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SSRP

By Brian How

Every day at precisely 11:00 a.m., a certain quiet overcomes the school. All the action and atmosphere that is Santa Clara High School suddenly disappears. Where do the people who are always wandering through the halls disappear to? What happens to them?

Why, they're reading of course. It's all a part of the Sustained Silent Reading Program. During the reading period, practically everyone in the school reads - from the top to the bottom, Principal to Sophomore. The students and staff are reading everything from Dr. Seuss to some of the great literary works in history - and they're enjoying it!

While reading their works of literature many students must be wondering where all these books come from. They are the product of the highly successful Book Drive, in which students and faculty alike donated literature to the school. Over 5,800 books, 1,100 magazines were donated to the school for use with our Sustained Silent Reading Program. This more than doubled the 3,000 book goal that the school had set for itself.

The SSR Program was implemented with the hope that it would encourage students to read after their days of formal education had ended. It is apparent that this hope can be fulfilled since many students are taking a keen interest in the activity.

read and enjoy!



Christmas Ball 85'
By Kyle Cornelius



Well in just a few days our Christmas Ball will be taking place. It's going to be held on Dec. 23rd, for those of you who don't already know.

The theme is "Snow Flake Fantasy". The dance is being held at the Italian Garden's, where it was held two years ago. The address is 1500 Almaden Rd.

Music is being supplied by KSCU. And for all you stallers, go get your dance bids now. They are still selling for \$15.00 per couple.



EDITORIAL

Welcome to the second issue of S. C. High's The Times. This issue has some interesting features. One is the letters from Mr. Dunn's class. He assigned his class to write reactions to our first issue. We welcome other comments to our paper too.

We also have Holiday Season features. We have a poll, an article on the Christmas Ball, and a Christmas poem. We also have a great article on Hanukkah and its history.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Holiday Season.

HANUKKAH

On the night of December 7th a holiday will begin for some people. It's called Hanukkah and it lasts for 8 days. Most people have heard of this holiday but they don't actually know what it is. The original story is that the existing government in the time of the Holy Temple had their army go into the Sanctuary, of the Holy Temple, and desecrate all that was within. They slaughtered pigs on the altar, opened the pure oil, and defiled the holy scriptures.

When the army was in the temple, a family, named the Maccabbees, went and resisted them. The Maccabbees fought the army and eventually won. The Maccabbees have been described in such a way that one grows up believing they were super-human, but they were mere men. What separated them and made them stronger than the huge army was their will for Jorah and abiding by God's laws.

By the time the army was driven away it was time to light the Menorah, (a 7 branch candelstick). This is a Candelabra which must be kept eternally lit.

There were many strict laws on how to light this Menorah and a very important one was that the oil used for light had to be pure unused, hand made, olive oil.

When Judah and the rest of the Maccabbees entered the temple, after running off the army, they searched everywhere for oil! They found 1 flask of oil, enough for one day, yet this amount lasted eight days, which gave the congregation enough time to make more oil and keep the eternal light, lit.

This is one reason we are given for lighting, a Menorah and celebrating Hanukkah. Another reason is the tradition of remembering the desecration of the 2nd Holy Temple. The temple was very important, and another will not be built until the Messiah comes. The reason this temple is considered so important is that only during the time of a Holy Temple can many laws be carried out.

There are certain other observances that are kept. Most of these have come through tradition. One is playing a certain game called Dreidel. This started when the study of the Torah (the Old Testament) was banned. Scholars, young and old, would gather to study and when the police came around they would clear the table of scriptures and pretend they were playing Dreidel. This kept them from being executed, yet it let them keep their Torah, something that is worth risking their life for, many people did loose theirs.

The main thread through the observation of this Holiday is tradition and with that automatically goes remembrance. In most Jewish holidays we always remember the bad times as well as the good. For the day you forget the times of oppression is the day it can recur. As far as tradition goes it's known in Jewish law, when something is done by a majority it is respected as law.

There is much more about Hanukkah that can not be explained it's just understood. This is a very beautiful holiday and it can mean a lot of different things to people, so I hope that I've brought another point of view to your knowledge.

Newspaper, Abbreviations, and the Military

By Barbara M. Schatz

First, I'd like to start with an explanation of the title of this article. Newspaper, for those of you who haven't read George Orwell's famous book "1984," is a language where the words are used to cover up the true meaning of what's being expressed. One of the slogans of George Orwell's society was, "War Is Peace" (see President Reagan's "Peace through Strength").

