

# LAW SUIT IMPENDING

*Star July 3*  
BREA-OLINDA DISTRICT

That residents of the Olinda school district, and also a number of residents of the Brea vicinity, are not satisfied with the formation of the new high school district, and withdrawal from Fullerton Union High School, is shown in moves being made at present. Already an appeal has been made to the state superintendent of public instruction regarding the ruling of R. P. Mitchell, county superintendent of schools, that all students residing in the two districts must attend the newly formed high school.

Parents of students declare they will not send their children to the Brea-Olinda school, but will continue to send them to Fullerton. The county superintendent has ruled they must attend the new school.

Coupled with this fact is the change in location for the proposed new school building. Olinda was given to understand the high school would be on the paved road east of Brea, toward Olinda. The board of trustees is reported considering a location west of Pomona Avenue, in Brea, and if this site is chosen, a number have declared they will ask for an injunction.

So far no site has been announced and the bond election has not been called.

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Saturday last, and took for a partner Miss Ripple Landreth, of this year's graduates of the Fullerton high school, and prominent in Fullerton social circles. Score—one home run, a great hit, and no errors.

Daily News Tribune

Feb 9, 1927

~~B~~ Contractor Found Guilty

The trial of E. C. Rath, charged by J. C. Steele, former contractor of the Broadwinds union high school building, with misappropriation of lumber and other building materials, when heard before Recorder C. C. Kinsler resulted in the jury of six men and six women pronouncing him guilty. According to a statement made by Rath, the case will be carried by him to the superior court of Orange county.

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# SHAFFER GIVES VOTE RESULTS

*Progress Daily*  
Prominent Oil Head Quoted As Favoring Central Site for High School Location.

According to W. D. Shaffer, member of the Brea-Olinda high school board who sent out return post cards questionnaires to the heads of families in the district to ascertain if possible the preferable site for the location of the new high school building, there is a varied difference of opinion among those who were interested enough to return the cards, and a vast indifference to the whole situation in general.

Out of the whole 460 cards there were only 140 returned. There were three possible sites mentioned on the cards, the Aviation Field (Union Oil tract south on Pomona), the Birch Street site (east on Birch), and the Hamilton site (on Cedar near Laurel school). According to the cards returned the Aviation site received the highest vote as a first choice with 59 returns. Birch 45, and Hamilton 31.

As second choice the Aviation got 22, Birch 17, and Hamilton 38, making Hamilton a high second. As a third choice each site received 15 votes. There were 4 cards returned which indicated no choice, but were inscribed with sarcasm, etc.

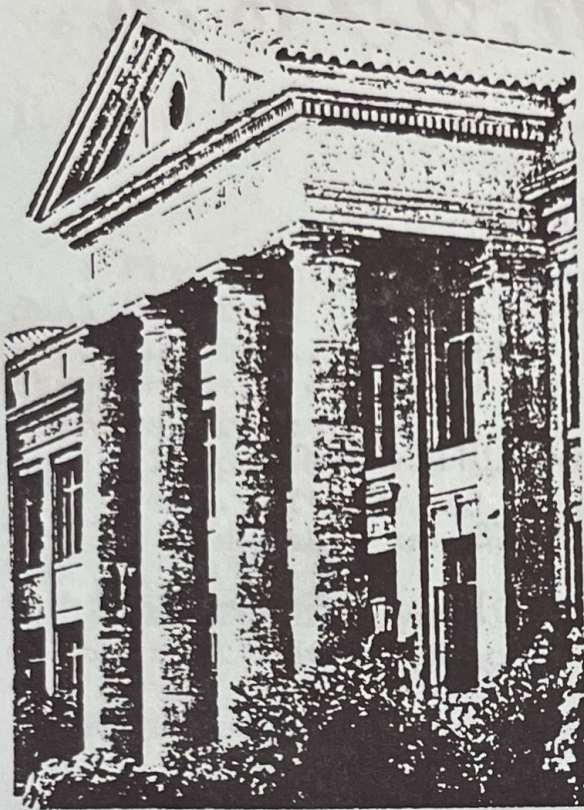
Out of 125 mailed to Olinda only 11 were returned. Seven were for Birch street site and 4 for the Aviation.

Mr. Shaffer, according to his report to the Progress, has interviewed leaders of the Pacific division of the Union Oil company and quotes Mr. Chester Brown as favoring the Hamilton site because of the present and future growth of the city of Brea, and that the acquisition of the Hamilton site even at a reasonably greater price would be justifiable.

Shaffer quotes Mr. Brown as having said that the Union was responsible largely for the cities of Brea and Olinda and that it must back them up in their civic improvements and developments.

It is quite evident that Mr. Shaffer will not relinquish his stand for the Hamilton site even to the point of the necessity for the direct decision of a district vote to settle the site question.

1925



# Hail

to

# Brea-Olinda

A Mini-History of the "old" Brea-Olinda High School,  
taken from the pages of its yearbooks, 1928 - 1989.

OLD BREA CITY HALL

July 4, 1989

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*Sponsored by the Brea Historical Society*

# ALMA MATER

## I

Orange High has always favored

The Orange and the Black,

The noble sons of Fullerton

From the Red have ne'er turned back,

We have our own dearest colors,

High places shall they hold!

When we yell for dear old B. O.,

And our flag of Green and Gold!

(1928 to 1933)

## II

Hail, Brea-Olinda!

To thee our praises ring,

Mighty sons of the Green and Gold,

To thee we're proud to sing.

So hail to Brea-Olinda!

Lift that spirit high.

Keep the Wildcats fighting hard,

Do or die!

(Introduced October 13, 1933)

## HAIL to BREA-OLINDA

1. THE "GUSHER" *Webster's says, "1. An oil well with a copious flow; 2. To gush, yielding in abundance; 3. To emit words in an abundant free flow."*

The name of the Brea-Olinda High School yearbook has a dual meaning. First, it is a term meaning "an effusion of words or talk," and also it pertains to the oil industry, the economic mainstay of Brea in the early days. Most gushers are caused by the pressure of natural oil blowing the oil up and over the top of the derrick; the fire danger was great. It caused great damage to the well and machinery and it has taken workers' lives as well.

The GUSHER symbol has appeared on the cover or inside of most of the yearbooks throughout the last 61 years. With the first issue in 1928, a long tradition of excellence was established. Several yearbooks have won trophies.

2. THE "WILDCAT" *Webster's says, "1. An oil or gas well drilled in a territory not known to be productive; 2. . . .A cat of Europe or Africa."*

According to a local naturalist, the wildcat is commonly found all over California and is prevalent even now in Orange County. Undeveloped areas, such as Brea Canyon, provide small mammals for food for these cats. Although the wildcat weighs less than 20 lbs., its "sustained fierceness makes it a fearful foe." This description makes the wildcat a very appropriate choice for a symbol and mascot.

In 1929, the mounted wildcat was given to the B.O.U.H.S. Student Body by the Junior class. It originally had a silver plate upon which was inscribed the names of the football captains. "For ten years, each outgoing captain passed the cat to his successor." (GUSHER, 1939, "The Wildcat Speaks," pps. 40 and 44.)

Variations of the nickname, "Wildcat," have been used. In 1929, the champion "C" football team was called the "Wild Kittens"; "Winky, the Wildcat" was the name given to a student in costume who appeared at athletic games, helping (or hindering) the cheer leaders; "Ladycats" was the brain child of Coach Mark Trask to identify the girls' athletic team members; and "Willy the Wildcat" was born in the 1953 GUSHER.

The original Wildcat, on display here today, will go into mothballs in the Brea Historical Society archives. A new Wildcat, now being mounted, will assume a prominent place at the new high school campus, carrying on tradition.



WELCOME TO BREA-OLINDA  
I'M WILLY THE WILDCAT.

3. THE BIG BOOK The Big Book was begun in the 40's as a Girls' League project and discontinued in the early 50's. It is a scrapbook of each year's activities combining yearbook pictures, snapshots, newspaper clippings, and other items concerning school activities. The wooden cover was made by boys in the woodshop classes.

The Big Book is ended with pictures taken at the opening of the Time Capsule in February 1989.

Thanks to the tender care of Catherine Seiler, the Big Book has been refurbished for its display today.

4. THE TIME CAPSULE On February 22, 1989, the biggest and best Homecoming Parade ended at the High School, near the southwest corner of the main building where a crowd of alumni and townspeople had joined the students.

After a welcome by Gary Goff, the Time Capsule was removed. (The granite facing had been laboriously chipped out earlier in the day.) The copper box was oxidized, and the lid was loose. Most of the pile of papers and photographs had deteriorated greatly, but a copy of the California State School Code for 1926 was well preserved.

A new time capsule will be placed in the cornerstone, and the granite facing will be installed in cement. This event is scheduled for November 1989.

5. THE TWENTIES Beginning in 1926, the B.O.U.H.S. students first attended classes in temporary quarters at the Brea Grammar School (now the Junior High). The move to the new High School campus was made in 1929.

In April 1926, a rainstorm with lightning brought the most destructive occurrence in Brea's history. The lightning struck two enormous oil tanks at the Union Oil Company Tank

Farm, east of Brea. The oil boiled over, burning orange and walnut trees, and homes. That night, a hurricane struck, blowing roofs off houses and knocking people down. It was many days before the large, bright blaze itself was brought under control and extinguished. Fortunately, there was no loss of life.

6. THE THIRTIES In 1932, the "C" football team won the Orange County League Class "C" championship. Not to be outdone, in 1933 the Varsity football team brought home its Orange County Varsity League Championship! TWO FIRSTS!

Reflecting the thrill felt by all students, the Class of '34 dedicated its GUSHER to the team. On the dark green cover was a football player, thus departing for another first from the traditional GUSHER logo.

On March 5, 1933, an earthquake struck in the early evening as girls and their mothers were preparing for the Mother-Daughter banquet in the cafeteria. An attempt was made to hold the banquet, but guests were dismissed during the program as the earth continued to shake.

Although the High School came through the earthquake unscathed, new safety legislation forced a remodeling of the facade of the building, including the demolition of the beautiful columns gracing the front entrance.

The picture on the facing page shows Brea-Olinda High School as it looked in 1934.



7. THE FORTIES In the early 40's, with the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the tenor of the campus changed. Military units were stationed here; an airwatch station was installed on the roof of the mail building; the principal, Mr. Hopkins, took a leave to serve in the armed forces, later returning to continue his administrative post. In 1944, a 'service flag' was hung in the front hall of the High School; stars were added as more and more of our boys joined the armed forces.

Yearbooks continued to be published, except for 1943 when publication was cancelled due to a war-caused paper shortage. Frank Hopkins, principal, lived with his family in the Practice House for a short time due to the housing shortage.

8. THE FIFTIES The school curriculum was expanded: a school farm and agricultural classes were developed on property to the east of the original school site; a kiln was added to the Art Department for ceramics; and Brea-Olinda was the first in the state to offer 'driver education' as part of the regular classes. Construction of the new science wing, the cafeteria, and the home economics building in 1959 accommodated the growth.

In 1958, a unique yearbook reflected the Ivy League theme. It had a canvas cover with a belt and buckle on the back.

9. THE SIXTIES The class of 1960 opened the decade by producing a handsome yearbook of black with a red dragon on the cover. It won the Mariner Award, given by the Albert James Studios for superior yearbook production.

The 1961 GUSHER garnered another trophy, with an international theme to celebrate Brea-Olinda's first foreign student -- from Turkey. The 1962 GUSHER included an LP record entitled "School Sounds."

On through the Sixties, themes and topics included "New Dimensions," and "Space and Our Future," More and more colored photographs made each yearbook more beautiful than the last. The size of the book and its price rose with the prosperous times.

10. THE SEVENTIES Development and redevelopment began to change our hometown, Brea. Corporations and industries moved to the area eagerly as the 57 Freeway cut a swath through the hills and the flat lands, dividing the city.

The school curriculum continued to change, offering more science and business courses and industrial trade training. Athletics were still tops, and the Brea spirit kept the home teams winning.

Reflective themes for the GUSHERS included, "A New Day," "The Spirit Lives," "Yesterdays and Tomorrows," and "Gushing with New Life." The 1975 GUSHER had as its theme, "The Golden Gusher," 1925-1975, commemorating OUR TODAYS AND YESTERDAYS.

11. THE EIGHTIES The 80's became a more frantic time with many, many students attending school AND working in food services in the community. Traffic and smog were big issues. The joy of the athletic programs meant more and more to male and female students alike.

The 1981 yearbook's theme was, "Brea, the Image Grows." The advertisement section at the back stressed "Brea's Growth in Business," and the Brea City Council paid for a whole page of support and congratulations.

In 1988, the PTSO was pictured for the first time.

Now the "old" school buildings had fallen into disrepair; the girls' gymnasium burned down; and redevelopment made plans to demolish the school.

Many good-byes have to be said.

The corner stone/Time Capsule has been opened.

