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## WITH YOU ALL THE WAY

By Kristina Morrison  
By Chris Airth

On the evening of April 19, 1986, the Junior Class held its prom. The event took place in the Starlight Ballroom in the LeBaron Hotel in San Jose. Dinner was served at 8:00 followed by dancing by the sound of Images until 1:00. 125 couples enjoyed the evenings festivities.

The class counselor Cary Iremewan, stated, "The class was well behaved, they looked nice, and they seemed to have had an all around fun evening."

The color of the gowns and tuxedos took in the spectrum of the rainbow. Many of the girls chose the cool colors of ice blue or wedding white. Many of the young men tried to coordinate their tuxedos with their dates color scheme. Janie Ng commented,

"My date looked real cute."

The ballroom was hot and humid but the musical sounds of Images helped to cool the scene. The variety of music kept the juniors dancing all

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-- Tim Lightfoot

night long. The music played ranged from new wave to soul. Junior, Tim Lightfoot quoted, "It was a basic prom with good friends, good music, and bad food!!"

One complaint of the evening seemed to be over the meal that was served. It consisted of salad, prime rib, and chocolate mousse. Junior, Chris Snelling commented, "You could clean your tires with the tomatoe." Keith Rein-

hart asked "What was the red thing on the plate?"

Another complaint was the lack of spirit the class showed towards their officers. Very few people participated in the toast to the Class of '87. Kevin Pierce said, "Too many underclassmen!"

Throughout the evening photo sessions were made available by Danielle Reynolds so each couple could capture the evening in print forever.

Some couples began leaving the prom as early as 11:30 for other locations to complete their special evening, while many stayed until 1:00 for dancing and conversation.

The theme of the prom perhaps says it best. The Juniors had their night on the town, and the memories will stay "With them all the way."



A Bunch of Guys (ABOG's) pose at Prom

## ELEGANT EVENINGS

By Nina Galang

On Friday April 11, a prom fashion show was held at AHS's theater 70 during lunchtime. The show was coordinated by Lisa Gomez and Charlott Murphy who are two students currently enrolled in the Fashion Merchandising ROP program.

They were assisted by Miss Mary Jane Hassman, teacher of the program. Both students contacted the Perfect Dress and Elegant Tuxx in order to show the clothes. They also coordinated the music and who was to model in the show.

## EXHIBITED

Mrs. Hassman stated that "The show went fairly well." The show displayed current spring prom fashions and the latest styles in tuxes.

Both girls who put the show together will receive extra credit and will go towards their grade in the ROP program.

One student who did model in the show said that it was very chaotic at first, trying to get everything put together but in the end we were all really proud.

## SENIORS: A CLASS ACT

By Cindy Pargett

The class of 1986 presented their Senior Show entitled "Class Act" on Wednesday night, April 23. It was performed in Theatre 70 under the direction of Mrs. Sonia Koujakian. Out of 120 seniors involved, a total of 83 performed on stage. The show was dedicated to the class secretary, Mrs. Chrzan, who is retiring at the end of this year.

The theme of the show was about the Senior Class trying to put together a Senior Show by holding auditions, reviewing memorable numbers from



Kim English- "They love to watch her strut."

past spirit week shows and, finally, holding dress rehearsals. The variety of acts displayed on stage ranged from comedy, music, singing, group dances, acrobatics to roller skating.

According to Mrs. Koujakian, everything went right on schedule. She felt the show was a "smashing success" and "to top it would be a real challenge for any subsequent senior class". Mrs. Koujakian is extremely grateful for the writing committee who created the show. She is equally thankful for the technical crew who completely

See SHOW page 8

## New Officers for A.S.B.

By Anna Faustino

On Tuesday, April 22, 1986, A S B Elections were held for the '86-'87 school year.

Candidates for the ASB officer positions included, junior, Bill Cluverius for ASB President, juniors, Brian Balingit and Bob Mallon for ASB Vice-President, juniors, Patti Gallegos and Tina Sato for Athletic Commissioner, and for Chief Justice, candidates were, sophomore, Tom Mello and, junior Jim Schinkel. Approval for

the change in the AHS Constitution for four elected class senators was also placed on the ballot.

Along with the Balingit victory, Bill Cluverius was elected the Chief Justice. Along with the winning candidates, the requested change in the AHS Constitution was won.

Perhaps the closest race was between Brian Balingit and Bob Mallon for ASB Vice-President. Balingit defeated Mallon by one vote.



