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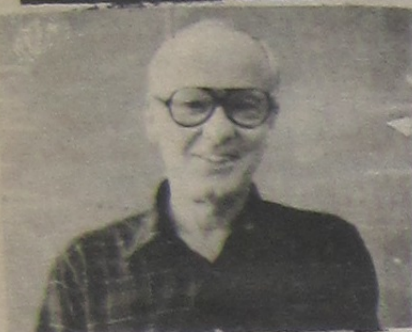
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Interview with
Mr. Criger
By Steven Williams

After many years of teaching English, Mr. Criger, one of Santa Clara High's finest teachers, has decided to retire. I had the chance to speak with Mr. Criger on his last day of teaching, January 24th. Here is a recap of our conversation.

How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching for thirty-five years.

Why have you decided to retire?

Life is too short to devote all your time to work. You must have time to enjoy yourself. As Robert Browning once wrote, "Grow old along with me," and as Robbi Ben Ezra once wrote, "The best is yet to be," I feel that these quotes reflect upon my decision to retire.

What do you feel has been the greatest change in education since you became a teacher?

Computers. Now students are using computers to write essays, correct spelling, and correct sentence structure. I predict that in the future, computers will replace teachers and teaching will become obsolete.

What do you plan on doing after retiring?

I plan to travel, golf, and enjoy the life of Bon Viente (good life). I might return next year, but only to teach about three periods.

Mr. Hagelin Interview by Barbara Schatz

Mr. Hagelin, an excellent math teacher here at Santa Clara High, is one of the three teachers who decided to retire this semester. I decided to interview him to find out a little bit about him, and his future plans.

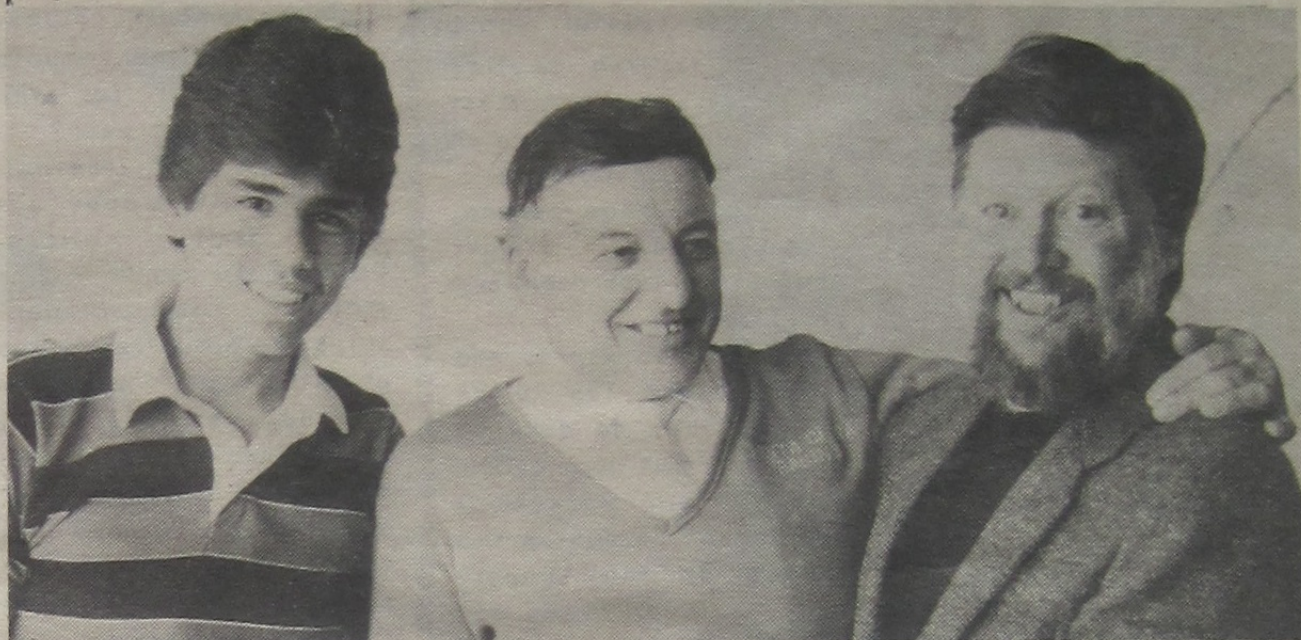
Q. "How long have you been at Santa Clara High, and why are you retiring?"