The military and government will often use Newspaper, abbreviations, or a combination of these to try and cover up what they are really saying. This form of expression, when applied to nuclear weapons, is often referred to as Nuke-speak, which also happens to be the title of an excellent, award-winning book (Stephen H. Wilgater, Richard C. Bell, Rory O'Connor, Penguin Books, 1982).

You may or may not have heard of the following abbreviations, which are just a tiny sampling. We have

hundreds of ISMTs, which are Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, and are capable of traveling from here to Moscow in a mere 30 minutes. Many of those ISMTs are MIRVs. A MIRV is a Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicle, which means that most missiles carry a lot more than one bomb. E.M.P., which is an Electromagnetic Pulse (an effect of nuclear explosions) can burn out almost anything electronic in nature (including car lightings), and thus would make it possible to cripple a country with just a few very high explosions. SNF is what I would call the good stuff, otherwise known as U-235 and Pu-239, the elements you can make atomic bombs out of. MUF (Material Unaccounted For) has always been a problem, considering the fact that if your friendly neighborhood terrorist who just happens to like to read, and who just happens to

know a little bit of physics got his or her hands on it we'd all be in Big Trouble (Don't doubt it folks.)

Believe me, things get a lot better. I'm sure you've heard that all time favorite of mine, the nuclear device, which is a polite way of saying nuclear bomb. Did you know that cities, and weapons systems are often referred to as bargaining chips? For awhile there the AEC (Atomic Energy Commission), which has been replaced with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), because of a conflict in interests, was referring to measured doses of radiation as Sunshine Units. Now isn't that good news?

All those big guys at the top who are supposed to be taking care of us are planning limited ("small"), and protracted (long and drawn out) wars, where the number of people killed will be tabulated in megadeaths (millions of deaths). While we and the Soviets are bombing the hell out of

each other, those same big guys at the top will be calling the vaporization of Moscow a "clean surgical strike."

Of course, nuclear weapons accidents are never called nuclear weapons accidents. Instead they're quietly referred to as "broken arrows," or "bent spears." The list goes on and on.

I honestly don't see a future free from Nuke-speak, so the only thing we can do is fight it by refusing to accept it at face value. We've got to continue to dig and find out what they're really trying to spoon feed us. Only with this knowledge can we make reasonable and intelligent decisions (After all, we, the people are supposedly the ones who make the decisions in this country.)

I'd like to finish on a happier note, so I'll take this space to wish you all a very merry Christmas, and happy Hanukkah, and I'll see you all next year.

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Dear Editors,

I enjoyed receiving the first edition of this year's Santa Clara High Times. The articles in your newspaper were both interesting and entertaining. But, entertainment alone does not make a good newspaper. A good newspaper must be informative as well.

Why hasn't any attention been given to campus problems in the first edition of the Times? The buying and selling of drugs on campus has to be one of our schools' worst problems and yet there was no mention of it in your first edition. We, the student body, depend on our school newspaper to keep us informed on campus problems and possible solutions to these problems. Why else do we have a school newspaper?

I believe that with the help of an informative newspaper, campus problems such as drug abuse can be wiped out. If more students are informed of the widespread drug dealing that occurs at our school and the consequences that it brings, then the more likely it is that the student body will do something about it.

H.S. Anon.

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regard to the smoking in the bathrooms. We are fortunate to have a principal who would call our attention to this serious situation and take action to solve the problem. He deserves the credit. The recent action taken, closing down the bathrooms, has been effective for today. What about tomorrow? Will the smokers find a new facility to abuse and upset their fellow students again?

Students shouldn't have to walk over the whole campus to use the restroom. Closing the bathrooms was a good idea, but it isn't fair to the rest of the students who really have to use the restroom and can't because a minority of smokers have caused problems in there, resulting with no bathrooms at all. My friends and I feel the installation of smoke alarms in the fans on the ceilings (to prevent them from getting stolen) will prevent smoking in the bathrooms. Limiting the students' time in the bathroom during class and the possibility of closing the bathrooms between periods would be very helpful for this solution to work. Students are willing to work together to overcome

this problem. Thank you for reading this letter and I hope this can convince others to recognize the seriousness of this problem if it is published.

H.S. Anon.
Dear Editors:

Your recent edition of the school newspaper did not mention our school bands. This is not your fault, or even your problem. The problem is that there isn't a large enough band to even be noticed or heard at half-time.