**NEWS** FROM ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

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Mark was a star on his high school basketball team, but he was not achieving star status in his classes. As a varsity basketball player, he considered himself "too cool" to go to class or do homework. His goal was professional basketball so there was no point in overdoing it on schoolwork. Mark did not know that only 5% of the more than 300,000 high school athletes ever get a chance to participate in collegiate sports.

Mark's cavalier attitude about classes got the best of him when his school district established new academic standards to require students to earn passing grades in order to participate in extracurricular activities. Mark found he could not let his grades falter if he wanted to play basketball. He brought his grades to a "C" level and was surprised that passing a test felt like winning a game. He retained his spot on the team, and he gained a new positive self-image and attitude.

Mark is not a real person, but many students find themselves in the same situation: They let their grades slip while they dream of commercial success in athletics, music, or theatre where the odds of success are slim. They neglect the one thing that will prepare them for the future - a sound education.

I have introduced legislation that addresses this problem. AB2613 is aimed at assuring that students put education before other activities. A related bill, AB2753 is aimed at making sure money is not a factor in influencing a high school

athlete's choice of college.

My legislation is not intended to punish students or to stifle creative outlets. It is intended to improve the quality of education by placing greater emphasis on academic achievement. Extracurricular activities are important, yet supplemental part of the whole educational experience. It is a privilege to participate in activities outside the classroom, not a right. This privilege must be earned through passing grades.

My other bill (AB2753) addresses the recent rash of nationwide scandals involving college recruiting violations. AB2753, the anti-sports corruption bill, would prohibit the offering of money and gifts as incentives for choosing their college.

Improper recruiting practices are violations of school policies and NCAA rules. The penalties on colleges range from private reprimands, to dissolution of entire sports programs. But individuals who offer gifts are rarely punished. My bill would make it a misdemeanor for any person to give, offer, or promise money or anything of value to a student athlete as inducement, encouragement or reward for participation in intercollegiate sports.

The basis for success in our society is a solid education. With reforms like AB2613 and AB2753, we take a big step toward assuring a quality education for all of our society. Students must see academics as the priority which prepares them for the challenges that lie ahead.

This is an excerpt from the March, 1986 news release distributed by the Press Secretary for Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown Jr.

**A COMMENTARY:**

By Craig Hintzman Editor-in-Chief

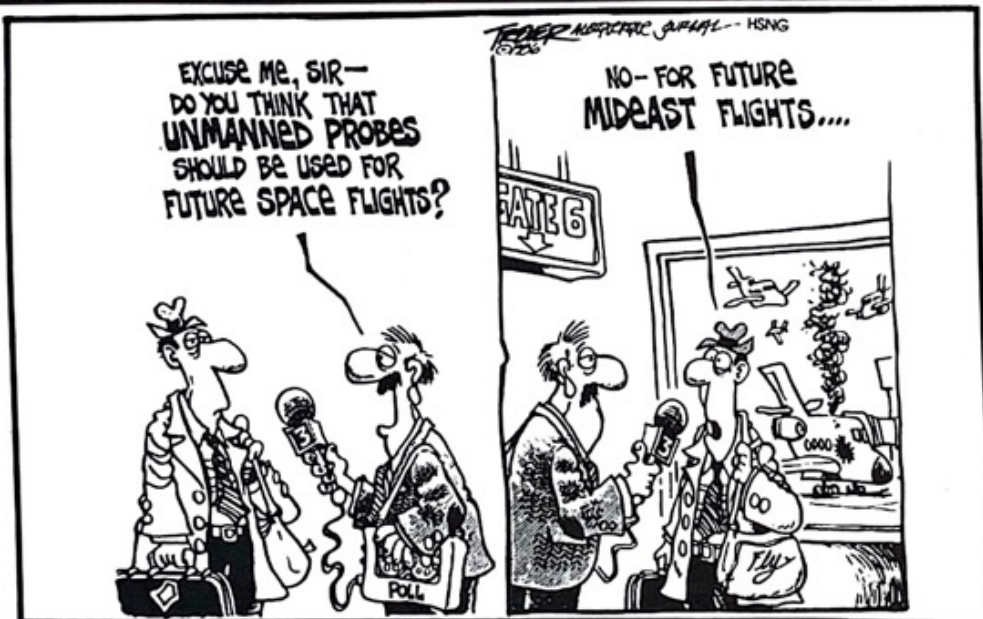
California State Assemblyman, Willie Brown, deserves full support in his attempt to pass legislation that would require high school students to achieve a "C" average to participate in activities, and also prohibit the giving of money and gifts to high school athletes in an attempt to lure them to their college. Education has taken a back seat to school activities for too long, and it's about time something was done.