A. "Well, I actually started at Buchser High School in September of 1957, and we moved here when the school began in September of '58. It stayed with the name Buchser High School, until finally we consolidated high schools, and the name changed to Santa Clara High School. This is my 29th year.

In answer to your second question, will, I guess I have some other things that I might like to do. I've always been interested in Boy Scouting, and youth activities. This will give me an opportunity to spend a little additional time.

I'm also going to continue for the next five years working with a program at Wilcox High called The Montebella Ridge Program. It's an outdoor program ran by a teacher, Mr. Dan Bear, and he has a program oriented around outdoor activities: Canoeing, Backpacking.

Also within my own family I have a son and daughter, who will be graduating from Saratoga High School in June of next year, so I think really, more time around home. I spent 32 years on active duty, and the Navel Air Reserve.



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The mystic age in teaching to retire is 55, and I was 55 this month, so it'll work out real well."

Q. "What will you miss the most, and what will you miss the least?"

A. "There's no question what I'll miss the most. I'll miss the student contact, and I've been very fortunate. The type of students I've taught have been mainly those in elective subjects—Trig., Calculus, Geometry, and things of that sort, so they aren't students that would be disciplinary type people. They've been very enjoyable.

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PREP SPORTS by Bert and Ernie

Extra curricular activities are vital to the functioning of a high school. Athletics is one such activity. Hundreds of students participate in various school supported sports. Students participate in such diverse activities as water polo, volleyball and track. So why is it that Football and Basketball receive so much more support from the high schools than other sports? Do they deserve such support? Are they more beneficial to the school than other sports?

These two articles present two opposing points of view on the subject of Big-time sports in high school.

Football and Basketball provide entertainment for students. This is popularity and ease in watching these sports. For example, wrestling matches are fast pace and confusing for most inexperienced watchers. They could and cannot understand the physical and mental powers that the wrestlers are showing. Cross Country is too hard for the spectator to watch because most of the courses are hidden and are a distance from most fans. Yes, these are as exciting as football or basketball, but

Athletics is one of the most beneficial extra curricular activities found in high schools. It teaches its athletes competitiveness, team work, pride and compassion—all good attributes to be used later in life. So, why is it some sports—football, and boys basketball—receive more administrative attention than others?

Football and Basketball provide entertainment for students, but so do other sports. Watching two 200 lb athletes trying to determine superiority of

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they are just more removed from most fans than football and basketball.

Why do football and basketball receive almost 1/5 of the schools entire budget? Football receives \$6,500, but also has an income of \$9,300. Wrestling receives \$1,000, and has no income. Thus is a good cause to award more money to football because football is able to make good interest on the payment where wrestling cannot even produce an income.

Spirit... Is there any school spirit when football and basketball aren't involved? Are we saying that only basketball and football have spirit. No, they only seem to. This is because there is wide spread popularity, large teams and more open school rivalries. These sports are national favorites and because of large teams can and do become even more

popular. School rivalries become very important because there is a direct link to it. Also, anyone from moron to brain can become excited and don't have to know many complicated rules.

Then there is fan support. Football and basketball receive fan support because they are accessed easily and aren't difficult to understand. Soccer is easy to understand but it is an out door winter sport usually lacking seating arrangements. Most wrestling matches are at different schools and, for the average person, complicated. Most sports are just too hard to attend.

All these sports are exciting and fun to be in, and they do deserve support. But sports like Football and Basketball should not be denied the money or the support they receive. They deserve it also.

strength and skill on a wrestling mat, two fleet-footed runners racing toward the finish line at the end of a three mile cross country meet, or a batter at the plate with two men on base and two out with his team down 3-1 in the bottom of the ninth inning can be just as exciting as the end of any basketball or football game.