The purpose of this letter is to give some simple solutions. First, the band should play for the Junior High and elementary schools. This would interest the future high school students in music and marching. The second solution involves informing the administration about the problem of low enrollment in band. Then, the band might be able to get more funds or more experienced marching band instructors. My final solution is to play for our school and generate more excitement in the band class.

If these few solutions work, our meager band of 34 students might increase to a musical unit of the high school standard of 100 musicians.
Joe St. John

Dear Editors,

Santa Clara High School has a policy that requires all students to get a form to admit them to their classes when they return after being absent. My problem is not with this policy, but with the time-consuming procedure in picking up the "admit."

Often the wait to pick up the forms is twenty-five minutes. The problem is this: students are divided alphabetically into two lines, each of which is handled by one woman. These women are, at the same time, responsible for answering phone calls from parents of absent students and filling out forms about them. They can't do two forms at one time!

The solution I propose is to have Santa Clara High students answering the phones before school so that the women already there could hand out the admit forms more quickly and with fewer mistakes from interruptions.

This solution will have several benefits to students and staff. The students will be able to get their admits quickly. It would give a few students some valuable work experience in a familiar atmosphere. Last but not least, it would give the two women working there a well-deserved break.

Sincerely,

H.S. Anon.

Merry Christmas

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THE TIMES

Oscar and the Great Zookin!

Dear Oscar and Great Zookin!

I have a very serious problem and you're my last resort. I've tried Ann Lenders in the San Jose Mercury, but she told me that there's no hope for me in life. Her advice to me was to commit suicide.

Here's my problem: I'm ugly, just...ugly. I need serious help. We're talking major plastic surgery. I can't get any girl to like me. Oh yes, I'm pretty popular because of my ugliness. At my other school, I was in the yearbook for: worst hair, worst face and worst body. That's why I transferred. I had hoped that "Brule Country" would help me.

My description: I'm 5'11" and weigh 120lbs. I'm not anorexic, I eat like a hog. My hair is redish, orangish, blond. It was black, but I tried to bleach it to become "hip" but obviously it did not work and I did it wrong! I have warts on my entire body. I have the kind that has the hair growing from it. I wear bifocals and I wear bellbottoms that are floods. I have no job, and my mom doesn't buy me any clothes. I've lost matching socks, now they're mismatched. I'm just your typical ugly boy. And to top it off - I'm a virgin!

Please help me, somehow. Fix me up with a date, send me money, buy me food - anything please.

Signed,
A Franny Corsick Fan

Dear Franny Corsick Fan,

I can help you. This is the Great Zookin talking. Oscar said you should kill yourself, but however there is one solution. This will take a lot of work. We are going to start with the basics. Go join the wrestling team. They are going to give you pride, self respect, and a body that will not quit! They will make a man out of you. Only after that can you think of going out with a girl.

The Great Zookin!

p.s. Hang in there, a live ugly boy is better looking than a dead one.



CHRISTMAS POLL
By Steven Williams

"What do you want for Christmas?"

Linda Freitas: 944 Turbo Porsche filled with buds.

Roxana Romero: a 1985, candy apple red Toyota MR2.

Chris Duncan: \$250.00 for clothes.

Mr. McCracken: a computer.

Scott Diggs: a 1985 Corvette and a 911 Porsche Carrera.

Marie Kobahit: a steak and wine dinner in front of a nice hot fire with a certain male tennis player wearing a pink skirt.

Barbara W. Schatz: a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and a car stereo.

Stacy Lurina: a pound puppy.

Mark Ruffalo: food for the starving people in Africa.

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Dear Oscar and Zookin!

Is there really a Santa Claus? My friends tell me their isn't! Please tell me their is!

Santa Claus Fan!

Dear Santa Claus Fan,

If you believe that the Great Zookin and Oscar exist, then so does Santa Claus. After all where do you think all of Santa's helpers would go if he didn't exist.

Sincerely yours,
Great Zookin!

Attention! Do you love Oscar and the Great Zookin's advice or do you just love them? For the mere price of \$1000 cash, no checks please, you too can join the thousands of others who have already attained membership in the Great Fan Club!

Advice for a Lifetime.

Bellis Eye
By John A Hart
Dedicated to Jana
(part two of five)

After a while, Tracy stopped. She felt strange; something wasn't right. Slowly she turned around to look behind her, then let out her breath as she saw that nothing was wrong. When Chris asked what the matter was, she started to say that she didn't know.

But she wasn't able to complete her sentence. The van suddenly appeared in front of them and was barreling toward them at top speed. Chris started to run.