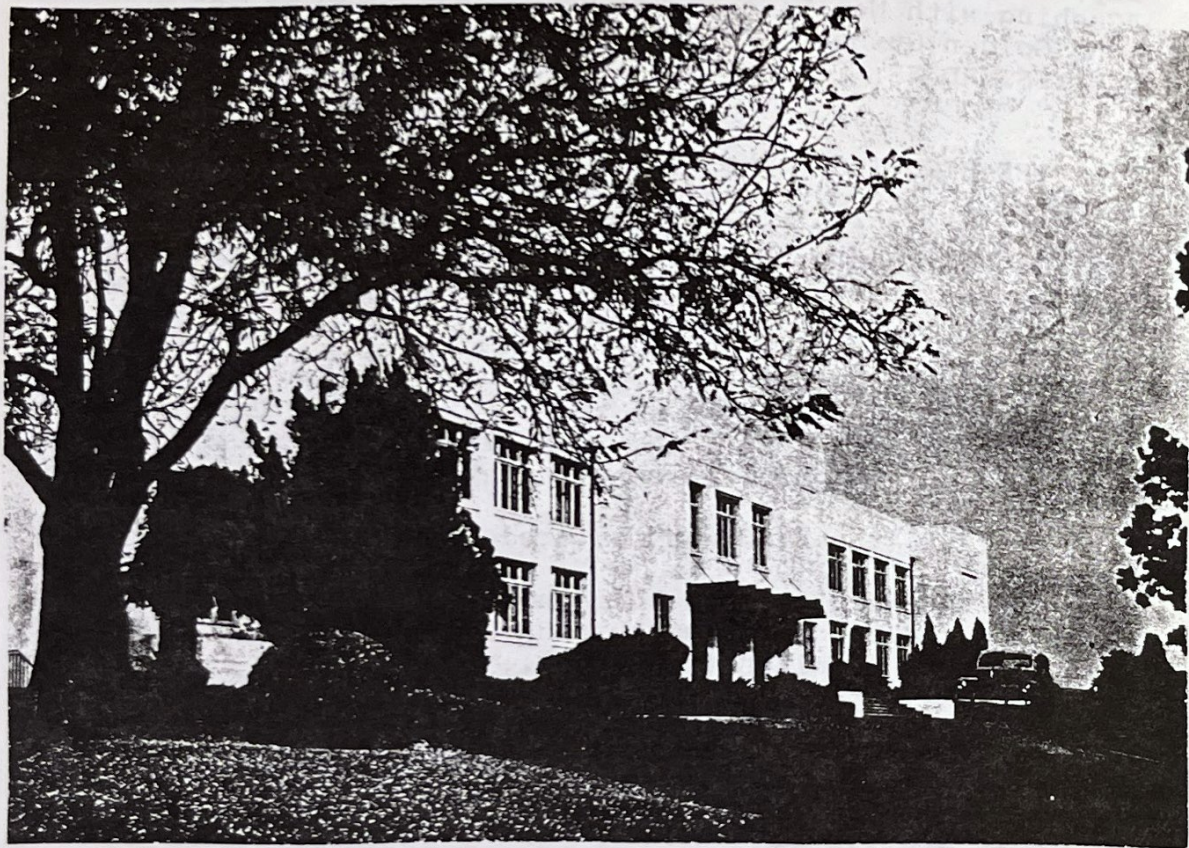
Time marches on.

We dream of a new school on the hill, a new time, a new beginning for our children and grandchildren.

May the "Brea Spirit" which brought us together in 1926 continue and always prevail.

Brea-Olinda High School -- you have made on us

"A Lasting Impression"  
(1989 GUSHER theme)



Brea-Olinda High School

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

*It takes many hands, many hours, lots of trial and error, and tremendous cooperation to complete a project of this ilk. But - on the plus side is a lovely feeling of pride, accomplishment, and excitement.*

*Many of the issues of the GUSHER have been loaned; and some have been donated to the Historical Society and will become part of our permanent exhibit material. Very special thanks go to these people and institutions.*

*Many others have contributed to the completion of this venture, each in his or her own special way. To these also, our sincere THANK YOU!*

### BREA LIONS CLUB

*J. M. Bergman  
Joan Fanning  
Karl Fanning  
Brian Saul  
Frank Schweitzer  
Annamae Shamblin  
Mary Shultz*

*If we have missed anyone, please forgive us.  
It was not intentional.*

### The Committee:

*Miriam J. Bergman  
Inez Fanning  
Dean Millen  
Catherine Seiler*

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# Flames fail to extin

The girls' sports started off with a loud Indian war whoop. Girls were in every corner of the Gym, waiting their turn on the floor to see if they were able to make the basketball team.

— Brea-Olinda yearbook, 1932

By Barbara Glasone

Managing Editor

BREA — Flames that destroyed Brea-Olinda High School girls' gym April 18 resurrected a passel of memories for many Wildcat graduates and faculty members. Although the 59-year-old building served as a practice area for latter-day sports, its wooden floors supported everything from tap dancing to competitive playdays in its heyday.

Inez Jones Fanning, Class of '33, didn't miss a beat as she recalled playing piano for the Natural Interpretive Dance class. While "Afternoon of the Fawn" and "Tiptoe Through the Tulips" echoed through the wooden interior, coeds pranced in their leather shoes.

"There we were, dressed in those scarf-like outfits, looking something like Isadora Duncan as we floated across the gym floor," recalled Fanning with her contagious laugh. "I still have that lavender outfit packed away somewhere; what memories."

The longtime Brea resident remembers the long room directly over the gym's main entrance where the school nurse conducted personal hygiene classes for each girl enrolled at BOHS.

"Many times we sat in our black bloomers and white middies, listening to those talks," Fanning said. "But the funniest thing was watching the gym teacher, who insisted on wearing black stockings below her bloomers so her bare legs couldn't be seen."

Catherine Seiler, Class of '33, offered many of the same remembrances. "Doing all that natural dancing in those days was really awkward for most of us girls. We had to wear special robes and shoes, and we weren't a bit graceful."

A resident of Brea since 1925, Seiler recalled there were only 200 students enrolled in the high

school during her years. "I vaguely recall construction of the gym when I was in grammar school. It had showers and lockers, just like the bigger schools around the county. And all of us had to wear uniforms to our regular classes: blue serge skirts and middie tops. Several years later, parents voted to adopt a different pattern that allowed pastels with Indian head materials."

By the early 1940s, boys frequented the gym each Friday, waiting for the noon dance to begin. Leo Piantoni, Class of '41, recalled the phonograph spinning such tunes as "Sentimental Journey" and "String of Pearls." The remaining gym schedule, he added, included boys and girls basketball games and gymnastic events.

Piantoni, who served on the Brea-Olinda Unified School District Board from 1966 to 1976 and taught at the high school from 1952 to 1955, remembered only one other time fire struck the school.

"A brush fire erupted behind the electrical shop in 1953, and I think the boiler blew up in the basement once. But otherwise, that gym was a safe structure."

Former student body president Anna Mae Shamblin, Class of '47, easily recalled the moaning and groaning that accompanied the floor exercises. On rainy days, we played a fast game of Bombardment with the boys. It was rather like the game of murder, with all of us throwing basketballs at each other."

But the gym provided plenty of fond and helpful memories for the student leader. In the upstairs classrooms, Shamblin and her classmates learned home nursing and Red Cross techniques that "I've applied throughout my life. Those classes were so important to all of us."

Retired girls' athletic director and vice principal Maxine Whisnant was "galvanized" when she learned from a Monday night TV station that "a major BOHS structure was on fire."

Contacted at her Laguna Beach home, Whisnant said she didn't know who to call, but early the next morning, she learned from a Brea City Hall employee details of the devastating fire.

Brea - Olinda High School girls' gym building 1929

Apr. 27, 1988

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## guish memories of BOHS gymnasium

"It seemed like a peculiar kind of loss, like an integral part of me had vanished," she said.

Whisnant started teaching at BOHS in 1940. From her GAA days at Anaheim High School, she recalled the Brea athletic area was a familiar spot for softball playdays while Fullerton High hosted basketball and Orange High held field hockey tournaments.

"We had the nicely planned

graciousness. I find myself an alien in this age with people wanting to win at any cost. I'm sorry the role of being a gentleman or a lady has vanished for a lot of people."

The soft-spoken educator also recalled the laundry located at the rear of the gym where all the suits and towels were washed each day. "At the same time, the laundry man would wash down the bases."

kids felt it was their school and they were responsible for it."

Current girls' gym director Sharon Caperton, Class of '68, easily recalled the playdays that were scheduled at the Brea facility. "But in my senior year, they closed the gym and moved the music department, band and choir into the facility so they could build the fine arts building. How we missed our indoors sports programs."

Nothing, however, will be missed more than Caperton's Hall of Fame wall, which tumbled into ashes. Framed pictures from 14 years of teaching, her baseball cap and jacket plus student mementos were reduced to rubble in minutes.

"There are lots of memories on the ground," Caperton lamented Wednesday afternoon. "Not being able to replace those pictures just kills me."





(Star-Progress photo by Stan Bird)

**MOPPING UP** — A Fullerton truck company pours water on what is left of the Brea-Olinda High School girls' gymnasium, built in 1929.

The facility went up in smoke April 18, requiring 6,000 of gallons of water per minute to extinguish the flames at one point.

gym at Brea," she remembered. "The east side was for the boys, the west side for girls with dressing rooms downstairs. The instructor's office was above the lockers, where I'd often open the little windows just to hear the beautiful harmony among the girls singing in the showers."

Whisnant consistently promoted her personal philosophy in the gym. "We were interested in developing sportsmanship. I told the girls it was fine to win, but it was even finer to lose with

One of Whisnant's favorites was Oswald "Dutch" Meissner, the school bus driver who was known as the father confessor. "He had a lot of compassion for those students, and he supported them."

The memories flowed as Whisnant recounted the spirit that rocked the gymnasium through the years. "There are a lot of tears for this disaster, even if you don't see them. Brea-Olinda had a rare kind of spirit, especially in those early days, when

# Brea-Olinda fans bid winning farewell to old school gym

By Bob Buttlita  
The Register

BREA — For many of the approximately 1,100 spectators who jammed into the Brea-Olinda High School gym to watch the boys basketball game against Magnolia High School, there was a dual purpose for showing up.

One was to root the Wildcats to victory, which they did, 85-53.

The other was to say goodbye to an old friend, the Brea gym.

Friday night's game marked the final regular-season game at the structure. In September, students and faculty will move into a new school, with a gym capable of holding 2,000.

(The girls teams have played in a different gym at the school. They will play at another of the three

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**Dyre Bennett, 80,**  
Brea-Olinda High School alumnus

gyms at the new site.)

Although the Wildcats (19-7) were to play host to La Sierra High School in a first-round California Interscholastic Federation playoff game Wednesday night, most in attendance Friday treated it as the final game — and the end of an era.

One of them is Dyre Bennett, perhaps Brea's oldest and most faithful fan. Bennett, 80, estimates he has seen more than 1,200 Wildcats basketball games.

He said he feels badly about the

scheduled demolition of the gym and school. As a member of the construction crew, Bennett helped put the finishing touches on the school when he moved to Brea in 1925 and there met his wife, Edith, who was a junior when it opened.

“It's a really sad day,” Bennett said Friday night. “This school has been a big part of my life since I moved here.

“This school is responsible for me meeting my wife, and for a lot of the friends that I've made over the years. I've been coming here to watch games since 1926, and during that time the only games I missed were during World War II (military service).

“Even then, I had my wife write me to keep me informed on how the team was doing.”

Coach Rick Jones' association

with the gym covers 15 seasons. Jones became junior-varsity coach and assistant varsity coach in the 1974-75 season.

Before taking his team on the court Friday night, he reminisced.

“The first thing which comes to mind is the rivalries we had when Gene (Lloyd, varsity coach before Jones) and I first started here,” Jones said.

“Back then, we used to play El Dorado (and) Sonora, and we had some great games. (They are no longer opponents because of relegating.) We used to fill the gym, and we had some terrific battles.

“There was such excitement in those days. It's a very intimate place to watch a game, and when we'd have all those people crammed in here it was loud and very exciting.”

Jones said the relationship between the crowd and the game is something that could be lost at the new gym. The team will be going from one of the smallest gyms in the county to one of the largest.

“It's a great place (at the current gym) to watch a game because you're close to the action,” Jones said. “I'll miss that aspect of it.”

From 1977 to 1987, the boys teams won eight Orange League championships. Although they never won a CIF title, they reached the semifinals in 1975 and have been to the quarterfinals.

The coach also recounted some of the top players: Phil Henderson, now varsity basketball coach at Sonora High School; Danny Hanson, considered by many observers one of the school's top all-around play-

ers; Bob Sallis, who set a then-CIF single-game record with 24 assists during the 1978-79 season; and current University of California, Los Angeles, standout Kevin Walker, named the county Player of the Year in 1986.

Despite his memories, Jones said he is looking forward to the new facility. The current one had begun showing its age — especially during the rainy season, when the roof leaks — and doesn't hold as many spectators as gyms at other schools, he said.

“We're gearing up for the new school,” Jones said. “We're going to take the centerpiece from this gym and hang it on the wall in the new place.

“We'll add some classy Brea touches, and it will begin to feel like home.”

