co-ed

Monday, March 6, "Co-ed Physical Education", a film of co-ed in one of the local high schools, will be shown each period in the boys gym to both boys' and girls' P.E. classes.

Wednesday, March 8, students will sign up for their co-ed activities.

Organization of co-ed activities will take place Friday,

March 10, and commencing Monday, March 13, will begin a two week block, ending Friday, March 24th.

Co-ed Physical Education for all P.E. classes is now being organized by both the boy's and girl's Physical Education departments.

Co-ed activities will include archery, ping pong, badminton, dancing, tennis, and sports, which include softball and volleyball.

Each student will list three choices of the various activities. Seniors will be given preference in archery, badminton, ping pong, and tennis.

The program is being organized to provide recreational values to all students, with some instruction in dancing and archery. We trust that the student body will warmly and enthusiastically participate in this program and make it a success.

Cubs", found it necessary to fill the positions on the page. Sandi Genser was elected Editor of the insert; Allan Kolka, Sports Editor; Mike Chegwyn, Page One Head; Winnie Burke, Page One Assistant; Suzi Thompson, Page Two Head; Stefani Johnson, Page Two Assistant; Alice Wilbur, Type setter; Carolyn DeWitt, Copy-reader; and Dick Hunt, Ron Griffin, and Paul Newlin, reporters.

Student surprised by shower--- Girls' gym in uproar

Attention girls! Beware of the haunted shower!

It all started about a week ago. When the dressing bell rang, literally hundreds of girls dressed in their gym clothes came swarming into the dressing room. Jostling, pushing, and shoving, they made a mad dash for their lockers, a gleam of determination in each and every eye. Each of the girls was hoping to find a skimpy amount of space somewhere within ten feet of their locker in which to dress.

Then in strolled one girl who nonchalantly made her way toward her locker, purposely taking her time. What was the hurry? She had the ideal solution to the problem of the over-crowded dressing room--she dressed in the shower where there was plenty of elbow room. She was pretty smart. That's what she thought!

To this day she hasn't been able to figure out how it happened. One moment she was peacefully tying her shoelaces. Then all of a sudden something wet and icy was streaming down her back. Turning around, the girl got a face full of water. The shower was on!

The next thing she could distinctly remember was seeing girls running from all corners of the gym to view the delightful (?) spectacle. Amid hysterical screams which she later realized were her own, one rational thought popped into her mind, and she turned off the gleefully spraying shower.

Fearfully she looked at herself to find out the extent of damage done by the frisky plumbing. Was she ever sorry she looked! All of her clothing was positively soaked! Even her shoes were full of water, and every time she took a step, a muffled sloshing sound could be heard.



Then all of a sudden...

As yet she hasn't decided how and why the water turned on. There is one thing she is certain of--that the miserable cold which she now has is undoubtedly due to spending an entire day in wet, soggy clothes. Every time she thinks about it, she sneezes violently.

B's finish second in ACAL

The Baby Gauchos, having completed their season, wind up in second place in the Alameda County Athletic League with a ten win and two loss record by winning their last three games with DeAnza, Richmond, and Harry Ells High Schools.

Berkeley's B team, with an eleven win and one loss record, ended up in first place, losing their only game to El Cerrito. Although the Gaucho B's were beaten twice by first place Berkeley, they were victorious in all of their other league games.

In the game with DeAnza on Friday the 17th, Ed Newlin led the B team to a 34-27 win with ten points, including the first six of the game. Bruce Crouch, a freshman, scored eight points, all on field goals, long with a 55 foot swish as the buzzer ending the third quarter sounded. The game, played at the DeAnza gym, was viewed by Bruce's father who is a vice-principal there.

Donnie Davis, high point man for the season, paced the Baby Gauchos to a 42-30 win over the Richmond B team on the El Cerrito court. Along with his six field goals, he converted five foul shots for a total of seventeen points. Bruce Crouch scored ten points, while Ed Newlin hit for six. After finishing the usual four quarters, both teams pitted their scrubs together in a "fifth quarter", in which El Cerrito won by a score of 5-2.

In their last game, Donnie Davis, with sixteen points, again sparked the B team to a 33-29 win over the B team of Harry Ells High School, at the El Cerrito gymnasium. There was a "fifth quarter" for the scrubs in this game as in the last.

In the shooting department, Donnie Davis out shot the rest of the B team and walked away with high point man honors in both season and one game scoring. In the first DeAnza game Donnie hit for 24 big points that helped him total 145 points for the season. A little less than 40 points behind Davis was freshman Bruce Crouch with an aggregate of 108 points. According to the official record book, Don Palmer, with 60 points to his record, edged out senior Doug Hauser, who has totaled 51 points for the season, for the third spot.