Tracy froze. Her mind screamed, telling her legs to move, but they wouldn't obey. To her, time slowed down as the van quickly closed the distance between them.

A hand grabbed her arm and yanked her onto a lawn. The van sped by, crashing into some garbage cans, then was gone.

When Tracy realized what had happened, she discovered that when Chris had pulled her away, she ended up in his arms. Instantly, she pulled away. She didn't want to, but now wasn't the proper time. "Are you all right?" Chris asked. "Yeah, I guess so" was all she managed to say.

In an hour, they arrived at Tracy's house, not once re-encountering the van. After entering her house, her younger sister teased Tracy about the way she looked at Chris when he left. Jennifer, who was there to tutor her in French, was pulled into the darkroom by Tracy to develop the pictures that she had taken earlier.

"Something tells me that you brought me in here so we could talk and not just to develop film," Jennifer said.

"I was scared that he might reject me, Jen," she muttered.

"Reject you?" Jennifer said, laughingly. "He doesn't reject anything. You should see his room."



Merry Little Christmas
By Lisa Guerrero

I can hear the crisp wind blow
Bringing on a new season.
Santa Claus and his reindeer,
and icicles on the window freezing
Snowmen and snowballs,
clear nights and warm fires,
paper and bows and
Christmas tree tinsel,
"Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night",
and the mad Christmas sales.
It comes but once a year,
and it seems that the time is here,
to hang up the stockings
and light the tree,
for peace on earth and
holiday glee.
Little girls and little boys,
gingerbread men and brand new toys.
Early frost and a morning snow,
and a little plump man and his "Ho, Ho, Ho!"
We all are children when
this time rolls around
whose eyes light up when
we hear this sound:
"Twas the night before Christmas..."
It's here, it's here, it's finally here.
Time to bring out our Holiday cheer,
(that has been asleep for most of the year)
and take time to make this simple wish:
"Have yourself a Merry
Little Christmas."

The subject quickly changed to the film that Tracy had developed. She asked Jen to tap into the fire company computers and watch their tread designs with the ones in the pictures.

"Trace," she said, using Tracy's nickname, "you're acting like a detective again. You do remember what happened last time, don't you?" All Tracy did was smile.

MEANWHILE.....

The cabin on the beach was almost pitch black; the windows are covered with tattered curtains. Bullard Jones, a large man in his late forties, stood by a barren table, holding an old newspaper in one hand and a pair of scissors in the other.



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BRING THIS AD

Unlocking Your Potential By Lucy Oliveira

For the past few weeks sophomore English classes have participated in a wonderful program called Unlocking Your Potential. This is six meetings teaching all the students about responsibility you, setting self esteem, and the like.

The program was taught by Stephen Schroeder and Gary Edwards. Both teachers have special training and backgrounds in teaching about unlocking your potential.

Thank you Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Gary Edwards for bringing such a wonderful program to our students.

A special thank you to everyone who helped and participated in the program.

Hope to have the program return next year.



Boys Varsity Basketball By Becky Hatch

"They have a positive attitude and they really work up a sweat." Says coach Giles. He feels that if the Bruins basketball team plays to their fullest potential, they could easily be one of the top four to go to the finals.

Our returning letterman players this year are Eric Bowman, Tom Zizzo, Robert Giles, Rich Sondhi, and Maurice Bilelock. Jeff Gallagher, Carlos Monterous, Tom Kline, Eddie Betalls, Vance Sims, Andrew Buesette, John Folena, and Jeff Teal complete the team for the Bruins this year. Although the team is not very experienced, they will learn to play a "team game."

Some of the teams strong points are the following: they have a positive attitude, they work hard and take basketball seriously. The team has the potential and personality to do great this season.

Basketball is an exciting sport to watch, so come out and enjoy yourself while supporting your team. See ya there!



Christmas Gift Ideas By Steven Williams

This Christmas, Instead of giving Mom the usual gift of cheap perfume, Dad the neck tie in an ugly color, and your brother and sister some cheap toy you got on sale at K-Mart, give them something they can really enjoy and learn from.

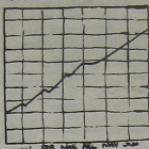
For the career Mom or Dad, I would suggest that you buy them the newest idea for the home or office; a "Team Deml". A Team Deml is a 4" by 3" plastic container that is filled with everything they could ever want for the office or to use at home. In it there is a pair of scissors, a stapler, scotch tape, glue, a measuring tape, and an exacto knife, ruler, and a compartment to put paper clips in. The Team Deml comes in an assortment of colors and can easily fit into a purse or an attache case. The Team Deml is a gift that is both fun and practical, and best of all, it will really be appreciated.