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Mary Caron

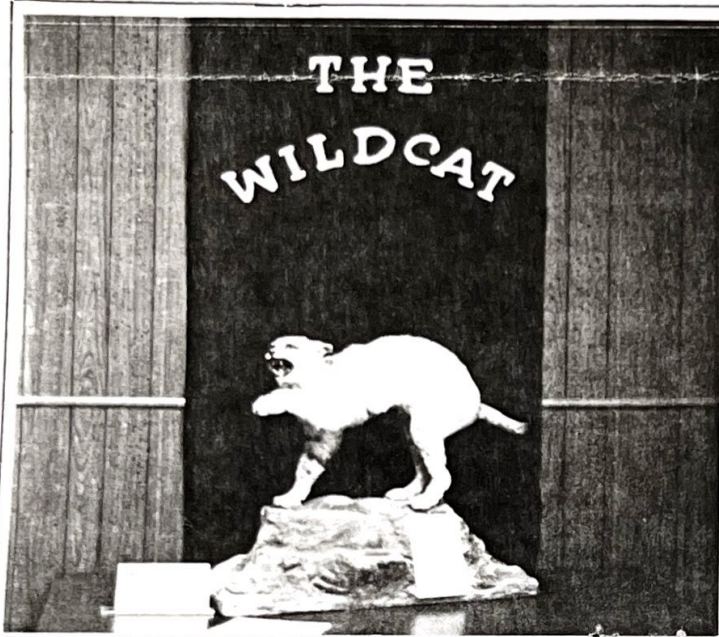
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A WILDCAT FOR AN OIL TOWN

The 'true and real' high school mascot, the WILDCAT, at the high school for 62 years, has been beautifully restored and encased in glass. This work was carried out by Gary Aubrey, Brea-Olinda High School alumnus and taxidermist of Arroyo Grande, California. Thank you, Gary. Funding for this project will come from Alumni Last Hurrah funds.

This important tradition of historic Brea is now on display at the Old City Hall. Sharon Dean made the arrangements, with the assistance of Inez. (Did you ever put a seat belt on a wildcat so it could sustain a long ride?)

The Wildcat was carefully chosen by Brea-Olinda students and faculty in 1929 because in oil field terms, a 'wildcat' refers to a well drilled "far out . . . territory not known to be productive," but it often produces bountifully. The animal itself, still found in the hills of our area, usually weighs less than 20 pounds, but "its sustained fierceness makes it a fearful foe." The Brea Spirit has always embodied this in Brea's athletic contests.

--Inez C. Fanning

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## GENERAL MEETING

Monday - March 25, 1991 - 7:30 p.m.

at

First Baptist Church  
Date and Elm Streets

## PROGRAM

HISTORIC DOLLS AND DOLLMAKING  
Billie Sweet, Sweet Doll Shoppe  
137 South Brea Boulevard, Brea

Refreshment committee: The Bergmans:  
Evelyn, Walt, and Elsie

\*NOTE: Mrs. Sweet will bring dolls from her collection. Please bring your dolls to share.  
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## CALENDAR UPDATE

Several dates were incorrect in the last NEWSLETTER. Please check the following dates.

March 23, Saturday - Downtown Walking Tour  
Leave from Old City Hall  
10:30 a.m.

March 25, Monday - General Meeting  
(see above for details)

April 8, Monday - Board Meeting, at Old City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: NO GENERAL MEETING IN APRIL

April 13, Saturday - SPECIAL - 10:30 a.m.  
DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR  
Sponsor: Orange County Conservancy  
Price this tour: \$10.00

May 13, Monday - Board Meeting at Old City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

May 20, Monday - SPRING POTLUCK and GENERAL MEETING, 6:30 p.m.

June 13, Monday - Board Meeting at Old City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

July 4, Thursday - Brea County Fair - and HISTORICAL EXHIBIT at Old City Hall

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Our paid membership now stands at 169! Just four years ago we were at 55 members. Please let us meet you at the March meeting, and/or we welcome your comments, suggestions, and questions. Mail address is P. O. Box 9764, Brea, 92622, or telephone the Old City Hall, Monday and Wednesdays, 256 2283.

An official roster will be mailed to members in May.

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P R E M I E R E

ROBINSON'S/BREA MALL  
PREVIEW SHOPPING DAY

Tickets (\$5) to the Robinson's store opening on May 30 are available at Old City Hall. The Historical Society gets to keep the money from sale of tickets. Please buy (and sell) lots of these tickets. Call Sharon Dean, 529 6185, or the office at Old City Hall, 256 2283, Mondays and Wednesdays. We need this money.

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RALPH BARNES

We regret to report the recent death of Ralph Barnes, Brea pioneer. "Barney" was active in the banking business in Brea's early years, and he left an oral history, published in 1981, recording much information on that subject.

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ADDITION TO OILFIELDS BANK BUILDING ITEM,  
NEWSLETTER, February 1991

We have additional information on former occupants of the GOBAR (OILFIELDS BANK) BUILDING. One was the BREA PROGRESS, forerunner of the DAILY STAR PROGRESS in La Habra. Early editors included Howard and Claire Bowers, and Frank Hall.

Also, mention must certainly be made of the SHAFFER TOOL WORKS who had main offices in the Oilfields Bank Building for a number of years.

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SOME BITS OF NEWS

Sixty-four persons participated in the February Downtown Walking Tour. Brian and Inez each took a group. In addition to Sharon Dean, the following have volunteered to be guides-on-call: Genie O'Dowd, Pat Tremaine, and Jack Smith

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Genie O'Dowd, museum consultant, has been hired by the Board through July 4. Our office will be closed from then until September.

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Acquisitions this month include a 'Magic Lantern' from the Melvin Carlsons. This belonged to Melvin's father, Emil Carlson.

We were also given two panorama pictures: one of the Fullerton Oil Company lease, 1917; and another of the Brea Canyon area. Karl Fanning is repairing these photos.

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We received Brea-Olinda High School Yearbooks for 1989 and 1990 from Virginia Day. Thank you, Virginia, for keeping your collection up-to-date.

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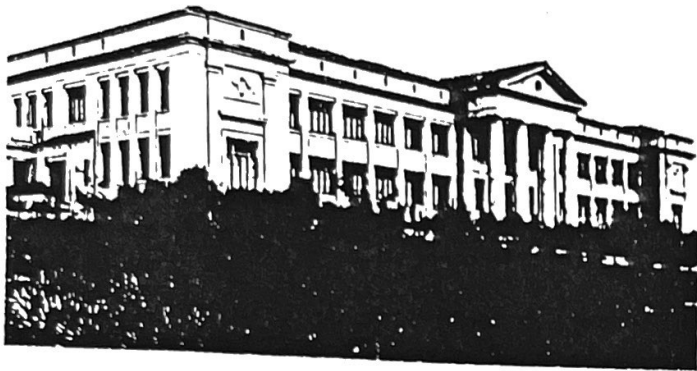
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BREA-OLINDA HIGH SCHOOL (World War II)

*(The following is excerpted from Harold Yates' "History of Brea-Olinda High School District" a masters' thesis compiled in 1950.)*

"For Mr. Harvey, who led Brea-Olinda High School through eighteen formative years, years that included a depression and an earthquake, probably the most disruptive and at the same time the most stimulating era in his administration was the three-year period during World War II.

"The part that the high school district was to play in this war was much broader in scope than anyone could have foreseen. As a part of the Aircraft Warning Service that was created immediately after the declaration of war, an airplane observation post was located on top of the main building; the Civilian Defense Council used the gymnasium as a decontamination station in case of an attack; war bonds and stamps were sold to and by the students and faculty in spirited drives that were highlighted by contests among the classes, rallies, and assembly programs featuring war personnel.

"Two battalions of the United States Army were quartered in the high school during the summer of 1942. The gymnasium, band room, and several class rooms were utilized to house the troops until a permanent camp could be established on Stearns Lease, one mile north of the school. The cafeteria was used as the company mess hall, and the commanding officer stayed in the practice house bungalow. Opening day of the 1942 fall term was delayed until October 5 so that the school plant could be placed in readiness following the departure of the troops.

"Also in the summer of 1942, Shaffer Tool Works of Brea rented the Brea-Olinda High School machine shop facilities, and then employed several students and gave them definite training in many types of work that contributed to the defense program.

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## GENERAL MEETING

Monday - April 3, 1989 - 7:30 p.m.  
at First Baptist Church, Date and Flower Sts.

Speaker: *Dr. Walton Wright*  
*"NATIVE PLANTS AND ANIMALS OF THE BREA AREA"*

Dr. Wright, a resident of Brea, comes to us from the Natural History Museum in Newport Beach, where he is the coordinator of educational programs. He is also a consultant to city planners and worked on the environmental impact report for the Carbon Canyon General Plan.

Please join us Monday night!

Hostesses: Wilda Piantoni, Alice Whipp, and Catherine Seiler

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BETTY STRAW

Our faithful treasurer, Betty, has resigned and is leaving Brea, with husband Gil, to live in Atascadero, California. A loyal member for seven years, Betty will really be missed by us all.

However, we are actively recruiting for a new treasurer.

At its January meeting, the Board voted to retain the 1988 officers for the coming year: President - Inez; Vice President - Catherine; Secretary - Elsie Bergman. Wade Mansur has agreed to be fund-raising chairman for the year.

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## TIME CAPSULE AT OLD HIGH SCHOOL

The cornerstone removal and time capsule opening on February 23 was a colorful afternoon ceremony, with many articles and photos in local newspapers in the following days.

Members of the High School student body joined with early-day and current residents. Unfortunately, the contents of the copper box were in very poor condition, except for a copy of the 1926 CALIFORNIA SCHOOL CODE, a half-inch thick paperback volume.

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## BREA PROJECT

As part of the work of the Task Force on Development/Redevelopment, a subcommittee, Community Pride, came up with several recommendations of interest to the society. There will be copies of this for the members at the Monday night meeting.

The City Council plans to give answer to these and other recommendations at a meeting on June 13.

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## THIRTY YEARS AGO 1909

Thursday, July 1, Wednesday afternoon at the residence of M. F. Horn pastor of the Christian church of Medford, Oswald Meissner and Marie Pell were joined in marriage. At the same time Ernest Biden and Elva Wiley were married, making it a double wedding. A dinner at the Pell home followed.

## BREA-OLINDA

### 1938 Gusher Dedicated To Meissner

2:55 P. M., four bells, assembly. What was the assembly to be about? was the question that was floating over the crowd of students as they pushed their way into the auditorium last Monday. Everything was quiet. There was Eunice Wilson on the stage. As Eunice began to talk the questioning looks on the faces in the audience turned to looks of surprise, for out on the stage stumbled Mr. Meissner and low and behold Eunice presented him with an annual dedicated to him. Mr. Meissner was so mystified as to what was going on that he was almost speechless, but the audience was far from it. They were so glad to find he had been chosen for the dedication of this year's annual.

The annuals are Chinese red with a burlap grain finished with a light blue wash that sets it off nicely. The division pages are of boats and natives of several different nations painted in colors to correspond with the cover of the book.

## BREA, ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

### HE "BRINGS 'EM BACK ALIVE"



Within the past few weeks the Brea Progress has printed the pictures of the high school principal and the 1939 graduating class.

This week we are proud to print another well known member of the Brea-Olinda school family—Oswald Meissner. To show that Mr. Meissner is not only well known but also well liked, The Gusher, 1939 high school year book, was dedicated to him.

#### His Pride and Joy

Mr. Meissner, who makes his home on South Orange avenue, has been an employe at the high school for nearly seven years. He especially enjoys bus driving, and states that his bus is his "pride and joy."

Mr. Meissner came to Brea about eighteen years ago. He worked for Ed Peterkin for ten years and delivered ice to almost every home

in town. Even at that time the kids catered to him, begging for pieces of ice. And they got it, too.

#### From Oregon

Klamath Falls, Oregon claims Mr. Meissner as a native son. He was a city trustee of Brea for two years. His family include his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Gloria Jones and Miss Kathleen, and a son, Oswald Jr.

After all these years of fine service to Brea-Olinda and to the community in general, Mrs. Meissner well earned the high honor bestowed upon him.

Not only is he always punctual, but always ready and willing to work for the benefit of his community.

Brea-Olinda is proud of Oswald Meissner. And here's hoping Oswald will be here to "Go Get 'Em and Bring 'Em Back" for many years to come.

# REFERENCE

BREA BRANCH LIBRARY  
642 S. BREA BLVD.  
BREA, CALIF 92621

# No decision reached on Marine death charges

By Jackie Brown  
DSP Staff Writer

FULLERTON — No decision was reached today on the April 7 fatal beating of 30-year-old Marine Staff Sgt. Richard William Bottjer, according to Orange County Deputy District Attorney Bryan Brown. "Hopefully, we'll have a decision by tomorrow," Brown said. Evidence was studied today to determine if charges should be filed against two Cal State Fullerton football players who were fighting with the Marine when he died.

Brown said the decision was delayed to permit the Fullerton Police Department to personally interview one more witness. "We don't want to leave any stone unturned," Brown said. Orange County senior prosecutors and investigators met this morning with a pathologist and Fullerton police investigator Richard Lewis and Sgt. Tony Hernandez to review the evidence. Chief Deputy District Attorney James Enright conducted the session. Staff members were evaluating witnesses' statements and pathology reports connected with the death, which occurred after an argument began at Baxter's Restaurant and ended in a fight in a pizza parking lot across the street.

On Monday, Fullerton Mayor Richard C. Ackerman sent a letter to Rep. George Hochbrueckner, D-N.Y., protesting the congressman's promise to launch a federal investigation into the Marine's death. "I thought the congressman was way out of line," Ackerman said today. Ackerman said the congressman implied it was not a fair investigation. "He had nothing to base it on whatsoever," Ackerman said. "I am hereby demanding an apology from your office to both the Orange County District Attorney's Office and the Fullerton Police Department," Ackerman's letter said.

"As you are well aware being a member of the House Armed Services Committee, any incident with the potential sensitive nature as this one deserves, and here in Fullerton and in Orange County, receives a thorough examination and investigation before any final conclusions are drawn. To assert that we are somehow different and are 'an island' and that only federal or state attention to this matter can adequately address it, is absurd."