The first bill (AB2613) is already effective in some places as school or district policy. The actual statewide enforcement, though, would make it a stronger reality. Sports and clubs would no longer be school, but rather a reward for doing average (what is expected) in school. AB2613 is a valiant attempt to restore the values of the school system.

The other bill (AB2753) deals with the present problem of bribery and signing bonuses. The bill attacks the individual offerer not the school or recipient. It makes it a misdemeanor to offer, give or promise money or anything of value to a student as encouragement or reward for participating in athletics. This would force colleges to improve their educational and extracurricular activities to attract students and not let them resort to bribery.

Willie Brown is attempting to reform education in California. These bills could set a precedent for more educational reforms, but if rejected they will set back the school system even farther. Support these bills.

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# LIMOS OR TUNA BOATS

By Kristy Ioback

Are proms what they use to be? Not at all really. Girls, how would you like to have your dress hand-sewn by your mom? Or guys, how would you like to wear a suit you've had for years instead of renting a tuxedo? Also, instead of renting a limosine or a sports car, you have to ask dad to borrow his "tuna boat."

Now-a-days, students (juniors and seniors) spend hundreds of dollars on their proms. The buying of dresses, the renting of tuxedos, buying the bids and pictures, renting a limo, and going out after the prom

can really add up. Usually, schools now have their proms at a nice hotel with a three-course dinner. Instead of going home after the prom, people now have a rendezvous at the beach or share an early morning breakfast.

Being chaperoned by your parents in your school gym must not have been that bad, right?? All of the balloons, posters, and crepe paper really spiced things up. What about eating all of those wonderful cookies made by the mother's of the P.I..A. and drinking punch, some-

times spiked by the students themselves.

The prom of the 80's is similar in some ways with the prom of the 60's yet the kids of today seem to spend much more money on their special night out!

Things are definately different from the "traditional proms." In one generation's time, it's amazing how much things can change.

Well, that's the way it was "back then." Compared to the past, things are a lot different now.

## \*\*\*\*\* A DEADLY DISEASE \*\*\*\*\*

By Michelle Schaeffer

On Wednesday, April 23, ABC aired a tear-jerking story about an eight year old girl who was fighting, and finally lost, a battle with an incurable disease. The girl was Alexandra Deford and the disease was Cystic Fibrosis.

Cystic Fibrosis is a disease that attacks the lungs, producing an over-abundance of thick mucus; and the pancreas, which stops producing certain enzymes which digest our food.

CF is a genetic disease, usually detected at birth. There are, however, rare cases of it being detected later in life.

People with CF go through a daily regime of therapy, which causes them to drain their lungs of the mucus. They then usually have to take several antibiotics, and, because of the lack of enzymes, usually take 2-3 pancreas pills with EVERY meal.

Without the therapy the lungs become very congested, and it becomes more difficult to breathe. This many

times forces people with CF to spend at least 10 days in the hospital to get "cleaned out."

The "cleaning out" process involves having an intavenous tube for stronger medicine, Pulmonary Function Tests upon entering and leaving the hospital, and of course therapy 3-4 times a day. Many

people with this disease go through this several times a year.

I guess you could say that CF is terminal. If you think about it though, life is terminal! Until a few years ago, about half of the kids who had CF lived to be 18. Now, every day researchers are coming closer and closer to finding a cure!!!!!!

## GOING AFTER KHADDAFI

By Bill Cluverius

Over the past few weeks, events in the Middle East have caught the attention of many high school students nationwide. The events being referred to are the United States-Lybian confrontations off (and on) the coast of Libya.

Rather than remaining a remote problem, the situation has evolved into a serious question: Could this be war? and even worse: Could this be World War III? While the latter

seems unlikely, the first looms large in the minds of many Juniors and Seniors approaching registration with the selective service.

This thought of war has produced mixed reactions. One American high-school senior commented, "If I was drafted I guess I'd go, but I still don't know if its worthwhile." This response sums up the majority of the feeling shared by 18 year olds, yet some are ready to serve their country. "Call it 'Ramboism' or whatever, I don't care, but I do know that something needs to be done," remarks a senior on the question of war. These two views, however different, are practical and should each be taken into consideration.