So why do football and basketball receive over 1/5 of the school's entire budget for the 1985-86 school year? It is true that football makes some money but this isn't college. Schools are not in this to make money, scholarships are not offered and athletes are not recruited. While football receives \$6,500, and basketball \$3,600, most other sports receive less than \$500 and some, such as tennis, did not receive one penny.

Commentary on the Shuttle Explosion by Barbara Schatz

I was going to write an article about terrorism and the media for this issue, but then the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded in mid air, as I'm sure you've all seen at least a hundred times, so I decided to write about how I feel about the explosion, and its relation to the future of the space program.

We, i.e. students and teachers, have been particularly affected by the tragedy, because of how close to home it was. The fact that they decided to invite a teacher on the Shuttle, I think shows us that perhaps in the future the space program won't just be limited to the military, and a bunch of engineers with impressive degrees. It was to show that those of us who have dreams of space travel might someday see them come true.

One of the things that really stood out was the diversity of the crew this time around. It wasn't just 5'10" white males. We had an oriental, a black, and two women, one of whom had nothing to do with the space program or military. She was Christa McAuliffe, the 'teacher in space'. This was perhaps the beginning of something big. We'd come to think of the Space Shuttle as safe enough to put civilians on, but now of course, we've been knocked out of our

SPRIT... Is there any school spirit when football and basketball aren't involved? Early in the year, we had a football rally, with all its extravagance. Did anyone realize that Water Polo, Volleyball, Girls Tennis and Cross Country also fielded competitive teams. No. In January, the school sponsored a so-called "Winter Sports Rally." Did anyone notice the seating of the athletes. One one side, the Boys Basketball team sat in front followed by the Varsity and J.V. wrestlers and finally the boys soccer team. On the other side the Boys Basketball Team was followed by the Girls J.V. and Varsity Basketball Teams and finally the girls soccer team. Why does the J.V. Basketball team warrant such preferred seating while other Varsity teams are given the leftovers?

THE LOSS OF THE CHALLENGER: IS THE FINAL FRONTIER WORTH IT? by John Hart

I will not attempt to retell the story of the fate of the space shuttle Challenger: to do so mission, as did Neil would be pointless. It saddened me greatly of Apollo II know when I viewed the film man first landed on the of her destruction and at moon. If you don't mind times I wished that the me quoting Star Trek II, explosion was a special "The needs of the many effect, but it wasn't. outweigh the needs of The loss of the Chal- lenger and her crew of The people of the seven brought the dan- Earth will mourn over gers that American as- what happened, even the tronauts and SovietSoviets, then it will be cosmonauts face each business as usual. NASA time they rocket into will launch the remain- Earth orbit into suddening three shuttles and focus. Is space explor- might possibly refit the ation and travel worth shuttle prototype, risking lives over? Enterprise, to take the

Many of my friends are probably suprised to when any future space hear me ask that ques- tion since they know me on board is launched, the as a rabid Star Trek fan, thought of the a V fan and supporter of Challenger and her crew the NASA space pro- gram, yet it is a ques- tion that we all face now that the dangers of space travel are quite imminent to us.

Space travel to the planets in our solar system and the stars is inevitable. Like the development of the automobile and airplane, space travel was the next logical step; it is progress. Humanity cannot survive by staying on Earth. Our dwindling food, water and the growing popu-

lation is proof that we MUST go into space, despite the tragedy that the crew of the Challenger faced. They knew the danger involved in the mission, as did Crippen and Young fate of the space shuttle did in the first shuttle Challenger: to do so mission, as did Neil would be pointless. It saddened me greatly of Apollo II know when I viewed the film man first landed on the of her destruction and at moon. If you don't mind times I wished that the me quoting Star Trek II, explosion was a special "The needs of the many effect, but it wasn't. outweigh the needs of The loss of the Chal- lenger and her crew of The people of the seven brought the dan- Earth will mourn over gers that American as- what happened, even the tronauts and SovietSoviets, then it will be cosmonauts face each business as usual. NASA time they rocket into will launch the remain- Earth orbit into suddening three shuttles and focus. Is space explor- might possibly refit the ation and travel worth shuttle prototype, risking lives over? Enterprise, to take the