Hochbrueckner became involved when the dead Marine's father, Ralph Bottjer, criticized the county and the Fullerton Police Department's handling of the case. The Marine's parents live in Hochbrueckner's district. The Marine's father has asked (Continued on Page 2)

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# Fire destroys Brea-Olinda girls' gym



THREE-ALARM BLAZE — Fire companies from seven cities and Orange County fight a fire that gutted the girls' gymnasium at Brea-Olinda High School Monday night. Cause of reports have been issued as to the cause of the fire, pending investigation. Reports from the school district this morning estimated the loss at approximately \$1.8 million.

## High school sports gear lost in blaze

By Sheldon Craig  
DSP Staff Writer

BREA — A three-alarm fire destroyed the girls' gymnasium at Brea-Olinda High School late Monday night, as truck and engine companies from eight agencies fought to control the blaze.

The fire, with embers shooting nearly 100 feet in the air, threatened five homes along Willow Drive about midnight. However, residents were allowed to return about 2 a.m. today.

The building, located at 803 E. Birch St., contained an unknown amount of the school's athletic equipment, Ed Seal, superintendent of the Brea-Olinda Unified School District, said today. Seal added the value of the equipment was estimated at approximately \$200,000 and the building at \$1.5 million.

Nearly 76 firefighters were involved in controlling the blaze which completely gutted the structure, according to Brea fire Capt. Greg Edmonson. District personnel told firefighters the building was locked when the fire broke out.

Brea fire Capt. Don Poe suffered a twisted ankle while fighting the blaze, a Brea Fire Department spokeswoman said today.

A news report said another firefighter suffered smoke inhalation and exhaustion, but was treated at the scene and released.

At 8:30 a.m. today, the fire was still burning near the south end of the building. However, police roped off the fire scene to keep people away. School was in session today, school officials said.

Edmonson said the original plan to begin an investigation into the fire's cause was being put off until portions of the building that still pose a safety hazard could be demolished. He added a city official was en route this morning to declare the building unsafe and in need of demolition, in order to expedite the arrival of work crews.

Edmonson said the call was received by the Brea Fire Department at 9:51 p.m. Monday. When firefighters arrived, they discovered the fire had begun in the basement of the structure and burned through the southwest corner of the first floor.

He said the blaze apparently began in a storage room containing lawnmowers and athletic equipment.

"The fire is so intense, the men fighting it had to back out," Edmonson said last night.

The gymnasium, a wood, concrete and stucco structure, was built in 1929. Edmonson explained that before the fire broke through the roof near midnight, the gym was being superheated by the flames.

A special task force of Fullerton firefighters attempted to ventilate the fire by blowing air in its direction and restricting the flames. This process also blew smoke away, allowing fire-

## BOUSD assesses damage

By Janet Joson  
DSP Staff Writer

BREA — A blaze that destroyed the Brea-Olinda High School girls' gymnasium late Monday has left the campus' athletic activities in disarray.

What was left of the gym, located at the northeast corner of the 803 E. Birch St. campus, was still being hosed down by firefighters this morning. The fire, which was first reported at 9:51 p.m., began in the locker room area of the basement, officials said.

An unspecified amount of athletic equipment stored inside the gym was lost in the blaze, including wrestling, gymnastics and weight room equipment, team uniforms and personal belongings inside lockers, Brea-Olinda Unified School District Superintendent Ed Seal said today.

He estimated the equipment loss at \$200,000. The gym itself, built in 1929, was valued at \$1.5 million, he added.

Seal said he did not know how much will be covered by the insurance policy for the gymnasium. An investigator from the insurance company will be arriving.

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## An hour with...Linda Nungaray

### Sharing love keeps rec leader occupied

By Barbara Glasone  
DSP Managing Editor

LA HABRA — Linda's "kids" came home Olympic champions Saturday, but it's doubtful anyone caught the excitement on the 6 o'clock news. In fact, media coverage was minimal for the Down's Syndrome athletes, who gathered at Western High School in Anaheim for Special Olympics competition.

For Linda Nungaray, however, the event proved a monumental achievement. Nine Great Camp Company members trained with the 19-year-old assistant recreation leader since September to enter Saturday's divisions. Three pulled in top awards.

"It was so exciting," Nungaray reported Monday morning. "These kids were so happy; they're filled with so much love."

It's that special brand of love that regularly has drawn the Sonora High School graduate to the Great Camp Company for the past five years. While holding down jobs at Kirkhill Rubber in Brea and Carl's Jr. in La Habra, she always found time to squeeze in activities with "my kids."

Barely 4 feet 9 inches tall, Nungaray is best known for her big heart that has pumped spirit into the La Habra special recreation program. Campers have showered her with affection since the day she came aboard through a job training program.

"Right away I felt these people were so special," Nungaray recalled. "They had such a loving attitude, that it made me feel good inside, too."

Several weeks after working with the Company, Nungaray told her employers that she had a new schedule. "I had to be at that Camp Company on Saturdays during the school year, and Monday through Friday in the summer. They complied with my requests, and even donated monetary support for our special projects."

Nungaray added that Kirkhill donated money for the campers to spend a day at Disneyland in new Great Camp Company attire.

The pert brunette, often called "Shorty" by her friends, enrolled

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(Star-Progress photo by Barbara Glasone)

FAVORITE THINGS — Linda Nungaray clutches mementos given to her by Great Camp Company buddies through the years.

# Fire destroys...



**THE AFTERMATH** — The remains of the Brea-Olinda High School girls' gymnasium smolders after a fire gutted the structure late

the building were still in flames this morning as firefighters continued to keep the blaze under control.

(Continued from Page 1) firefighters to enter the building and contain the flames.

At approximately 11:45 p.m., firefighters said the fire had broken through the roof on the northwest corner of the building. Firefighters then beat a second retreat from the flames and called a third alarm, summoning additional assistance.

Helping Brea firefighters were crews from La Habra, Fullerton, Orange County, Anaheim, Buena Park, Garden Grove and Orange.

After the fire broke through the roof, flames shot 50 to 100 feet into the air, threatening the five homes on Willow, whose back yards are situated about 100 feet from the north end of the gym. Police evacuated the residents and the American Red Cross assisted them until they were allowed to return to their homes.

Perhaps the most difficult problem in fighting the fire, Edmonson said, was in getting water to the building. He said water pressure was limited and the length of hose used couldn't keep up with the fire's demand.

"This type of fire would tax even the best (firefighting) equipment to the limit," he said. A number of pumper trucks were called in to keep the fire from spreading.

Edmonson said district personnel aided the firefighters

throughout the night, supplying water and food to the crews as they rotated duty on the firelines. BOHS Vice Principal Barry Tamura was singled out for praise by Edmonson for his assistance.

Staff writer Janet Joson also contributed to this report.

## Compton woman in custody

COMPTON (AP) — A 23-year-old Compton woman was in police custody after she allegedly stabbed to death another woman during a pre-dawn fight over money, authorities said.

Killed in the attack Monday was Sandra Williams, 35, of Compton, who had been stabbed in the back, said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Delta Roberts.

Starice Janell Washington was treated for a stab wound to the shoulder and arrested for investigation of murder, Ms. Roberts said.

The 2 a.m. fight between the two women, at a home in the 4300 block of Queensdale Street, was reportedly sparked by the nonpayment of a debt, but it was unknown who owed the debt, Ms. Roberts said.

## BOUSD assesses...

(Continued from Page 1) ing at the scene to survey the damage, he said.

A gymnasium being constructed at the new high school site, located north of Lambert Road and east of the 57 Freeway, is scheduled for completion in 15 or 16 months, Seal said.

The school, which is in the middle of its gymnastics season, must now make arrangements to use other facilities at another campus.

"We'll have to do some scurrying around" and make a lot of telephone calls, Seal said.

One alternative would be to use the gymnastics facilities at Cal State Fullerton, he said. Choices are limited because

other schools do not have gymnastics programs, he added. School officials will also have to determine how other athletic activities will be handled for the remainder of the semester.

Seal said he did not know of any major fires at the campus before Monday's blaze, news of which left him and others in shock.

"It's a pretty black Tuesday," he noted.

The damaged gym will remain roped off to prevent people from wandering too close to the debris. Nearby residential streets were also blocked off during the fire and are expected to remain closed until fire and police officials determine it is safe to allow traffic to pass.



**MOPPING UP** — A Fullerton truck company remains to pour water on what is left of the Brea-Olinda High School girls' gymnasium this

said more than 6,000 gallons of water per minute were poured on the blaze at its height last night.

## LHHS teens send safe ride message

By Janet Joson DSP Staff Writer

LA HABRA — A drink is all too often the difference between life and death.

But now, staying alive can be a phone call away, thanks to some La Habra High School students. These teen-agers are reaching out and, hopefully, touching others with their message that drinking and driving kills.

That message hit too close to home for Matthew Stroul, a junior involved with the high school's new Safe-Rides program. Stroul, 16, lost a close friend in 1986 when he was hit by a drunken driver while crossing a street.

Stroul, along with about 30 other students, willingly gives up his Friday and Saturday nights to wait for calls from teen-agers who need a ride home if they've had too much to drink.

Safe-Rides, an official program of the Boy Scouts of America, provides transportation from parties to homes for those who have been drinking and don't want to drive, or for car passengers who don't want to go home with a drunken driver.

The program, while not condoning drinking, aims to reduce the number of teen-agers who drink and drive.

"It's really a taxi service (provided by Safe-Rides volunteers), because they care," said Jerry Crosby, faculty adviser for both the program and the 2-year-old campus chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving.

Safe-Rides was a natural by-product of SADD, said Vice Principal Ann Elms, who helped introduce the program to the school two years ago as part of an overall drug-prevention project.

Program organizers were able to hurdle financial obstacles this school year with help from a Drug-Free Schools Grant, which provided money for the necessary communications system, Elms said. Also, the Kiwanis Club of La Habra supplied adult volunteers to supervise Safe-Rides members during operating hours, she added.

"I'm really happy that it's all finally coming together. It's a service that saves lives," Elms said.

Safe-Rides is available from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Friday and Saturday, to students living in La Habra High School's attendance areas or in the city of La Habra.

Working each shift at the Boys and Girls Club of La Habra, 1211 Fahringer Way, is a team of four male and female students who are under adult supervision.

A driver and companion are dispatched once they receive a call, which is first verified to guard against pranks. All passengers, whose names are kept confidential, will be driven directly to their homes.

Safe-Rides drivers then communicate with headquarters through citizens band radios for the next assignment.

The Safe-Rides hotline number is (213) 691-2413.

Those who call from outside the specified boundaries are referred to the nearest Safe-Rides chapter, such as the one operated by Brea-Olinda High School.

The "grand opening" of La Habra High School's Safe-Rides program was April 8, said program President Stephanie Hammond, 16.

The on-duty crew did not get to try out their Safe-Rides training until the next night, when a

female student requested a ride home, said Vice President Trent Jones.

That weekend's one caller was "all that mattered," Jones, a 17-year-old junior, said. "I think it went pretty well."

Crosby agreed and pointed out that most Safe-Rides programs usually don't get more than three or four calls at first.

No calls for assistance were received by Safe-Rides volunteers the following weekend, Crosby said.

Stroul said he is optimistic that business will pick up when awareness of the service increases. Some students were curious about how they fared during the opening weekend, Jones noted.

Safe-Rides is supported by faculty, parents and students opposed to substance abuse, members said. But teen-agers who drink or take drugs "think it's a joke," Jones said.

Students who reassure themselves that they don't need Safe-Rides, or that nothing will happen to them if they drink and drive, perpetuate the problem.

Many youngsters give in to peer pressure and begin experimenting with alcohol or drugs, according to Crosby. They're "kids trying to act like adults," she said.

Haymond, a junior who joined SADD during her sophomore year, is angered by news accounts of teen-agers who lose their lives in alcohol-related incidents.

"It just seems so senseless that all these people are dying when they don't have to," she said.

But Haymond sees a trend in the awareness of substance abuse. For example, students today are more supportive of SADD, compared to when it began on campus two years ago. Now "it's an OK thing," she said.



**BEFORE THE WORST** — Firefighters cut away a section of the stairs leading to the gym floor in an effort to contain the flames before they reached further inside the building. Ten minutes later, the roof erupted in flames, eventually gutting the building.

Safe-Rides members are hopeful of what the program can gradually accomplish. By making the service available, they hope to convey to other students that they care about them. They also hope people realize that when they drink and drive, they endanger not only their lives but others' as well.

Although Safe-Rides operates only during regular school sessions, it may be offered during holiday breaks and summer vacations if enough students become involved, Jones said.

## City plans \$200 petition fee

FULLERTON — At today's City Council meeting, the council will consider a resolution establishing a \$200 fee to be charged to any person who files a notice with the city to circulate a petition. However, if the city clerk certifies within one year of the filing that the petitioner secured the necessary signatures required to qualify for the ballot, the filing fee would be refunded.

In order to qualify, the petition must contain verified signatures of 10 percent of the registered voters in the city at the time of filing.

According to the city clerk's office, the fee helps defray the cost of either using city staff to verify signatures on the petition or hiring the county to do the job. An amendment has been made to the California Elections Code permitting the charge; \$200 is the maximum allowed. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave.

## No decision reached...

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the California attorney general's office to inquire as to the way his son's death has been investigated.

The two Cal State players identified as involved in the fight with the late Marine are 21-year-old quarterback Carlos Siragusa and 22-year-old wide receiver John Gibbs.



Nadia Borowski/The Register

The Brea-Olinda High School cornerstone will mark the corner of the new campus.