Approaching war is always met with opposition, and rightfully so. History has proved that some wars are just plain mistakes, such as Vietnam. But categorizing this skirmish as "another Vietnam" would hardly be realistic after acknowledging the contrast between the two situations. In the view of this writer, response to Khaddafi's actions is imminent, even if it means war.

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# NEW TANNING DEVICES MAY POSE A DARK SIDE

## ARE THEY AS SAFE AS THEY CLAIM TO BE?

By Kristy Tobeck

Are you lily-white? Do you want the deep, dark, sexy tan that most everyone is attracted to?

With the social aspect of life, tanning trends has been the new craze these days.

Tanning booths are the latest achievement in tanning technology and design. The business of the tanning booths has been booming recently. However, are they as safe as they claim to be?

Tanning booths claim to give you no negative effects when the proper exposure times are adhered to. "You will develop an attractive, natural-looking tan without burning, peeling, drying, or aging the skin," according to a local tanning booth.

Tanning beds average six to eight feet in length and require ultraviolet rays, or waves of energy. These rays are divided into two categories, UV-A and UV-B rays. Both are necessary for tanning.

The UV-A rays tan the skin and the UV-B rays activate the tanning process.

Although the tanning booth operators don't directly tell you of the risk of using the tanning booth, the process may be dangerous to the skin.

Scientists in Washington say that the radiation from new tanning devices may have adverse long-term effects.

Researchers for the Food and Drug Administration

said studies with cultured mouse cells showed for the first time that ultraviolet type A or UV-A radiation can cause mutations, indicating potential cancer-causing effects. UV-A also may have the potential damage to the unprotected eye because of the combination of the blue light and ultraviolet radiation that destroys the retina. In addition, type-A may have other destructive effects on cells that might

lead to such problems as premature skin aging.

Type-B or UV-B radiation also may cause cancer of the skin, cataracts, and inflammation of the unprotected eye. On the other hand, it puts vitamin D into the skin and provides some amount of protection against the sun.

See Tan on next page.

## T.V. & TEENAGERS

By Stephanie Abarr

Some of the most popular shows on television for the past few years have been Miami Vice with sexy Don Johnson, The A-Team with the ill-tempered Mr. T, Hill Street Blues with the realistic action, and McGyver with the ingenious hero for hire. When you think of their successes, just why are we so attracted to these television shows? The attractive male figures? Probably not. The romance? Maybe. The real attraction to these shows is the

violence!! Both teenage boys and girls become greatly affected by this kind of violence, called "television violence."

In a scientific study about violent television shows, 758 educated teenage boys and girls were interviewed and quizzed. A large percentage revealed a substantial increase in aggressive behavior because they watched the violent shows. The study showed that boys choose characters that they can identify with and then repeat the aggressive behavior.

For both girls and boys, their academic problems, social unpopularity, and watching violent shows combined cause the aggressive behavior.

The reason that teenagers are affected is because they believe that shows portray life as it really is, and this in turn causes a kind of fantasy world that they can hide in. So the next time you watch television, see what you're really watching and how it really does affect you.

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# TAN

About 97% of the ultraviolet radiation from sunlight is of the A variety, the rest is of the stronger B variety.

Tanning booths may claim to be safe, but just make sure you are careful on your way to a beautiful tan!!!!

By Chrissy Darrow

Is our education complete? This is a question that many seniors may be asking themselves.

In order to earn a diploma, students attend classes, cram for

exams, take lecture notes, and complete endless mounds of homework.

On graduation day diploma's are distributed to those students who meet the minimum academic requirements. Does a mere piece of

paper however, secure a successful future?

More and more employers are demanding some advanced schooling or training as a prerequisite for a job.

Even though the past four years has been filled with sweat

and tears, there is so much more to be accomplished in order to have a happy and successful future.



# SNUFF SAID ?

By Bill Cluverius

"It relaxes and gives me a little buzz" he replies, as a trickle of the red juice floats down his lip. "Disgusting?", he gargles, "Nah, not unless you have a weak stomach."

By reading the preceding quote, it's quite easy to get a vivid picture of a fat slob spitting up all over himself, or a professional baseball player stepping up to the batters box with a lump in his jaw the size of a golfball. In either case though, you end up with the same results - a big mess.

If you've ever walked through a baseball dugout with clean shoes you can visualize the situation. You learn to watch your step, and keep your distance when they talk to you. In addition, you are careful to in-

spect your soft-drink cup anywhere around a baseball player.