Controversial corner

Citizenship through student body cards?

The space in this column will be devoted to controversial questions, on which the students of ECHS will be given an opportunity to voice their opinions.

The question put to the student body this week concerns student body cards. "Should ECHS students have to purchase their citizenship through student body cards?"

"Citizenship should be free to everyone," commented Kay Khristiansen.

Poor Winnie's almanac

Almanacs are handy things to have around.

They are the ideal solution to any problem.

The lovelorn may find them a haven of friendship. Or to the statistically-minded they are as indispensable as chewing gum to the "hip".

They make ideal conversation "pepper-uppers". For instance, when one is out with his or her heart's love and one of those rather uncomfortable silences creeps up, what could be more stimulating than; "Did you know that roast grizzly costs \$2.50 at the Parker House?" Or "Isn't it marvelous, a Koala has an appendix eight feet long?"

Anyway, if it doesn't accomplish it's primary goal, it is guaranteed to get results of some sort or another.

The El Caballero almanac for March.....

Birthstone.....Aquamarine

Flower.....Jonquil

One born in March is even-tempered (whether good or bad) and loves people and dogs.

The number 8 and Tuesday are lucky for those born in March.

Survey reveals crazy contents

Do you, the male students of El Cerrito High School, ever wonder what the girls in this school carry in some of their over-size purses?

If so, your questions might be answered from the following replies to the question of, "What do you carry in your purse that is unusual?"

Here are some of the answers:

Kathryn Karpus.....baby slippers
Jean Storey...bracelet collection
Priscilla Fearn....clothes ripper
Leslie Levy.....ankle supporter
Linda Dobson....150 movie tickets
Pat Sieler.....knitting
Marylee King...tube of toothpaste
left over from a trip to L.A.
Kathy Connolly.....Bermuda shorts
Betty Limas.....white gloves
Carla Hendel.....bullion cube
Joanne Gelhaus.....Fabian International Fan Club card.
Judy Longshore....S.O.S. soap pad



Jack Jobe

"No!" stated Jack Jobe. "Most of the year the card is useless until election, and then it is just a poll tax. The student body card has degenerated to the point where it does not mean very much to anyone."

Lanine Tompkins said that adults have to register to vote, and student body cards are registration papers.



Steph Seibert

"Yes," answered Steph Seibert. "If everyone didn't buy one, there would be a great decrease in student body card sales, and no way to support our student activities."

Glen Gabel thinks that student body cards encourage participation in student activities.



Bill Logan

"No! A student body election shouldn't be as formal as a regular election," said Bill Logan. "Getting practice at voting in high school will help young adults to vote more intelligently later."

Terry Fenstmacher feels that anyone with or without a student body card should be able to vote on any issue not concerning the general fund.

.....How do you feel?

Cabby Cubs

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Around and About

Hil Got a free afternoon this weekend? If so, why not go to Sutro's baths at Ocean Beach in San Francisco.

At Sutro's Baths, you can see everything imaginable from Deep Sea Serpents, to figures of Chinese Mandarins, to a miniature carnival made entirely of tooth-picks!

If you've never been to Sutro's you're in for quite an experience. No, in spite of the name, Sutro's is not a steam bath or anything like that. I suppose it could be called a museum, but to me Sutro's seems more like an exhibit from a circus side show.

The last time I visited Sutro's there was an exhibit of weapons that had been found in Sing-Sing Federal Prison. It was really very interesting and surprising---well, to me anyway. I never realized how dangerous an ordinary fountain pen could be!

Of course, they have other types of displays too. Like the Tom Thumb exhibit, with pictures and personal possessions of the world's smallest man and his wife.

Around the turn of the century, Adolph Sutro, one of the prosperous engineers of the Comstock Lode, came to San Francisco and built one of the largest swimming pools in the west. The water was heated by steam pipes which ran under the bottom of the pool.

When Mr. Sutro died and his heirs decided to convert the "Baths" into a museum, the steam pipes were removed and a refrigeration system was installed, making Sutro's "Largest Swimming Pool" into one of the largest Ice Skating rinks in California.

If you have the chance, do go see Sutro's Baths. The admission is just 25 cents and it's well worth every penny.

Teacher combines business with pleasurable hobbies

"There are tremendous opportunities for both boys and girls in the business world", stated Mrs. Faries, business teacher, during an interview last week.