# Brea campus sees its final homecoming

By Luis Zaragoza  
The Register

BREA — Virginia Day was 7 when she saw area dignitaries place a memento-filled copper box behind the granite cornerstone of Brea-Olinda High School's main building as it was being built in 1926.

On the school's Homecoming Day nearly 63 years later, Day was there to see the cornerstone chipped away and the box removed and opened — only to discover that most of the box's contents had not survived the years.

Day was one of hundreds who gathered at the school Feb. 10 for the final homecoming at the Birch Street campus. The school will be torn down later this year to make way for office build-

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■ **WINNING FAREWELL:** Fans say goodbye to Brea campus gym/15

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ings. A new campus is nearing completion a few miles away.

The opening of the time capsule was one of several events held. Brea Historical Society President Inez Jones Fanning, who graduated from the school with her future husband, Karl, in 1933, said the capsule's contents did not do well because the copper box was corroded by moisture. Photographs and letters were destroyed, but a copy of the state code book and a September 1926 issue of the Brea Progress newspaper survived. The

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## CAMPUS: Seeing last homecoming

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Progress later became the Daily Star Progress, a sister publication of the Register.

The box, which was punctured by the jackhammers

used to free it, will be placed in the society's vault in the old City Hall, Fanning said. The contents will be displayed this month in a glass case in the foyer of the Brea Public Library.

"It's too bad the contents (of the box) were not preserved," said Day, 70, a longtime Brea resident. "But it has been wonderful seeing old friends again."

"It was like a reunion," said Garden Grove resident Kenneth Reynolds, 74, who was student body president in 1933.

A parade down Brea Boulevard started the festivities for students and alumni. A varsity basketball game against Magnolia High School resulted in an 85-53 victory for the home team. Tamara Swindle was crowned homecoming queen during halftime. Then there was dancing until midnight at the Civic and Cultural Center.

Avis Freiley Neal, 75, a Roseburg, Ore., resident, remarked on how much the campus had changed since she graduated in 1936. During an afternoon tour of the school, she recalled that there had been a bungalow built by in-

**T**he school will be torn down later this year to make way for office buildings.

## Chronology of events

■ **October 1926:** The cornerstone is laid for the two-story Brea-Olinda High School building under construction on Birch Street.

■ **November 1927:** The school is dedicated.

■ **1959:** Science and home economics buildings are built on the east side of campus.

■ **March 1986:** The Brea-Olinda Unified School District and Brea Redevelopment Agency agree to pursue construction of a new high school at a different location, which will lead to the eventual freeing of the Birch Street property for redevelopment.

■ **April 1988:** Fire destroys the girls' gymnasium. City officials estimate the loss at \$2 million. The cause of the blaze is never determined.

■ **February 1989:** The final homecoming is held. The brass plaque on the cornerstone of the main building is removed so it can be installed somewhere on the new campus.

■ **July-December 1989:** Birch Street campus is to be demolished to make room for office buildings.

■ **November 1989:** New campus at Lambert and Associated roads is to be dedicated.

dustrial arts students in the early 1930s that was used to teach girls how to run a household.

Gary Goff, who in July will become co-principal of the new campus with the current principal, Jean Sullivan, said he was pleased



Nadia Borowski/The Register

Inez Fanning holds the metal box, or time capsule, buried behind the school's cornerstone by the class of 1926.

at the turnout for the day's events. "I didn't know the number of people who would think of this as an important affair," Goff said.

Fanning, whose four children also attended the school, said she will be at the dedication of the new high school on Nov. 18 "with bells

on." But she said that her eldest granddaughter, who will be a freshman at the new school in September, is not as enthusiastic about the prospect.

"My granddaughter tells me, 'I don't want to go to the new school. I want to go where grandpa went.'"

# Sale of old Brea-Olinda High School a step nearer

By Kelly Barron  
DSP Staff Writer

BREA — The Brea-Olinda Unified School District moved a step closer to selling the old Brea-Olinda High School site to Lowe Development Corporation by approving a sale resolution at a special board of education meeting Friday evening.

Lowe Development plans to build a mix of administrative offices, restaurants, a health club and commercial and retail

outlets on the 12.5 acre site located at 803 Birch St.

Assistant Superintendent Tom Connelie said the \$5.1 million sale is almost complete and may be announced sometime this week. Connelie said that the school board has followed a formula for computing the sale price of the land that the district devised three years ago which has caused some delays in completing the agreement.

In calculating the sale price,

the school district deducted costs that Lowe would incur while developing the land. Some of the deducted costs considered in the sale price were actual and other were based on estimates. Connelie said that estimating what the costs would be for items such as off-site sewer improvements was difficult because Lowe had not yet acquired the land and incurred the costs.

Connelie also said that the school district had to go through

the resolution process to set a new sale deadline because the stipulated Aug. 15 date had passed.

Lowe is scheduled to present its development plans for the site to the Planning Commission on Sept. 12. While the tentative development plans call for a mix of retail and commercial development, Connelie said the school district would like to see more commercial than retail development because of its agree-

ment with Lowe to receive tax increments from the property.

"We want to see buildings that increase the tax increment," said Connelie. "Not only because it's beneficial to Lowe, but because its beneficial to the school board. Retail doesn't increase the increment as much as commercial development does."

In other school district news, the board tentatively approved teacher salary and benefit increases for the 1989-90 school

year. Assistant Superintendent Peter Boothroyd said the school district agreed to increase salaries 6.6 percent and employee benefits 2.4 percent. The contract item will appear on the next board meeting Sept. 6 for final approval after the Teachers Association has considered the district's proposal. The board also established a committee to review extra pay assignments, such as coaches stipends.

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**GATHERING THE SPOILS**  
— Brian Saul, chairman of the Brea Historical Committee, packs marble and bricks from the old Brea Olinda High School, above. At right, the facade of the school, being demolished, is nearly gone as Saul picks his way through the debris. The remnants of the school is expected to go on display sometime soon, Saul said.



# DEMOLITION: Shopping mall to be built on high school site

FROM 1  
few miles away on a hill on Wildcat Way.

But there were those in the crowd of about 70 who viewed the scene with a sense of loss.

"It's very, very sad," said Pat Fox, 59, peering into the auditorium. "And I want a (souvenir) brick."

Fox had been a nurse at the campus for 20 years, starting in 1956, and still works for the school district. As she took one last stroll through the exposed-wall structure of steel girders and blue sky, Eseltine stopped to hug her.

"Are you going to be OK?" Eseltine asked. He held his own souvenir — a piece of gray marble from the girls' restroom — in one hand.

To Gordon Allred, a 1977 graduate who is assistant wrestling coach of the school, demolishing the old building is simply progress. Allred, 30, brought his 2-year-old son along to watch the show.

A half-hour before the walls came tumbling down, Allred placed his little boy on the steel wrecking ball to pose for pictures.

"He wants to ride on the ball and go up," Allred said, as he pulled the smiling toddler into his arms.

"It's a beautiful building," said Mark Polster, Lowe Development construction project manager. He said it cost about \$600,000 to tear down the beige, 1926 Greek Revival structure.

"We certainly started out trying to reuse it, but we were limited by the kind of shell that's there. ... It's too bad."

It took more than one smash of the wrecking ball to crush the old school. Once, twice, three times and barely a dent.

"Don't think we had to worry about quakes at this school," said Brea-Olinda Unified School District Superintendent Edgar Seal.

"That building was definitely made to last," said Sherry Norman, executive director of the Brea Chamber of Commerce.

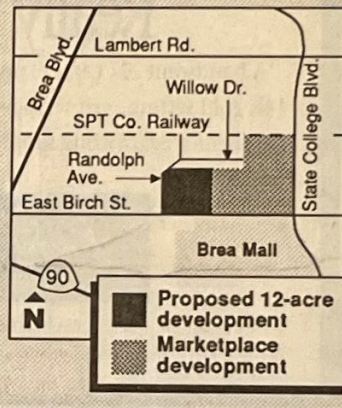
Finally, after about 10 hits, the concrete building began to crack. Big chunks crumbled to the ground, causing huge clouds of dust to swirl upward.

"Poor thing," said Janelle Jelinek, 17, a Brea-Olinda High senior. "This is pretty depressing."

About 25 minutes later, after more than 100 swings, the heavy ball stood still, leaving behind exposed strands of steel bars that looked like the loose strings of some forgotten guitar.

## Demolition begins

The demolition of the old Brea-Olinda High School building began Monday with an 8,000-pound wrecking ball smashing into the walls of the 63-year-old building. The site on Birch Street will be developed into shops and office space by the Lowe Development Corp. It will take 10 days to clear the land. Students had moved in September to a new school building on Wildcat Way.



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A construction foreman said the remaining walls will be pulled down over the next three days and estimated that it will take about 10 days to clear away the rubble.

"The building is not going to get knocked down and trashed," said Dennis Patton, a project specialist for the Pomona Valley Equipment demolition team.

Most of the materials being removed from the building, the tons of concrete, bricks and steel, are being recycled. By reusing the lumber from the building, the company is saving 104 trees, Patton said.

A small grove of oak trees stood to the west of the school's shell. To the east, a green-and-peach post-modern shopping center was moving in.

"It had to be, but I hate to see it go down," said Joe Estrada, 65, a 1942 graduate whose grandchildren now attend the new school. His eyes never left the building's facade. "It's so much better for them. But it's hard for me."

Register staff writer Luis Zaragoza contributed to this report.

# Old Brea-Olinda's halls fall to wrecking ball

## Development to replace 63-year-old high school

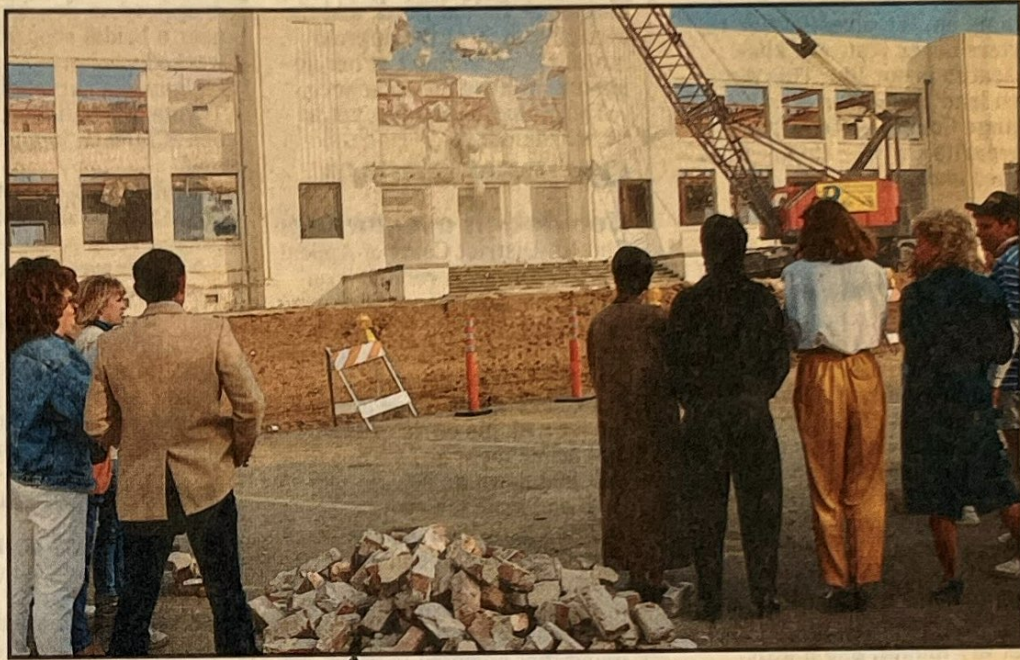
By Linda Stewart  
The Register

BREA — Matt Eseltine stood in the morning chill outside the old Brea-Olinda High School building Monday watching a piece of his past come down around him.

At precisely 9 a.m., a red crane slowly raised an 8,000-pound wrecking ball and swung it in a mighty arc into the second-floor wall — right where the school's name used to be engraved in foot-high letters. The demolition of Brea-Olinda High had begun.

"Every day for four years, you had to be here. You made lifelong friends here," said Eseltine, 22, who graduated in 1986. "Everybody who drives by is going to say 'I didn't like it, but I can't believe it's gone.'"