All male teenagers are vulnerable to the substance sometime or other. Sure, I've tried it, I'd be lying if I said I hadn't. My experience was not all to pleasant though, as I felt like I had just dropped 20 stories in an elevator. Besides, my teeth looked like the grill of a Buick after driving 200 miles along a bug-infested highway.

Unfortunately for every writer though there comes a time to get serious, and look at his problem realistically. And much to my dismay, my time has come.

Chewing tobacco is more than just a problem of appearance, it's an addictive epidemic. Scientists agree that nicotine, found in both cigarettes and chew, is an addictive

drug. This drug has been known to be related to cancers of the lip, stomach, and bladder.

Health experts blame the exploitation of the product in TV and radio ads as the reason for the increase in usage among teenagers. Ads showing celebrities and sports figures, putting a pinch between their cheek and gum often gives the impression that snuff and chewing tobacco is "crisp and cool", and a safe alternative to cigarette smoking. But they're not.

The bottom line to all this is yes, chewing tobacco is a serious

problem and should be dealt with accordingly. As to whether you should use it, that's for you to decide. After all, you only live life once, but why make that life a short one.

Snuff said?

# CREED'S CANCER: A LESSON FOR ALL

By Kathy Bagnod

What would you do if you suddenly found out that you have cancer? Most people would sit around and wait for pity from others. That's not so in the case of Mr. Jim "Diego" Creed, a coach and teacher here at American High School.

Creed first found out that he had cancer on March first of this year. "I felt a bit of fear and a little anger, but then I decided that I'm stronger than it is, and I'm going to fight it all the way", stated Creed.

Like most people, Creed was stunned at

the findings, and on the verge of tears, but, how many of you would put on your running clothes, and go run ten miles? That's exactly what Creed did. He hasn't let this slight obstacle interfere with his workout schedule, "As a matter of fact, I've only missed two workouts since I found out," added Creed.

When he misses school, it's usually the day after he has chemotherapy. This is because the chemotherapy has a few side effects, such as nausea, and obviously, a slight loss of hair.

The therapy lasts for about one half hour, and Creed goes to them once every three weeks Creed will be going through chemotherapy for about one year, and the doctors say that this should cure it.

Creed feels that this is a learning experience for everyone. "The kids on the track team and in my classes learn that you don't have to have fear, just determination," said Creed.

Creed knows that he will be okay. "I've got a good attitude about it, I'm in good physical condition, and I'm flooded with

support and love from the entire staff and all of the students," remarked Creed.

We should all look up to Creed for setting such a good example, but never tell him that he's heroic. Creed said, "People say that I'm heroic and I don't think that's true, because you have two choices, you can go home, sit in the dark, and give up or you can stay out in the light and keep doing as you've always done."

Creed is a very strong person, but he still needs support from everyone, and he has got it all!!!!



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## Body building popular among students

Weight lifting is rapidly becoming an extremely popular sport among many American High School students. Often a body building program is started to gain or lose weight, increase strength, develop stamina, or improve physical appearance.

How does one begin a body building program? A serious student of body building should have a thorough physical examination before performing any workouts. A second step is to read about the subject. Many books are available dealing with the latest techniques and methods of popular training. Most importantly, an experienced instructor is necessary to insure the safe and proper use of weight lifting equipment.

How often should one practice? How

much weight should be used? How long should an exercising session last?

These are questions often asked by beginners. There are no exact answers that apply to everyone. Each weight lifter is unique and strength may change from week to week and month to month.

Pumping iron every other day is recommended by experienced body builders. This schedule gives the body an entire day to rebuild muscle tissue broken down by a vigorous program.

Begin by using a weight that can be handled comfortably. Don't attempt to impress your friends by straining yourself. Gradually increase poundage as physical comfort dictates.

Most experienced body builders train under a program of pro-

gressive resistance. This means that the amount of weight used is increased as one's muscles grow stronger and larger. John Walsh, a junior guard on the varsity football team, explained that he too trains under a program of progressive resistance. "When I began lifting my freshman year, I could only bench press 50 pounds. But as I grew stronger and gained weight, I gradually increased the amount of weight I was lifting." Walsh has had tremendous results. His bench press has increased 240 pounds since his freshman year and he has gained 75 pounds. Both areas will improve John's football performance.