The crew of the Challenger: Dick Scobee (commander), Michael J. Smith (copilot), Ronald McNair (astronaut), Gregory B. Jarvis (payload specialist), Judith A. Resnik (astronaut), Ellison S. Onizuka (astronaut), Christa McAuliffe (teacher).

complacency, with a rather strong slap. For some strange reason, I've never really thought of any type of space related venture as particularly dangerous,

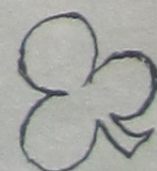
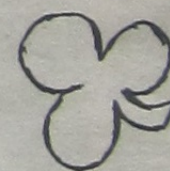
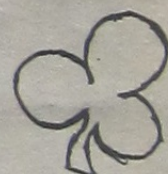
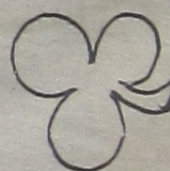
and now we've seen that it can be.

I feel that this terrible accident should be investigated thoroughly, and that if there's any chance that the problem can be located and corrected, we should go for it, and not take any shortcuts. On the other hand I feel, as President Reagan appears to (for completely different reasons), that once we figure out and correct what happened, we shouldn't let it slow us down. We must continue to reach out, to explore. We mustn't sit on our lonely little planet in a state of apathy, afraid to continue.

I've heard some people compare the explosion of the Challenger, to the accident at Three Mile Island. When Three Mile Island had a partial meltdown of the reactor core, it practically killed the nuclear power industry, and that people, and electric companies decided that maybe the risks of nuclear power weren't worth the benefits, so they decided to almost quit building nuclear reactors.

I don't think this is a valid metaphor at all. Perhaps the risks aren't worth the benefits in the nuclear power industry, but I think there's no question the risks are more than worth the benefits. There is so much potential for

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Boys Basketball by Brian Itow

The boys basketball team rebounded from a dismal 1984-85 season to qualify for the SCVAL playoffs. The Bruins finished the season in third place with a 7-5 record, winning their season series with inter-city rival Wilcox. In the process Rich Sondhi led the team, averaging over 17 points per game. Unfortunately the Bruins struggle to reach the CCS playoffs ended in defeat as they lost an over time heartbreaker to Gunn.

In 1985-86, the Bruins proved they belong in the same court as the league's best teams. They will continue to prove this point in the years to come. Next year's team will feature a number of prominent returnees including Maurice Blaylock, Jeff Oswald and Brian Whitehead as well as Junior Varsity standout Jeremy Everett.



Girls Basketball by Brian Itow

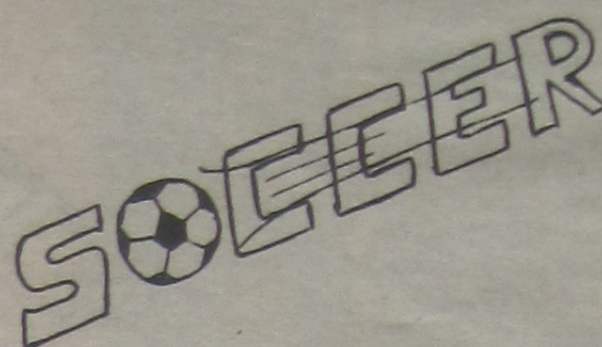
The girls basketball team suffered through a very tough season to finish in place with a 2-10 league record. Jennifer Sheirbon and Regina Crosby helped the team through the season with their consistent play. Sheirbon led the team averaging points per game.

Still, the team should improve next year with the help of players from a very successful junior varsity team.