A shopping center owned by the Lowe Development Corp. of Brea will rise from the dust and rubble of the 12.5-acre former school site on Birch Street. The school closed in June and its 1,300 students moved in September to a modern \$36 million replacement campus a  
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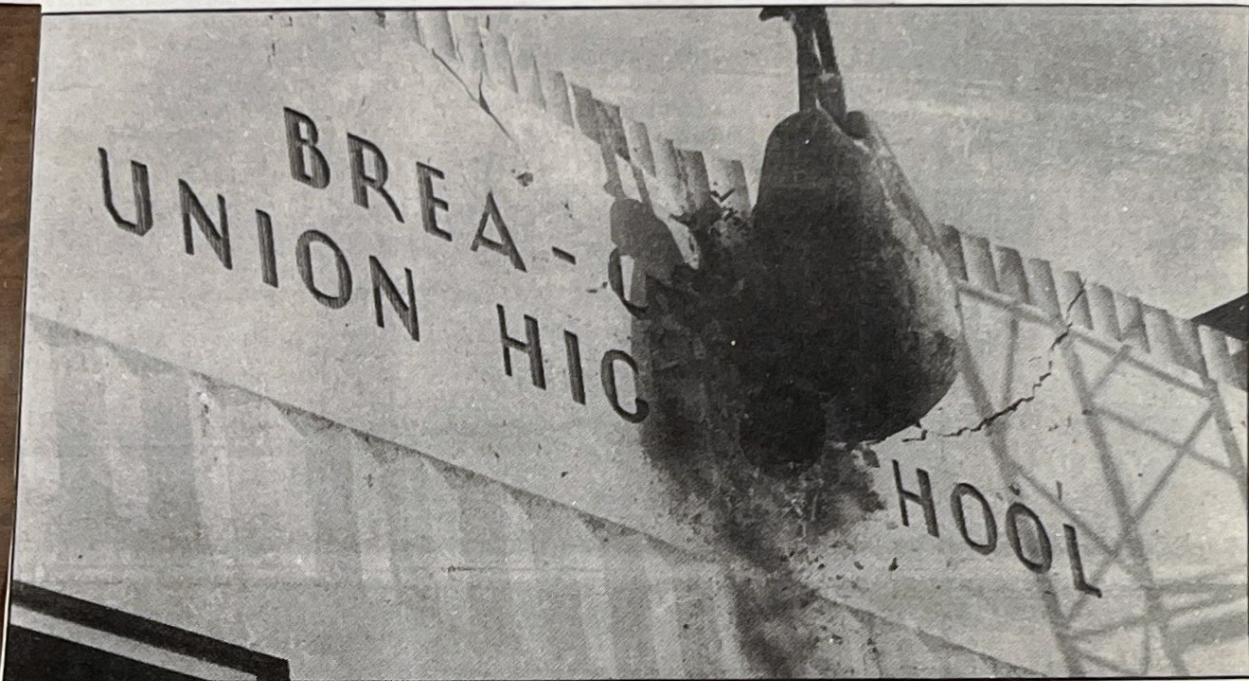
Bystanders watch as a wrecking ball demolishes the old Brea-Olinda High School. Many grabbed souvenir chunks of rubble and expressed sadness over the razing of landmark.



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## Hallowed halls get wrecking ball

The sign at Brea-Olinda High School in Brea is partially obliterated during demolition of the 63-year-old facility Monday. About 70 people watched the razing of the landmark, which will be replaced by shops/B1



**A farewell to memories:** While a couple dozen former students and teachers looked on (below), the old Brea Olinda High School on Birch Street met its fate — the wrecking ball (above). In less than 30 minutes, the entranceway, with the name Brea Olinda Union High School etched in the concrete, was reduced to cement shards and a twisted mass of steel reinforcing rods. The complete demolition is expected to take about three days, he added.



## Wrecking ball claims high school

By Bruce Bailey  
Staff Writer

At 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 18, a 4-ton wrecking ball slammed into the words etched in the concrete facade above the main entrance to Brea Olinda High School on Birch Street.

The first hit, right on the letter "O," brought a chorus of "Ohs!" from the two dozen or so onlookers, but registered as little more than a deep shud-

der throughout the old school's steel and concrete skeleton. It was as if the 63-year-old edifice had somehow decided on one final, valiant effort to repel the assault of time.

However, with each succeeding hit, spiderweb cracks in the concrete grew wider. The crowd sensed the end was near.

"Goodbye Brea Olinda," someone cried as the ball slammed once again into the widening hole in the face of

the old school.

It was all over in less than 30 minutes.

The entranceway had been reduced to a pile of concrete shards and tangled reinforcing rods. Rising from the heap, a thick cloud of gray dust signaled surrender.

One former student, Janelle Jelinek, 17, of Brea, who will graduate



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shorter, many Jewish children begin to anticipate the Holiday of Lights. This year, the first day of Hanukkah falls just two days before Christmas, which allows both Jews and Christians to share joy in this gift-giving season together.

For many Jewish children, Hanukkah is the best holiday of all. Houses are decorated with blue and white lights and Hanukkah candles, placed on the menorah, shine through window for eight days.

Sarah Martel, 5, says "Hanukkah is a very special Jewish holiday we should celebrate because we eat lots of things made of oil."

"I like Hanukkah very much. I love the food," said Shira Rinde, 6.

Family and friends gather together to eat latkes (potato pancakes), sing songs, play games, spin dreidels, exchange gifts and tell stories of how the Jews reclaimed the Holy Temple of Jerusalem.

in their battle for freedom against their oppressors, the Syrian Greeks," said Rabbi Elisha Nattiv of Temple Shalom of the East San Gabriel Valley. More than 2,000 years ago, in 168 B.C., Antiochus, a Syrian king, tried to force the Jews to give up their faith. He ordered them to give up the Torah, the first five books of the Bible. However, many Jews rebelled, preferring to die rather than



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# YMCA senior center offers care program

In an effort to serve families of frail and elderly men and women, 60 and over, the North Orange County Family YMCA Senior Day Care Center is offering an in-home Respite Care Program in Brea. The program provides family members a rest for an evening or a weekend through a caregiver for the family's senior resident.

In-home caregivers are trained in CPR, first aid and have experience working with frail and elderly persons. Care providers take care of meal preparation, personal hygiene, assistance in dressing and

other activities of daily life.

The workers also bring games, reading materials, music and craft projects to the home.

For weekday care of older adults in need of assistance in daily living or who are under a doctor's care and can not be left alone, the Senior Day Care Center, located at 1414 S. Brookhurst in Fullerton, operates from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For information on the YMCA In-Home Respite Care Program or Senior Day Care, call 526-7755.

## HANUKKAH CELEBRATED:

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Temple, which was polluted and dirtied by the enemy. They scrubbed and cleaned the sanctuary and polished the huge menorah. However, when they prepared for services, the priests found only one small jar of pure oil to burn in the menorah — only enough for one day.

Yet, by a miracle, the oil burned eight days. That is why Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days. Torches, bonfires and candles light up the cold winter nights in thanksgiving for the miracle of the lasting oil.

Latkes and sufganiyot, special doughnuts, are eaten because they are made with oil.

Some Jews believe that latkes were what the Maccabees ate when they raced through the villages to fight the Syrians.

The lights of the Hanukkah menorah symbolize joy in the time of darkness. They symbolize freedom to worship and victory of the weak over the strong.

"Each step in human history has been a step toward freedom. The happenings in the news today are as much an expression of God's will as were the events of the Bible. Our prayer book says that God frees the captive...let us remember that we are seeing God's presence at work in human history,"

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# THE FINAL GRADUATION

## Counselor, coordinator left their marks

By Brian Hall  
Staff Writer

*Brea News 7-9-92*

Brea residents Barbara Pram and Wilma Sauer have helped students graduate who otherwise would never have the chance.

The commencement ceremony is Pram's favorite part of the year.

"It's so exciting to start someone in as a freshman, then stand there at graduation and count my kids as they come through," said Pram, the outgoing coordinator for Brea Olinda High School's English as a Second Language program.

Times have changed, she said, from years ago when kids were set aside in the classroom.

"We lost a lot, and I'm not saying we graduate all of them now," added Pram, a former BOHS valedictorian.

"We still lose all kinds of kids, more than I wish."

Pram has retired after 22 years at the high school and a quarter century in the district.

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Staff photo by Michael Loren

**Retirees:** Wilma Sauer and Barbara Pram are retiring after more than half a century of combined service with the Brea Olinda Unified School District.

## MARKS:

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She has helped prepare citizenship papers for students who are new immigrants. She has been close with students who need extra academic aid and don't speak English, said Principal John Johnson.

The high school is 34 percent minorities — Hispanics, Asians and East Indians and one Pacific Islander. There also are growing Filipino and Middle Eastern populations. In a place like California, the foreign speaker cannot be ignored if everyone is to become educated and live peacefully, she said.

Pram plans to garden, go to

afternoon movies, visit with her 81-year-old mother and volunteer at Country Hills, her granddaughter's elementary school.

Sauer, a member of the Brea Historical Committee, also plans to keep busy. She will take a cruise to the Panama Canal.

For 15 years, Sauer has been in charge of the high school's counseling department, focusing on career guidance, and help with study habits and personal problems. Drug and alcohol abuse have leveled off, she said.

The hardest part of her job was teaching kids to think positively about themselves.

"You can't change problems," said Sauer, who has been with the district for 28

years. You have to learn how to deal with them."

She was one of two teachers to introduce special education in the district. Solo, she pioneered special ed at Brea Junior High and BOHS.

"My principal told me I couldn't teach these students because I was too warm. And you have to be very cold and strict," Sauer said.

Sauer has been adviser to the school's senior class and cheer-leading squad as well as the National Honor Society.

"Wilma is more than a counselor," Johnson said.

"She's more like a concerned parent. Kids felt they could go to her with a problem because she cares about them as individuals, not just as students."

## Brea-Olinda classmates recall the past 60 years of memories, friendships

Hail alma mater to thee our praises ring.  
Mighty sons of the green and gold to thee we're proud to sing.  
So hail to Brea-Olinda, lift that spirit high.  
Keep the Wildcats fighting hard, do or die...

— Brea-Olinda High School  
Wildcats' Alma Mater  
By Debra Cano  
DSP Lifestyles Editor

**E**lla Armstrong Post's fondest memory of Brea-Olinda High School Wildcats was cheering for the football team with her green and gold pom-poms. "I had a lot of boyfriends," Post laughs. "And being a cheerleader then was a lot tamer than it is today."

The 1929 graduate and former cheerleader remembers those school days all too well. "We never liked to see the coach's team lose," she recalls.

Post, along with more than 500 Brea-Olinda alumni, attended the all-class reunion and picnic held Sunday at the East Birch Street campus.

Back in those Depression years, Post, who lived in Olinda, was bused to the new high school. But during 1925 and 1926 she attended high school classes in temporary buildings at Brea Grammar School — today the site of Brea Junior High — until the new high school was completed in 1927, she says.

While male students were not required to wear a school uniform, the girls did. "We had to wear blue wool-pleated skirts, a white middie blouse with a removable collar," says the Costa Mesa resident.

"There was no women's lib then," she quips.

Drinking Ripple and smoking cigarettes was the "biggest thing" high school students did in the 1960s, recalls Ann Vazza-

na, who graduated in 1963. Vazzana, who was voted the class clown, chuckles and says, "I can't say I got good grades, because I was too busy having fun."

"I just loved high school. I went to all the dances." Vazzana, who was born, raised and still lives in Brea — and married to her high school sweetheart — is from a third generation of family members who attended Brea-Olinda High School.

Vazzana, daughter Julie, a 1986 graduate, and her mother Imogene Crow Dahlum, who graduated in the class of 1937, attended the day-long class reunion.

It was in 1925 when the city acquired the 23½-acre site to build the new high school. When Brea-Olinda High School was completed by 1927, the first year, 90 pupils were enrolled. The first graduating class in 1927 had 10 students. Today, about 1,450 students are enrolled. In June 1986, 317 students graduated from the 60-year-old high school.

When the city purchased the land where the high school was built after controversy over its location, the property value was an estimated \$53,000. Construction costs on the buildings were \$349,874.

Today, estimated cost for the expanded 39½-acre school varies between \$500,000 to \$1 million an acre, says Gary Goff, the school's principal since 1971.

The reunion was a day when former classmates gathered together for a day of nostalgia, a day to say good-bye to their alma mater. The age-old school bid farewell to one of the last graduating classes in June: the school is being torn down with a large-scale redevelopment project planned for the area.

The groundwork is being laid by district and city officials to construct a new school on northeast corner of Lambert Road and the 57 Freeway. The new facility could open by the fall of 1988.

Diana Shoemaker, a 1962 graduate, who along with Sue Roberts, from the class of 1961, and her sister Judy Harvey, class of 1958 — who all still live in Brea — undertook coordinating the class reunion.

The former students came up with the idea because the class of 1961 held its reunion the night before and "it might be the last time we see the school," Shoemaker says.

"People really made it feel like it was worthwhile," Shoemaker says. "Everybody had a good time."

Roberts is from a family rooted in Brea. Her daughter Cindy graduated from the high school in June; her deceased parents, Perry Thayer, graduated in the school's first class of 1927 and Glenna Hooten Thayer, the class of 1935.

The old-timers, along with more recent graduates who attended the "good old days" festivities had their own memories.

Karl Fanning called to mind when his father, William E. Fanning, who came to Brea in 1914 as a teacher and principal of Randolph Elementary School, and later the superintendent of the Brea Elementary School District (Fanning Elementary School is his namesake.)

Fanning recalls before Brea-Olinda High School was built, high school-age students rode the "big red cars" — Pacific Electric Railroad — to Fullerton's schools.

He remembers when the earthquake of 1933 rattled Brea, noting the new high school did not meet state earthquake stan-



(Star Progress photos by Stephanie Pingel)

**REMEMBER WHEN...** — From left, Ruby Morefield, Class of '29, and Neva Henderson Weaver, Class of '30, relive some of their memories of the good old days at Brea-Olinda High School during the all-class reunion held Sunday. The 60-year old structure has a date with the wrecking ball as plans for a new facility at the northeast corner of Lambert Road and the 57 Freeway are moving forward.

dards.

The high school was then upgraded: the balcony was removed from the auditorium and the four large ornate pillars at the entrance to the school were removed; they were determined to be unsafe if another earthquake would shake the oil-rich town.

Fanning says: "I enjoyed school, I studied and I guess I wouldn't have become a teacher if I didn't like it."

There were 43 students in his 1933 graduating class. After attending college and teaching science courses in Northern California for 17 years, Fanning returned to his hometown to teach biology and chemistry at his alma mater.

Fanning had replaced a science teacher he had always admired. "He was kind of a role model," he says.

His teaching career at Brea-Olinda lasted for 21 years; he retired in the spring of 1977.