Depending on the type of workout, a weight lifting session may last anywhere from 30 minutes to two hours or longer. Also



John Walsh works on his rapidly increasing bench press.

to be considered is the physical and mental condition of the body builder during each workout.

Body building is much more than just

pumping iron. Any serious student of this sport should seek professional guidance and instruction to achieve both positive benefits and maximum gains.

## ALL-LEAGUE EAGLES

By Patty Gallegos

The end of winter sports has long passed and spring sports are underway but before we get to ahead of ourselves we should tell you who the Mission Valley Athletic All-Leaguers were. The fall sports consisted of wrestling girls and boys soccer, and girls and boys basketball. All of the teams represented American well this past season and there were certain players on the teams that helped make that possible. They're the ones that the coaches from all of the MVAL have chosen

as the cream of the crop in their respected sport. Among them were many from American. Congratulations to the winners.



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# Track in the Fast Lane

By Bryan da Silva

The 1986 track team has moved itself into the fast lane. With strict coaching and conditioning from Coaches Jim Creed, Brent Jacinto and Jed Morrow, this years squad is one of the best and fastest in its history.

New talent and more competitors make these young Eagles a challenge and a threat to opposing MVAL teams. Junior Steven Lewis is one of the best runners in the league.

He combined with Dee Carter form a deadly team up for the relays.

Also on the varsity, squad is sophomore Rodney Cornists running the 100 intermediate hurdles. Another proven champion is senior Mike Tapia who has a history in long distance running.

Leading the way for the girls track team is junior Tracie Elm, who has a great outlook for the finish of this season as well as the 1987 year. Senior

labatha King is also lending her experience and speed to a young and improving team.

The boys record is currently 3-2 defeating Mission, Irvington and defending champions Newark Memorial. While losing only to arch-rival Washington and the league leading Logan High School.

Hopefully this years success will reflect in upcoming years for the track team.



Dee Carter comes from behind to win the 800.



Steve Lewis coasts to an easy victory in the 400 relay.

## BASEBALL TEAM

### HOPING FOR PLAYOFFS

By Tim Lightfoot

Ten weeks into the 1986 Mission Valley Athletic League baseball season the American High School varsity team is struggling with a 4-5 record. The Eagles must win all of their three remaining games in order to obtain one of the four spots in the Shaughnessy Playoffs.

The baseball team opened up MVAL league play by losing two heart breaking one run games, an 8-7 defeat at the hands of Newark Memorial in eight innings, and a tough 4-3 loss to Washington. The Eagles recovered and won their next two games over Kennedy and Logan. Against Logan the Eagles broke out

at the plate collecting 18 hits and scoring twelve runs. The Eagles couldn't keep their momentum going however, and lost two more one run games to Irvington, 2-1, and to Mission, 4-3. They finished the first half of the season with a disappointing 2-4 record.

The Eagles opened up the second half of the season with two impressive wins. They held on to a one run victory over Newark and a three run victory over Washington to put themselves back into the playoff picture. Joey Vukas pitched a great game in relief against Washington. He tossed a

no hitter over the last five innings, retiring twelve Washington batters in a row before walking two Huskies in the top of the seventh. Al Carpaneto was 4-for-4 and scored three runs for American. The Eagles again lost their momentum and their pride in an over-whelming 14-1 defeat against Kennedy. They committed seven errors and had only three hits in the loss.

The loss to Kennedy put the Eagles in a must win situation for the remainder of the season.

## Swimmers On The Run

By Stephanie Abarr

The American High Swim Team has been showing everyone just how much talent they do have. The varsity girls made an outstanding victory against Washington, their long time rival. The varsity boys have a great amount of talent also, but they haven't had enough swimmers to win.

The Jr. varsity girls have had many successes also. They have won all their meets except two, Mission and Washington. The Jr. varsity boys are doing a superb job but they have the same

problem as varsity, not enough swimmers.

When asked what the key to the teams success is, Coach Gygax replied, "Dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work."