Boys Soccer by Brian Itow

The boys soccer team finished its season respectably (4-6-2 league, 6-7-3 overall) in its first year under coach John Azevido. The team was bolstered by a strong defense that kept it in most games. Sweeper and team MVP Eric Ferreira led the defense while Colombian foreign exchange student Dario Riveros sparked the offense. Coming off a one win season, the Bruins played well, contending for a CCS playoff berth before a three game losing streak ended their season.

The team graduates only five starters and has the core of its defense - Sophomore Eric Ferreira and Juniors Rob Berry and goalie Charlie Oquodire - and offense - sophomores Rob Russell and Eric Parsons - returning. Look for the Bruins to contend for the SCVAL title.



Girls Soccer by Brian Itow

The girls soccer team suffered through another dismal season, finishing the season with an 0-8-4 league record. Still they improved immensely in the past year. In the 1984-85 season the team lost games by scores of seven, eight, nine, even ten to zero. In the 1985-86 season the scores were much closer as shown by the four ties that they managed.

As they continue to rebuild the team's future seems bright.

Wrestling by Brian Itow

The Bruin wrestlers completed another successful season, destroying team after team as they raced toward a confrontation with Palo Alto for the league championship. The Bruins quest for another league title--unfortunately--came up short as they fell to Paly in a tough match, ending their season with a commendable 5-1 record. In the SCVAL tournament the wrestlers again fell just short of Paly. Still they

received outstanding performances from gold medal winners Luis Barclus, Victor Carvahlo, Robert Diabik, Jaime Ocampo and Robert Wagner. Second place medalists, Tony Calderon and Ken Burt and third place medalists Charlie Jones and Roland Chiesa. All of whom qualified for the CCS tournament.

As usual strong Varsity performances were flanked by strong J.V. performances. Because of this the Varsity Bruins should continue their prominence SCVAL meets.

S.C. Swimming Report by Mike McCarthy

The S.C. Swim team is looking better than ever. SCVAL should be won with ease, and they should do very well in CCS.

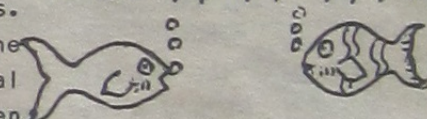
They have a lot of talent this year including; a league record setter, a Alaskan State champ and a Olympic swimmer. Shigeo Ogata swam in the 84' olympics for Japn and holds many Japanese records. Mark Colwill will be his strongest challenge with only 3 second difference in their times. Mark also

holds the league record and took 1st and 2nd in SCVAL.

"There are a lot of fast people." Mark said, "But there is no depth. We need more people." Currently the swim team only has about 15 people and needs a lot more just for points. There is only 1 senior and the majority is Juniors and Sophomores. Their only weakness is the lack of swimmers. Dual meets don't look good even though we may win most events we will lose it on points. The swim team needs your support

The teams look good this year and should do very well. So come out and support the team. Good luck S.C. Swimmers!!

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humanity in space (such as the manufacture of exotic medicines and metals in zero gravity, and the colonisation of the moon, mars, and space station), that if we stop now, that potential would probably not be realized within our lifetimes.

I mourn for the astronauts, and their families, but we can't let the accident push us back to the stone age of space exploration. We must continue to forge ahead. This of course means that there will most probably be many successes and some failures, but whoever said life was a rose garden? This is what humanity is all about--reaching out, and exploring.