Frieda Schubert Smith, who now lives in Yorba Linda, graduated in 1936. She grew up in the oil fields of Olinda. Attending the reunion she says was "like turning back, some people I hadn't seen in 50 years. But it seemed like yesterday."

While Farrell Finley of the class of 1931 says "there were a lot of changes since I went to school 55 years ago."

Finley was his class's student body president. He enjoyed high school because "it was a matter of being involved in school activities — that's what I enjoyed best about it."

At the reunion, former classmates roamed the main office building, which was remodeled in the late 1960s, while others requested to revisit the "old gym" and auditorium, which was revamped with a second floor.

Goff, who came to the high school as a student teacher in 1939 says he opened the office for old times' sake. "I was stuck in the office for 2½ hours," he says, talking to old friends and teachers. "... Boy, I saw people I hadn't seen in years."

While many alumni reminisced about the good ol' days, some were heavy-hearted their school was being demolished.



**MR. HISTORY** — Karl Fanning, BOHS Class of '33, tells one of many stories from the past to Leslie Robbins Dice, Class of '75, and her young son Curtis. Fanning, a long-time teacher at the high school is actively involved with the Brea Historical Society.

Smith says: "I don't feel it's necessary myself, but when a community is being redeveloped... It needs renovating, but not tearing down."

Former Brea mayor — from 1960 to 1962 — Frank Schweitzer, class of 1929, says "My heart has always been in Brea," but adds "as time goes, you have to go with it."

Longtime resident Fanning says he has mixed feelings. "I know if I were a teacher there today, I would look forward to a new building. I just hate to see things lost, it's kind of like a part of you."

But he says the change "gives new spirit, new hope."

Goff, who is assisting in

coordinating the new high school plans, says he has an objective point of view. "It's outlived its usefulness in many ways. We need a more modern facility, that has more space and meets today's educational needs."

But Vazzana says she "doesn't like the idea at all. Anybody who's nostalgic, remembering the happy days, doesn't like it at all, either."

Finley adds: "You hate to see something that you were associated with go. On the other hand, I can see the wisdom in building a new school and taking the old one down."

"It's a shame to see it go," Finley says. "But I think somebody calls it 'progress'..."



**TURNING BACK THE PAGES** — From left, Marion Bush Kearns, Class of '38, Helen Hay Geperft, Class of '35 and C.M. Geperft, thumb through a BOHS yearbook during the all-class reunion. More than 500 people attended the event.



**THEN AND NOW** — Brea-Olinda High School, left, is pictured above as it appeared when the school opened in 1927. A state law was passed in 1933 requiring safety changes in structures



included the removal of pillars in the front of the building. At right, the school is shown as it appears now. As plans for the new facility move forward, the old structure's days are numbered.

## Police blotter

### LA HABRA

Tuesday

2:09 a.m. — A 21-year-old transient was arrested on attempted grand theft charges after he allegedly tried to steal wheels and tires from a vehicle in the 100 block of West Electric Avenue.  
 6:58 a.m. — An auto burglary was reported in the 700 block of West Erna Avenue. Taken were a radio, a camera and tapes, together valued at \$140.  
 noon — A residential burglary was reported in the 700 block of Orchard Place. Taken was a videocassette recorder valued at \$310.  
 6 p.m. — Robert Anthony Melendrez, 23, of La Habra was arrested at Imperial Highway and Harbor Boulevard for an alleged weapons-law violation.  
 8:44 p.m. — A residential burglary was reported in the 1500 block of West La Habra Boulevard. A woman posing as an Avon lady entered but fled after being startled by a witness.  
 11:15 p.m. — An Ontario man, 43, was arrested at Character's restaurant on suspicion of puncturing a tire in the parking lot.

### BREA

Tuesday

12:01 p.m. — A girl, 15, was arrested at May Co. in Brea Mall on suspicion of commercial burglary.  
 5:22 p.m. — A residential burglary was reported in the 1700 block of Eucalyptus Street. There was no loss.  
 9:53 p.m. — A 26-year-old woman reported a naked man had approached her in the 1900 block of Birch Street and then fled.

### FULLERTON

Tuesday

midnight — An Anaheim man, 34, was arrested in the 2300 block of Revere Drive.  
 12:16 a.m. — A burglary was reported at Richman School.  
 12:37 a.m. — A Whittier man, 20, was arrested in the 200 block of West Houston Avenue on suspicion of interfering with a police officer.  
 7:56 a.m. — An auto theft was reported in the 1800 block of Brea Boulevard.  
 8:20 a.m. — A grand theft was reported in the 2000 block of East Chapman Avenue.  
 8:29 a.m. — An auto burglary was reported in the 1400 block of South Harbor Boulevard.  
 9:45 a.m. — An auto burglary was reported in the 100 block of North Acacia Avenue.  
 10:03 a.m. — A grand theft was reported at Magnolia and Orangefloro avenues.  
 10:32 a.m. — A burglary was reported at Sunny Hills Racquet Club, 900 Camino Loma.  
 10:40 a.m. — An auto burglary was reported in the 1600 block of East Wilshire Avenue.  
 11:46 a.m. — Two Buena Park men, 33 and 27, were arrested in the 1300 block of South Harbor Boulevard on suspicion of commercial burglary.  
 4 p.m. — A grand theft was reported in the 1600 block of West Commonwealth Avenue.  
 4:13 p.m. — A grand theft was reported in the 2700 block of East Nutwood Avenue.  
 5:47 p.m. — An auto burglary was reported in the 3000 block of West Orangefloro Avenue.  
 6:27 p.m. — An auto burglary was reported in the 2900 block of Ruby Drive.  
 6:57 p.m. — An auto burglary was reported in the 200 block of North Acacia Avenue.  
 7:14 p.m. — An auto theft was reported in the 2600 block of East Chapman Avenue.  
 8:45 p.m. — An aggravated assault was reported in the 100 block of North Basque Avenue.

## Postman to follow retirement route

By David H. Crocker  
 DSP Staff Writer

LA HABRA — "He's just a plain nice man," Gay McCarthy said as she awaited the arrival of the postman.

"He doesn't complain about your animals and everyone likes him."

Dick Simons agreed. "He's been one hell of an efficient mail delivery man. When Tom comes by he always has a pleasant smile and a 'how are you'."

When La Habra mail carrier Thomas J. Roeck makes his last appointed round "up Tropicana Way this week, it will end a 14-year friendship between himself and the residents.

"I think they've been wonderful, they treated me great," Roeck said as some of the residents presented him with a going-away card. "At Christmas they usually gave me gifts they put in the mailbox."

Roeck, a trim and youthful 65 years of age, began his mail-carrying career 25 years ago.

"My boy was going to start into college and I needed a real job," Roeck said. "Getting a regular paycheck prompted me to join the postal service."

Not only has the job brought a regular paycheck, but in a decade and a half of service to the northeast La Habra community, it has brought the admiration of the neighbors.

"He's so efficient," said Gerry Wieder, a Tropicana Way resident. "He's on time every day. Others (in the past) came whenever."

As an example, Wieder said it would take Roeck five minutes to deliver mail on one side of the street — she was right. "Right on time," she said.

"It's been a pretty peaceful career, according to Roeck; no problems with the mail carrier's greatest nemesis, the poochie. "Some carriers are afraid of dogs," Roeck said. "They haven't



(Star-Progress photo by David H. Crocker)  
 FAREWELL TO A FRIEND — Residents of the Tropicana Way neighborhood in La Habra gathered to bid goodbye to Thomas Roeck, center, who is retiring from the postal service after 25 years. Roeck delivered mail in the Tropicana neighborhood for 14 years and earned a reputation as a reliable and friendly public servant. Saluting Roeck are front row from left, Michelle Watson and Kristen Godeka; back row from left Gerry Wieder, Nels Nelson and Gay McCarthy; Roeck and Dick Simons, far right.

bothered me at all in 14 years." A resident of the city for 29 years, Roeck has seen changes in both the city and the postal service.

"There were a lot of orange trees then," he remembered, "it has really grown fast."

Married for 43 years, Roeck saw both his sons grow fast and graduate from La Habra High School.

As for the changes in the postal service, they've been significant also.

"We have more houses being built and we're getting more advertisements, what they call 'junk mail,' although we don't like to call it that," he said.

Roeck said his fondest memory would be all the exercise he's gotten on the job.

"It kept me really trim, just the walking," he said. "I try to keep up a brisk walk, do as much bending over as possible."

"I do 13 miles a day," he added. "I'm going to get myself a treadmill and a rowing machine so I won't collapse right away."

## Cardiac program offered

ANAHEIM — Western Medical Center/Anaheim has scheduled a Cardiac Risk Factor Identification Program for Sept. 20. This program is a community service presented in cooperation with the National Institute of Cardiovascular Technology. It will take place at 1025 S. Anaheim Blvd.

Throughout the day, participants will spend an hour of their time with a team of cardiac care experts, undergoing test procedures which are designed to identify high risk patients before symptoms become apparent.

All test results are evaluated by a team of cardiovascular experts, and a confidential report is sent to either the participant or the participant's physician. The cost of \$98 covers the following: cardiovascular endurance testing, pulmonary function evaluation, blood chemistry analysis, body composition evaluation, flexibility evaluation, and a 12 lead resting ECG. Reservations are being taken at 1-800-421-4933 or (714) 642-2323. Limited to 100 participants.

## Chapman films recognized

ORANGE — A number of Chapman College student filmmakers have won awards in local and national competitions.

The Chapman production, "Countermoves," directed by John Northrup won a Judge Award at the Singing Creek Film Festival, a national competition for student films held in Nashville. While there are no categories or place standings, the Judges Award is considered to be among the half dozen most prestigious awards of the Festival. Chapman films also did well at the California Student Media Festival, a state-wide competition held in San Diego for projects 10 minutes or shorter in length. "Have You Seen Me?" by Pam Ezell took First Place in the Original Drama/Comedy category, and "Heavy Metal Massacre" by Ken Dupuis was awarded Second Place in the same category.

Chapman won several awards at the Orange County Fair Film Competition held recently at the Fairgrounds. "Countermoves" won First Place, "For Charlie," by Mark Cary, took Second Place, and "Have You Seen Me?," "Quiet on the Set," by Marc Messenger, and "Ostrichized," also by Marc Messenger, each earned Honorable Mention. All of the student film awards were in the Amateur-Entertainment category.

In addition, Chapman Professor of Communications, Bob Bassett, produced an award-winner at the Orange County Fair Film Competition. His film, "Caelum Moor," tied for First Place in the Professional-Education/Informational category. The competition was open to filmmakers living or attending school in Orange County.

## School district lists free meal guidelines

LA HABRA — The La Habra City School District has announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program. Each school and the district office has a copy of the policy available for public review.

For a household of one member, free lunches will be available if weekly earnings are less than \$134. For a reduced price meal a weekly income of between \$135 and \$191 is required of a one-member household.

A one-member household means a pupil who is his or her own support. Institutionalized children are considered one-member households as are foster children under the care of a welfare/placement agency.

A two-member household must earn less than \$181 weekly to qualify for free meals and between \$182 and \$258 to qualify for reduced price meals.

A three-member household must earn less than \$228 a week for the free meals and between \$229 and \$325 for reduced price meals.

A household of four must earn less than \$275 weekly to qualify for free meals and between \$276 and \$392 weekly for the reduced price meals.

A household consists of a group of related, or non-related, individuals who are living in one economic unit and sharing living expenses, which include rent, clothes, food, doctor bills and utility bills.

A five-member household must earn less than \$322 weekly to qualify for free meals and between \$323 and \$459 a week for reduced price meals.

Households of six members must earn less than \$369 a week to qualify for free meals and between \$370 and \$526 a week for reduced price meals.

Seven-member households must earn less than \$416 weekly for free meals and between \$417 and \$592 weekly for reduced price meals.

Households of eight members must earn less than \$463 a week to qualify for free meals and between \$464 and \$659 a week for reduced price meals.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

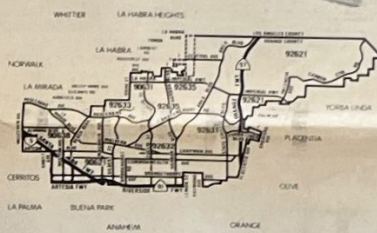
To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out an application, available at each school and the district office, and return it to the school. The information provided on the application will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the names of all household members; social security numbers of all adult household members or a statement that the household member doesn't possess one; total household income; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct. Households are required to report increases in household income of more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household sizes.

Applications can be submitted anytime during the year.

Under the provisions of the policy, each school principal will review applications. To make a formal appeal, requests must be made in writing, or orally to Ed Patrick, administrative assistant, 500 N. Walnut St., La Habra, CA 90631, or call (213) 690-2312 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

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# BOHS all-class reunion planned

BREA — All Brea-Olinda High School alumni, their families and friends are invited to attend a picnic commemorating the end of an era at the Birch Street campus. Established in 1926, the high school may have seen its last graduating class in 1986 as preparations are now underway to demolish the current plant and construct a new school on East Lambert Road.

The class of 1961 has undertaken the responsibility for hosting a reunion for all classes from 1926-1986 at the high school campus on Sunday, Aug. 17 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Guests are asked to bring a picnic lunch and join the nostalgic festivities. Admission is free.

Organizers of the event are asking for assistance from the community and alumni in underwriting the cost of the reunion. Projected expenses include mailing costs, soft drinks, hot dogs and condiments, rental of chairs, tables and booths, and purchase of a promotional banner to be placed across Brea Boulevard.