"Boys going into business should have a college education, while girls interested in office clerking should train in High School, with 2 years of typing, office practice, and bookkeeping.

"Secretaries should also have college training", she added.

Mrs. Faries, herself, majored in accounting at the University of California.

In her spare time, this friendly teacher enjoys playing tennis "every week-end", knitting, sewing, doing mosaics, which, she explained, is making pictures with tiles, painting, reading - "Especially historical novels."

When asked what sort of things she has knitted, Mrs. Faries replied, "Sweaters, socks, and a dress."

She explained that she learned

Newspaper enforces long standing policy

El Caballero, in keeping with Student Association policy, has decided to enforce a long-standing, but poorly enforced, rule.

Next week El Caballero will be sold for 10¢ without a student body card, and will be given free to card holders.

Backing this decision are several reasons. First, El Caballero is the official publication for the Associated Students of El Cerrito High School. Secondly, this paper is financed, in part, by student body funds.

Many privileges are connected with holding a student body card. One of these privileges is the receiving of the school paper for no charge. Lastly, the selling of papers to non-card members will insure the quality of El Caballero in the future.

Westinghouse searches talent

Attention Seniors of 1962! The twentieth annual Science Talent Search conducted by Science Clubs of America, a Science Service activity, and sponsored by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation, an organization supported by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, is open to you.

The purpose is to promote education and science. The benefits from winning are a trip to Washington, the sharing in \$34,250 in Westinghouse Scholarships and awards, and to be recommended for admission to and support in college.

To enter, write a report of about a 1,000 words on the Subject, "My Scientific Project" telling what you are doing or

Longer skirts mark difference to Southern California belle

"The girls here wear their skirts much longer than they do in Southern California," stated Dianna Johnston when asked what differences she has noticed between our customs and the teenagers' customs in Southern California, where she lived until two months ago.



Dianna---an untied slipper.

"Down south they wear their skirts about the length of the yell leaders' skirts."

"So," she smiled, "I don't have very many clothes to wear to school here."

Dianna, who is a freshman, is easy to identify with her long, dark blond hair, bright blue eyes and friendly smile.

Before coming here, Dianna lived in Corona DelMar, a beach town not too far from Los Angeles.

At Corona Delmar High, Dianna was a majorette in the eighth grade and a yell leader in the ninth, until she came here in January.

When asked how many grades her old high school had, she explained that the school went from the seventh grade to the twelfth.

As for being a majorette, Dianna took baton lessons for two and a half years. She also has been taking ballet lessons for the past four years. Down south, she was in several ballet recitals.

Dianna was asked if she ever had many embarrassing moments at a recital. She laughed and said, "One time while I was dancing, my ballet slipper came untied."

Besides living in Corona DelMar, Dianna and her family have also lived in Colorado and other towns in southern California. She explained that the reason for this is because her father is a lieutenant colonel in the Army.

In her spare time, Dianna enjoys listening to records, "especially Frankie Avalon's" and surfing, which she did a lot of down south.

This active girl's classes include Social Studies, P.E., Algebra I, Art I, Homemaking, and English I.

At the end of this semester, she plans to try out for Pom-pom girl. In her junior year, Dianna wants to run for yell leader.

When asked if she likes ECHS, Dianna said "Yes, a lot." Jim Ratelle, a junior, may have something to do with that. They've been going together for four weeks.

Clubs plan future

JUNIOR STATESMEN will spend Saturday, March 11 at Menlo Atherton High School in Menlo Park for a convention.

LA DORADA is planning a Saint Patrick's Day dance on the Irishmen's day, March 17, called the Shamrock Swing.

THE HOME ECONOMICS department, along with the PTA, will present a fashion show Friday evening, March 22.

JUNIOR STATESMEN will have a car wash on Saturday afternoon, March 25.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT will present a music festival on March 26.

to knit from a friend in college. She got so bored sitting through



Mrs. Faries---She couldn't stop laughing.

house meetings that she took up the hobby.

Mrs. Faries was then asked if she can remember any embarrassing moments she has had while teaching here.

She thought for a minute, then laughed and told, "Not too long ago, a boy in one of my classes was doing something at his desk.

"I thought it looked so funny that I started to laugh and I couldn't stop.

"My face turned red and I couldn't control myself. I had to stop the class for about 15 minutes while I tried to calm down.

"When I finally did, I asked the boy what he was doing, and he said he was just shaking his hand because his thumb hurt."