For your younger brother or sister, there is a new line of stuffed animals that can be a friend and a teacher. A.G. Bear was the first talking bear to come on the market this year. A.G. Bear comes in three colors: white, brown, and grey, and comes dressed in a blue or red coat. When you talk to A.G. Bear, it talks back to you in "bear talk" with the help of a voice box that responds to your voice.

The first animated bear bursted on the market a few weeks ago, "Teddurmpkin". Teddurmpkin was designed by the same man who built "Pirates of the Caribbean" at Disneyland. When you insert a specially designed tape into the back of Teddurmpkin, he moves his mouth to the words of the tape and actually tells a story to the children. I think that Teddurmpkin will be this year's Cabbage Patch Kid.

Gifts like these will probably be this year's biggest selling gift items, so they will be selling out soon. Right now, however, you can find them at such stores as Adriatic Stationers, Consumers Distributing, Best, and other gift stores. You better buy them soon before they are all sold out!!!!

WALL STREET



Stock Market Competition By Becky Hatch and Mike McCarthy

Santa Clara High students are participating with other schools to make as much money as possible by trading stock over a 10 week period. They are given \$1000,000 to invest and to trade stock. It's not real money, but the top three students will collect real cool prizes.

The main objective of this contest is to help the participants learn more about the financial market. They also learn how to compute the costs of stock transactions, how to buy and how to sell stock orders, and how to keep accurate records.

The contest is in its final stages, and should end the second week of December. It's a class race to the finish, but only three can come out ahead, since anyone can win in a matter of weeks.

Good luck to them all!!!!

Soccer By Brian Itow

Hoping to rebound from a disappointing season, (1-8-3, 6th place in league) the Bruin soccer team is playing poised soccer. The team is beginning to rebuild the winning tradition that once symbolized the successful soccer programs at Buchser and Santa Clara.

The Santa Clara soccer program has had five different coaches in the five years since the merging of Buchser and Santa Clara. John Aszevido is the team's fifth coach and he is hoping to return some semblance of stability to the program. His goal is to gain the league's respect while building for the future. With this thought in mind, the coach stated, "We're starting slowly but we're moving in the right direction."

With Los Altos and Palo Alto fighting for first place in the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League and



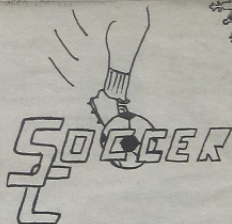
Rotary Interact Club By Lucy Oliveira

Interact is a happy medium between a social club and a service club. It can give you the best of two possible worlds.

All people who belong to Interact are of high school or secondary school age. Some clubs emphasize leadership potential or good grades as prerequisites. Anyone can join Rotary Interact at our school. The only prerequisite is that you really want to belong. We need members. If you really want to get involved, make friends, and just have a wonderful time while doing service work, this is just the club for you. Listen to the morning announcements. Look for our flyers, or come by room ASA at lunch time on Mondays. WE NEED YOU!!!!



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other potential contenders, Gunn and Wilcox also trying to gain playoff berths, the Bruins' possibilities of reaching the Central Coast Section don't look promising. In fact, Coach Aszevido feels a .500 season would be an accomplishment. But, with a few breaks, there's always the chance of reaching the CCS playoffs.

The team is led by Seniors, Brian Itow, Tino Silva and John Spangler. Standouts from last year's Junior Varsity team, Robey Berry, Leland Johnson and Chris Masowicz, are also looking to make major contributions.

These players are joined by two outstanding newcomers, Sean Mulcahy, and Darlo Riveros, a foreign exchange student from Columbia. Charles Oquidre, another transfer student, is the team's goalkeeper. All three players should make a great impact.

A promising sophomore class was Coach Aszevido hope for the future. Many of the sophomore players are capable of playing Varsity soccer. Mark Aldridge, Eric Ferreira and Eric Parsons will make immediate contributions. Other outstanding sophomores, Tony Aszevido, Rob Bell, Dale Burgham, Robert Casanovas, Steve Penticuff and Rob Russell could play Varsity soccer before the season ends.



We would like to correct an error that was made in the Times Nov. 1, 1985 issue. Our apologies to Mary Giacalone who's name was omitted from the Varsity Volleyball article.

Sincerely,

The Staff