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### ACAROPHOBIA

- A. fear of automobiles
- B. fear of small insects
- C. fear of Indians

### ANUPTAPHOBIA

- A. fear of food
- B. fear of heights
- C. fear of remaining single

### BATRACHOPHOBIA

- A. fear of toads and frogs
- B. fear of bats
- C. fear of cartoons

### BLENNOPHOBIA

- A. fear of slime
- B. fear of acne
- C. fear of blenders

### CHREMATOPHOBIA

- A. fear of money
- B. fear of cremation
- C. fear of cream

### CLINOPHOBIA

- A. fear of clinics
- B. fear of lines
- C. fear of going to bed

### ERGASIOPHOBIA

- A. fear of gasoline
- B. fear of work
- C. fear of burping

### ANSWERS

5. A. 6. C. 7. B. 8. A. 9. C. 10. B. 11. A. 12. C. 13. A. 14. A.

By Christine Young

Who would have believed gasoline would ever be under a dollar a gallon again? Gasoline prices have dropped in recent months, so students at American High are on the go.

The fall in gasoline prices is due to the oil producing countries of the world (OPEC) refining more fuel than is needed, and therefore glutting the market.

The OPEC countries usually have an agree-

## STUDENTS ON THE GO

ment on the amount of oil to refine. However, Saudi Arabia began to put out nearly double its usual production of gasoline, causing prices to drop. Saudi Arabia was asked to cut down its production, but refused, starting a global oilprice war.

The reduced price of gasoline is affecting students at AHS who drive. Reduced costs puts more money back into their pockets, since many have to buy their own gas.

Junior Lee Nichols stated, "I have more money in my pocket so like to have extra money to spend on material things." Junior Lisa Gomez explained it best when she stated, "Reduced costs allow me to drive farther, and gives me more money to buy things."

Some may agree or disagree with this opinion, but gas prices appear to be here for a while. Students seem to be taking advantage of the situation.



L. to R.: Tim Kam, Kevin Fuller, Jeff Vandergrift, Jason Field, Mr. DiPaola, Greg Dutton, Jon Grave, Damian Vega, and Scott Mendes.

## SHOW

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took charge of the lighting and sound. "They made my job easy, and very pleasurable", she said. She also commented how the performers were all willing to try new

things, such as: three boys agreeing to get their bodies painted for the Colonel Bogey act, Kim English's strip routine, James DiPersio's comedy rou-

tine about "Little Bo Peep", and working with eight guys to teach them a ballet routine to "Sugar Plum Fairy". She enjoyed their enthusiasm very much.

With roughly 450 tickets sold, it was standing room only. But it didn't seem to bother the crowd much because at finale time the seniors received

a standing ovation. For those who made it to the show, thank you for going. The cast and Mrs. Koujakian hoped it was an enjoyable show. For those who weren't able to attend, arrangements are being made to show video tapes of the show for a small fee. Also, copies of photos taken will be made available for purchase.

## CAP RESULTS IN

By Matt Hoffman

The results of last December's senior CAP testing were released recently by California's Department of Education. CAP, California Assessment Program, is one of several ways the state gauges the academic effectiveness of each school and its respective district. Assistant Principal DiPaola evaluated the class of '86's overall performance as more than satisfactory. He was pleased to see this year's graduating class had higher scores than the class of '85 in two of the four categories.

The CAP Test measures students aptitude in four categories: Reading, Writing, Math, and Spelling. American's scores in these subjects were: Spelling-71.4, Math-66.5, Reading-60.9, and Writing-61.5. The above figures represent the percentage of questions answered correctly. Last year's sen-

ior scores were: Spelling-70.4, Math-64.6, Reading-63.2, and Writing-62.6. If we look at the cumulative average scores for both classes, the class of '85 has a 65.2 average slightly under two-tenths of one percent higher than this years seniors. American High School had the lowest cumulative average in Fremont, a full 5.3% lower than that of Mission San Jose High School, which posted the highest marks in the district.

American's scores do include 24 Limited-English-Speaking seniors. Barring the performances of these students, our scores do improve. Reading improves to 61.3, Writing becomes 62.4, and the Math score improves by one-tenth of one percent. Mr. DiPaola felt these scores better represented American's true academic potential.

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## Upcoming Events

By Nina Galang

The month of May has many school activities planned for it. On Friday, May 2, a dance will be given by the class of '88 and will begin at 8pm. The tickets will cost \$2.00 with ASB and \$3.00 without ASB. It is an exchange dance with Newark Memorial.

A band tour will kick off the 13th and will end the 16th. The Senior Ball will commence May 17th being held at the Shera-

ton Palace in San Francisco. It will begin at 8pm-1am and the bids will be on sale the first week of May for \$50.00.

On the athletic agenda the NVAL tennis semifinals and finals will be on May 17. On the 24th coed badminton championships will begin. The final note for May will be a dance held by the class of '87 on May 30th.