Mrs. Faries teaches typing, Business Math, and Record Keeping. Besides keeping busy with this busy schedule, she has also been the sponsor for Del Loma, girls' club, for the past two years.

LONE ★ STAR

The battered sign said Land of Oz.

We had been driving through the Black Hills on our vacation, and were going to see Mount Rushmore. We had been following a little-used, poorly oiled road to save time.

Our windshield was full of dust; our gas tank half empty. We weren't sure of the shortest route to the monument.

A small gas station appeared in the distance, brightly lit by the morning sun...a new dawn, as it were.

The roadsign sign appeared once again. This time, the sign stood as if outstretched to the sky. A tall, narrow sign, rising in the air. Basking in the sunlight; taking in all His glory.

His sun revealed, as we pulled up to a halt, a solitary, dilapidated, gas pump.

We noted a run-down building nearby which, while it had been neatly painted long ago, now stood as a veritable shanty. It was very old...as though a long-time prophet had lived there.

The prophet came to the door, stepped outside, and walked toward our car. Behind him followed two dogs, one almost as old as I.

All three liked the sun, and I had noticed him gazing at it as he strode to our car.

The sun seemed brighter, now that he had come to the car. Or perhaps, it was his eyes which made the difference. They were the eyes of a 30 year old, the eyes of a 30 year-old, and yet, this man was well over 70, and probably almost in his eighties.

I glanced back towards the road, which continued almost with out end. I saw another sign, neat, rectangular, nine feet tall.

White hair reflected the light with a dazzling sheen as the gas with a dazzling sheen as the gas tank was filled. Directions were asked, and given.

It had taken ten minutes to fill our tank...from the old pump handled by the old man.

Another three minutes was spent looking for a rag and a can of dirty water to wash our windshield. It became more streaked than ever after his washing, but we said nothing.

He returned with our change, almost happy.

"You look like good Christian people; here, take this, as a gift from me." He had given us a small religious medal. We treasured it to this day.

We thanked him, and drove off. We saw one more sign after that, rotting away on the ground. The sun disappeared, and black clouds gathered over us. It began to rain. The ground didn't shake, but it washed off our windshield.

And, you know, we never did pass that tourist attraction, The Land of Oz.

After effect shown in Hiroshima blast

Hundreds killed and many more still dying! This is the result of the Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1946.

People were burned to death right where they stood---disintegrated. On many more, clothes were burned right off their bodies leaving them unprotected to be disfigured for the rest of their lives.

Others were left blind and many children were left orphans. These people had no way to make a living except to beg, because in Hiroshima, the people are too poor to support any others.

However, the hardships endured by these people do not stop here. Many people were left with the atomic disease. They may live for a number of years and then suddenly become violently ill and die.

There are still others. Many women were left unable to ever have children. There is no cure for this atomic disease and many continued dying long after the war had ended.

All this and much more was shown in room 506 this Monday, the 27 from 7pm to 9pm. The film was named "The Children of the A Bomb"

The Junior Statesmen presented this worthwhile film for the entire student body and guests from Harry Ellis and Oakland High Schools. Sid Smith, Vice President of the Junior Statesmen of our school, obtained the film from Los Angeles for the presentation.

Artistic mother frustration cause

by Judy Carver

Sometimes I wonder about mothers. You know---they're always complaining about having nothing to do and being cooped up in the house. But my gosh, when I think about, my mother has more crazy hobbies than any person I know.

Some time ago there were wood fiber flowers, and as we work up through the centuries I can remember her painting little statues, taking courses in stencil painting, copper jewelry flower arranging, and Japanese brush painting. Oh, yes, and there are the Christmas cards that were such fun they've become a yearly thing.

And that stencil painting. What labor! Draw a picture and then cut a stencil for each separate color. Right about this time my mom had also talked my dear old dad into taking square dancing lessons and we were building our rumpus room.

Mom came up with a brilliant picture of a couple square dancing, and she cut out a stencil for every color and bought white curtains for our rumpus room and stensiled them up and down with square dancers.

700 books missing from El Cerrito

A fair sized library has dissappeared from El Cerrito High School, and part of it may be in your possession.

During the life time of this school, and that's only twenty years, over seven hundred books - that's an average of at least thirty-five a year - have changed residence.

This aforementioned unfortunate condition is no one's "fault"; it is merely because of the oversight and embarrassment of the borrowers. There are two basic routes by which books leave the library for an extended stay.

Over the years students and perhaps faculty members have checked out books, read them, and then set them aside with every intention of returning them on time. Somewhere along the line the books get pushed into a corner or onto a shelf and are forgotten, lost in effect. Thus the volumes join those cataloged in the "dead file". No one meant to keep the books; it was just one of those things that happen.