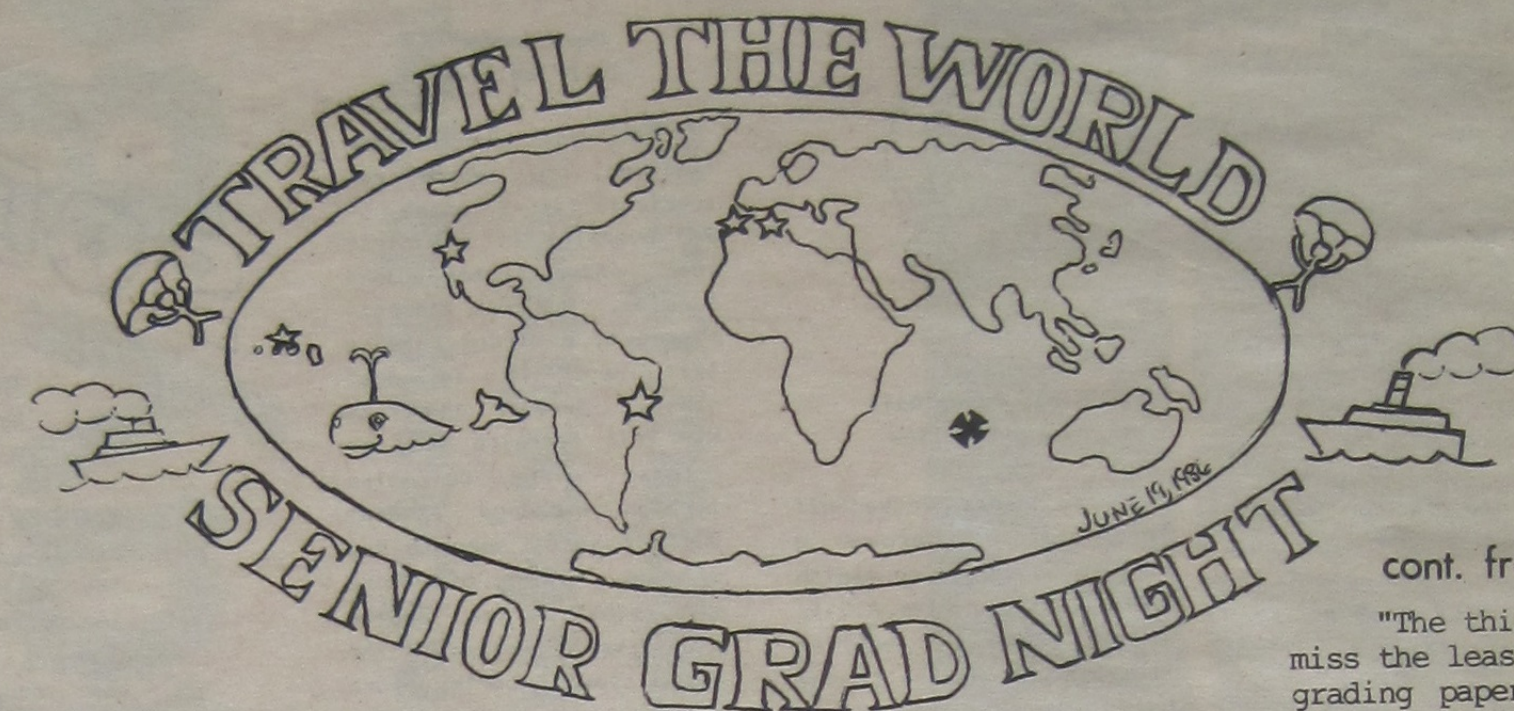
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PLAY REVIEW
Barbara M. Schatz

The Santa Clara High Drama Club's first play this year was Paul Jacoby's "The Girl in the Mirror," which was performed January 15-17. The play was directed by Libby Dale, who teaches drama at Santa Clara University.

The play was basically an unimpressive mix between "It's a Wonderful Life--What Would It Be Like If I Was Dead?", and "A Christmas Carol--Let's Take a Look At The Past." (this time though, the main character is not an old miser, but a young depressed girl.). Both of these feats are accomplished by a Guardian Angel character known as The Speaker, who acts as combination: guide and psychologist. The only real surprises in this play were the very good acting accompanying the mediocre plot, and the very ending. It opens with Susan, the main character, lying in a hospital bed, and the Speaker telling us about how unexpected her suicide attempt was. Susan's spirit then steps out of her body, and starts on a "journey" with the Speaker. The Speaker convinces Susan to come with her by promising that she may return to her bed, and choose between life or death whenever she wishes. We then follow Susan through the menagerie of her past, starting off with her parents informing her of their planned divorce. Her parents are quite a pair. Her mother is almost a hilariously sarcastic alcoholic, and her father is a basically nice man who doesn't seem to understand any of the feelings she's trying to communicate to him. Throughout the play, Susan grows further away from her father, because of his remarriage, and his move to England.