In your four years of attendance at this high school it is very probable that at some time you will use or have used a reference book. You had no intention whatsoever of smuggling it home, but when you did get home there was that book wedged between your English and history texts. What are you going to do? After all it would be embarrassing to bring such a book back to the librarian's desk.

Seven hundred books represent quite a sum of money, probably over two thousand dollars, and this is especially appalling now at a time when the school doesn't have funds to throw away. Actually the price of a lost book is doubled since the volume will likely have to be replaced. If this money could have been used for new books the fact is self-evident that the library would be considerably more inclusive today. Four thousand dollars could buy several books.

We are asking each of you to cooperate in a "back to school month for alumni books." Look around your house, investigate the bottom shelf of that bookcase. Remember that book on ancient cross stitching that you got for your grandmother? See if it's still in her sewing basket!

If you find an alumni book bring it to the library desk or drop it down the book shoot. Don't worry. No questions will be asked and no fines will be charged. Everyone will appreciate your efforts we assure you. After all, the library is for everyone's benefit isn't it?

panic button

Del Loma installs new club officers

The installation of the new officers of the girls social service club, Del Loma, took place on Thursday, February ninth from eight to nine in room 3.

The former president Nancy Jamaison gave her office to Betty Limos; the vice-president Connie Carlisle to Gail Thurban; Treasurer Gail Eubanks to Kathy Honsen and Secretary Liz Johnson to Pat Barnett. The sponsor is Mrs. Faries.

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Mix-up closes Gridley Invitational Tourney to Gauchos

El Cerrito JV team improves

The El Cerrito Jay Vees have proved that they are no longer a team that can be walked over and given no thought.

From the beginning of the basketball season, the Gaucho Juniors were walked over by everybody from Richmond to San Leandro. As a matter of fact, they lost their first nine league games.

But, in the second game of the second round of play, the Jay Vees pulled through, they won a game. The team they beat was an up to then undefeated Encinal squad.

They next played and were solidly drubbed by the San Leandro Pirates Junior Varsity five. From then on it seemed that the Encinal victory would be their last as they were bludgeoned by the Berkeley High School junior hoopers 12 to 31.

The Gauchos took out their losings on an unsuspecting De Anza group. The Dons were taken by a vengeful El Cerrito crew 33 to 24.

The Jay Vee team played one of their finest games, in what turned out to be a losing effort, against the Richmond Oilers. The score of this contest, an honorable 33 to 42.

The Gauchos then locked horns with a tough Harry Ells team that put down the green and white 24 to 25.

Last Friday the Jay Vees showed that they had come of age by stopping the Alameda Hornets by the tremendous score of 48 to 20.

The Gauchos played basketball of the highest caliber forcing Alameda to gun their shots from the outside.

The Hornets not only had to shoot from "way back" but also they had trouble working the ball around the bounding defense of the Gauchos.

Al Taylor led the scorers for the Gauchos picking up 13 points. Ben Bower trailed with 9 tallies all coming in the final quarter except for one free throw at the beginning of the contest. Ron Mc Gowan tanked in seven points for his first appearance in the scorers ranks and Rick Olson put in six points all on charities. Larry Smith got four points and Bob Rinehart made three.

ATTENTION!

Girls... start getting ready. Get yourselves all pretty so you can enter the twelfth annual El Cerrito Relays Queen Contest on March 22nd. Once again the Eas Bay Prep Writers will pick the 8 finalists for the Queen Show on April 7th. Get in on the good times that go along with being one of the finalists. Entry blanks will be provided the week before the choosing.

"I know the boys will be sorry," said Coach Paul Parker when informed of the mix-up which prevented El Cerrito from attending the Gridley Invitational Tourney.

El Cerrito, needing the win last Tuesday over Encinal in order to be eligible to go, went out and, with a tremendous basketball exhibition, got it, 55-40.

Unofficial Gabby statistics had the Gauchos with 4 to 4 field goals in the fourth quarter and 72% field goal shooting for the game. From the free throw line the E.C. quintet hit 19 of 27 for 70.4%.

Following the game, Coach Parker phoned Gridley to settle the question of the Gaucho bid. He was informed of the following:

Straughter plays all facets of game

Bob Straughter, El Cerrito center combines a little of every thing into his basketball talents. When Bob is on the hardwood he tries to play a good all-round game. He is consistent to score 5 or 6 points, play a good defensive game and grab a good share of the rebounds, which he usually does. Bob said "I'd rather sacrifice on the outstanding accomplishments in one aspect of the game and play consistently in all phases of the game."