The first act consisted of thirteen of these short scenes, where just when you start getting into the plot the curtains slide shut, then open on the next completely different scene. These scenes included her meeting, and relationship, then breakup with her boyfriend, her becoming good friends with her poetry teacher, who introduces her to Sylvia Plath (a poet who committed suicide), and sees her developing depression through her poetry. There were also more scenes between her and her parents, mostly her mother, who was almost always half-drunk, and completely blind to her daughter's problems.



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In the second scene, Susan is still faced with the choice between life and death, so The Speaker shows her a little bit of what the future would be like if she had died. We see her boyfriend in therapy trying to figure out where he fit into her act of suicide. We see her mother give up drinking, and grow a bit closer to her father. We also see an amusing sequence where two separate psychologists, in two different places, attempting to analyze her entire life.

As I stated before, I was surprised by the ending. Although I expected Susan to choose life, thus having "Everyone Live Happily Ever After," she chose death. I did not like the choppy style and predictability of the plot, and in that respect I wasn't to be impressed. The one thing that pleasantly stood out in this play was the high-quality acting. I would especially like to applaud Jessica Hassinger who played Susan, and Rachel W. Yhip who played Susan's mother. They really made the characters come alive and in that respect, the play was enjoyable.

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BULL'S EYE

By John A. Hart
Dedicated to Karen
(part three of five)

The pictures that Tracy had taken were crystal clear. Jennifer hesitantly agreed to run a computer check on them while Tracy, her mom, and her sister, Janet, went on a shopping spree. Tracy had no idea how near the person who murdered her two friends was. Bullard Jones watched and followed her throughout the city, waiting for a chance to make her the next victim. Their last stop was at the local supermarket. Bullard quickly slid under their station wagon and attached a home-made bomb to the chassis then spliced the ignition wires to the bomb. He slid out and ran to his awaiting van and quickly drove away. A minute later, Tracy and her family emerged from the store and loaded it with the groceries. Before

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their mom turned on the ignition, she remembered that she had forgotten something and instructed Tracy to go in and buy it. Janet asked her mom to turn on the car so she could listen to the radio. She reached for the ignition and turned the car on as Janet fiddled with the radio dials. Half way to the store, Tracy stopped and turned on her heel to head back to the car when it exploded in a blaze of flame. Her eyes were wide with horror as she took in the ghastly sight. A hand grabbed her from behind; a knife was pointed toward her throat. She desperately tried to get away from the person. "It should've been you," Bullard snarled. She screamed in terror and was able to wrench away from him. Bullard scrambled over a fence and was gone.

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"The thing I'll miss the least is just grading papers. Both of those are very clear and sharp in my mind."

Q. "What do you see for your future?"

A. "I've always enjoyed traveling, and as my son and daughter leave the home, it will allow more time. With navel aviation it allows you and your family, similar to what airline pilots enjoy. You can go if space is available, anyplace in the world. One thing I really believe in strongly is that you can't buy time. It keeps clicking away. And traveling and fishing. I love fishing. I'm going back to Alaska this summer.

I have a father who's 92, and I plan on spending more time with him, and the family.

I have some acquaintances in New Zealand, and West Germany, and now I can get there quite easily via the military.

Maybe we'll have a foreign exchange student at our home next year."

Q. "What is your fondest memory of Santa Clara High?"

A. "I think my fondest memory was in my first years of teaching, starting with 13 teachers, at a brand new school with a new name, Buchser High School. When we came out here in 1958, the only thing that was built was the A, B, and C wing. We attended school from 7:30 to noon, while they were in the process of painting and plumbing, for about a semester. Actually my fondest memory was just watching the school evolve."