Bob plays a zone defense to start with, but if the team has scored effectively they change to a man to man. This arrangement is good because of its versatility. Bob is listed at center, Poshard jumps at the center circle. Bob inbounds the ball on out of bounds plays, but when the team is excessively tall, Jim inbounds the ball.

When watching a basketball game the spectators applaud a scoring effort, but they don't notice the action that sets up these points. This is where Bob comes in; he sets up screens, exchanges passes, and grabs rebounds which make the scoring possible.

Gauche baseballers battle Cal Freshmen

"Great" was the first word coach Joe Vargas spoke when queried about the El Cerrito baseball team, which is to play its first game today against the Cal Frosh.

He further stated that this years team has an advantage over that of last seasons in the fact that they know the basic fundamentals of hitting, fielding, and base running which had to be taught last year to the team.

The strength of the Gauchos ball playing is their defensive ability. Coach Vargas has shifted last years returnees to new positions and is considering several new prospects for starting positions.

Norm Olson and Rich Kayfes are the main contenders for catcher. Coach Vargas says of Norm, "He's going to be one of the finest catcher's in the league".

1. The Gridley selection committee was evidently convinced that the team Bob Valli, Richmond Independent sportswriter, called a "pick up team at Live Oak park" Berkeley, was a shoo-in for second place, so they awarded them an invitation before the final league results were available.

Ells nips EC in overtime at Eagle's gym

Last week the Gauchos played themselves out of a lone position for second place in the ACAL by being squeezed out by the Ells Eagles.

It was an exciting contest which eventually ended up in a over time. During the game, neither team could build a substantial lead to let up on the pressure. The game ended with Ells blowing a stall shot sending the game into an over time, stale-mated at 39-39.

In the overtime, both teams were stalled again with four points each. Then Ells tried their stall shot again, this time not missing. Dave Thompson tipped in Gary Dalen's shot off of the rim just as the buzzer sounded giving Ells their seventh victory 45-43.

High point men for the Gauchos were Bob Straughter, and Don Stevenson, each accounting for 14 points.

The free throws paid off for El Cerrito in last Friday's battle against Alameda. The Gauchos sunk 20 shots at the foul line out of a possible 28. While Alameda had trouble getting 11 for 26. Although both teams made 20 field goals apiece.

Don Stevenson, El Cerrito guard, again showed his team the way to victory. Stevenson stacked up 14 points to lead the Gaucho scoring attack. Reserve forward, Tom Thomas, and forward John Merit added 10 apiece. Jerry Butler, Alameda Guard led the Hornets with 16 points. Following was Mike Hammond with 11 points.

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2. Santa Rosa, an almost certain bet for the Tournament of Champions, responded to School Board pressure and accepted the last bid to Gridley. Vallejo, will probably end up at the Tournament of Champions. (Coach Parker felt that El Cerrito could beat Vallejo with no trouble.)

3. A place originally intended for Encinal, Ells, or El Cerrito was thus taken by Santa Rosa.

Coach Parker stated that Gridley accepted the blame for hasty action in awarding bids and thus extinguishing Gaucho hopes of attending the tournament.

Therefore the only basketball team from this area will be Berkeley rather than the Gauchos' defensive minded team effort.

Dancing heads GAA playday

Ballet, tumbling, tap, soft shoe, ball-room, folk and square dancing help make up the Senior girls a good background in dancing.

So far this year the modern dance class has danced at the G.A.A. playday, held January 2, and several girls have gone to dance symposiums, which are gatherings in which the girls from different schools get together and work on dances.

The future plans of the modern dance class include making up the steps to teach the boys in the musical put on by A'Capella and to have a "workshop program", in which the girls make up the dances themselves and put on an assembly.

The class is an elective for senior girls, and according to Mrs. Gruenseth the sponsor, there are about 80 girls in the class.

has right field under his cap. The coach felt that Jim "has improved tremendously." He's a real hustler and his arm is strong and accurate.

The Gauchos will be weak in the pitching department. There are no varsity hurlers returning from last season. John Tittsworth and Bill Landstra, starters on last year's JJ team will be the mainstay of the pitching staff.

Due to the experience gained from last year's teams (both JV and Varsity) hitting should be sharper this season.

The baseball diamond has been completely revamped with new turf being put down over the summer.

There will be many more home games this season and Coach Vargas trusts that there will be better school support than in previous seasons.