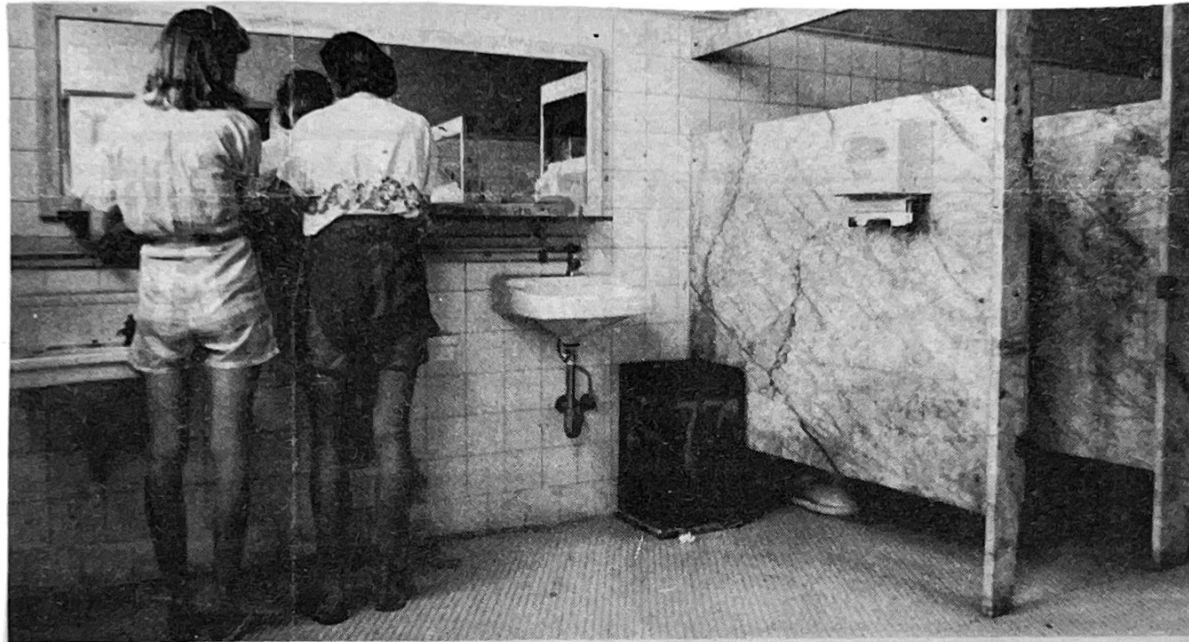
Any funds not used for the reunion expenses will be donated to local funds aiding Senior Citizens and abused children. A small amount will be withheld to create a scholarship fund to be awarded on behalf of the class of 1961.

Individual or corporate sponsors of the event will receive a plaque and a letter of appreciation from the organizers.

Diana Shoemaker, a volunteer who is working on the project, said that the group chose senior citizens as a priority for any funds that are raised as a way of expressing appreciation to the men and women who paid taxes and passed bond issues to provide Brea students with a fine education.

Volunteers are also needed to help on the day of the picnic. Call Sue Thayer Roberts at (714) 529-3111, or Diane Shoemaker at (714) 529-4792 for more information.

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**END OF AN ERA**—Brea-Olinda High School as it appears today (top photo) and in 1927 when it was built (above, middle photo). The condition of the bath-

rooms (above, lower photo) is a common complaint among students. Juniors Kele Hankins, left, and Cindy Scott will graduate before the new school opens.

The active high school Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), now the Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO), was organized in 1949. It was the first such group in the district's history.

The colorful history of the present Brea-Olinda High School will soon come to a close, when the buildings are torn down and the school operation is moved to the new 50-acre site on the other side of the 57 Freeway. The new school will be a better facility with two gyms, a CIF regulation swimming pool, a new stadium and more student and teacher parking to accommodate the projected capacity of 2,000 students who will etch their own history in the new buildings.

Once the dust has settled many may forget what the original high school facility looked like, but the memory of the first institution will linger on, at least in the minds of the thousands of graduates who grew and learned within Brea-Olinda's walls.

***Stories by Kim Irwin***  
***Photos by Teresa Smith***



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# A homecoming for the history books



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Monday, Feb. 13, 1989

**FROM THE PAST** — Historical Society President Inez Fanning, and husband Karl remove an article from the 1926 edition of a local newspaper from a copper box that has been nestled beneath a cornerstone, embedded in the wall of the Brea-Olinda High School on Birch Street for 63 years. The newspaper story, about plans for

laying the stone, was one of the very few artifacts which survived the rigors of the years. The other item was a copy of the state's education codes from 1925. Photographs and signed rosters of students and Masonic Lodge members had completely disintegrated. •

## CAMPUS: Seeing last homecoming

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Progress later became the Daily Star Progress, a sister publication of the Register.

The box, which was punctured by the jackhammers

used to free it, will be placed in the society's vault in the old City Hall, Fanning said. The contents will be displayed this month in a glass case in the foyer of the Brea Public Library.

**T**he school will be torn down later this year to make way for office buildings.

"It's too bad the contents (of the box) were not preserved," said Day, 70, a longtime Brea resident. "But it has been wonderful seeing old friends again."

"It was like a reunion," said Garden Grove resident Kenneth Reynolds, 74, who was student body president in 1933.

A parade down Brea Boulevard started the festivities for students and alumni. A varsity basketball game against Magnolia High School resulted in an 85-53 victory for the home team. Tamara Swindle was crowned homecoming queen during halftime. Then there was dancing until midnight at the Civic and Cultural Center.

Avis Freiley Neal, 75, a Roseburg, Ore., resident, remarked on how much the campus had changed since she graduated in 1936. During an afternoon tour of the school, she recalled that there had been a bungalow built by in-

### Chronology of events

■ **October 1926:** The cornerstone is laid for the two-story Brea-Olinda High School building under construction on Birch Street.

■ **November 1927:** The school is dedicated.

■ **1959:** Science and home economics buildings are built on the east side of campus.

■ **March 1986:** The Brea-Olinda Unified School District and Brea Redevelopment Agency agree to pursue construction of a new high school at a different location, which will lead to the eventual freeing of the Birch Street property for redevelopment.

■ **April 1988:** Fire destroys the girls' gymnasium. City officials estimate the loss at \$2 million. The cause of the blaze is never determined.

■ **February 1989:** The final homecoming is held. The brass plaque on the cornerstone of the main building is removed so it can be installed somewhere on the new campus.

■ **July-December 1989:** Birch Street campus is to be demolished to make room for office buildings.

■ **November 1989:** New campus at Lambert and Associated roads is to be dedicated.

dustrial arts students in the early 1930s that was used to teach girls how to run a household.

Gary Goff, who in July will become co-principal of the new campus with the current principal, Jean Sullivan, said he was pleased



Nadia Borowski/The Register

Inez Fanning holds the metal box, or time capsule, buried behind the school's cornerstone by the class of 1926.

at the turnout for the day's events.

"I didn't know the number of people who would think of this as an important affair," Goff said.

Fanning, whose four children also attended the school, said she will be at the dedication of the new high school on Nov. 18 "with bells

on." But she said that her eldest granddaughter, who will be a freshman at the new school in September, is not as enthusiastic about the prospect.

"My granddaughter tells me, 'I don't want to go to the new school. I want to go where grandpa went.' "

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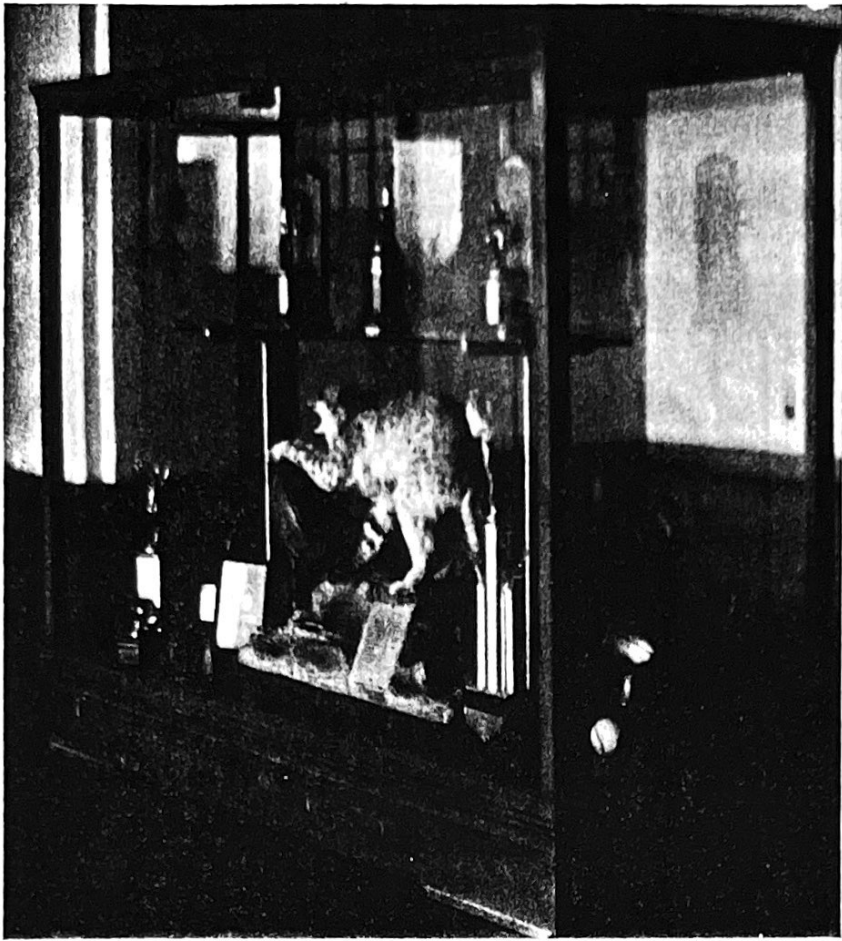
### *In case you missed it...*

*Inez (left) and Karl Fanning (right), Brea-Olinda High School class of 1933, did the honors of opening a time capsule buried under the cornerstone of the old High School. The opening took place on February 10 as part of the final homecoming held at the Birch Street campus. The time capsule contained newspaper clippings, letters, photos, and a 1926 copy of the California Education Code. Other activities that day included a parade, basketball game, and dance.*

## **BREA-OLINDA HIGH**

Inez and Carl Fanning lift out the contents from the Brea-Olinda High School time capsule on Feb. 10. Seen to the right of the Fannings are a few of the scores of dignitaries and guests invited to the event, which coincided with the last homecoming held at the old high school, built in 1926. Pictured in the front row behind Fanning are Brea-Olinda Unified School District Trustees Lynn Daucher and Sharon Chase and Councilwoman Clarice Blamer. Councilman Wayne Wedin, Mayor Gene Leyton and BOUSD Trustee Brian Burt were all in attendance, as were Gary Goff, coordinator of construction on the new high school; BOHS Principal Jean Sullivan, and many long-standing Brea citizens and high school alumnae.





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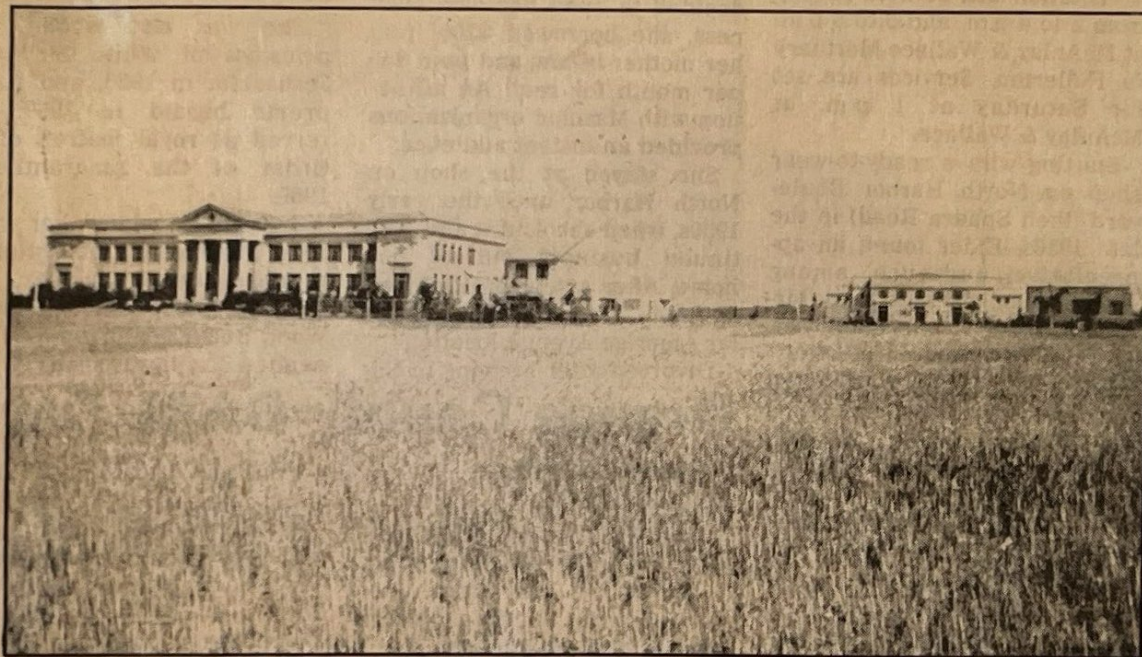
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**OUT OF TOWN** — When the Brea-Olinda Union High School was built in 1926, the site was in the middle of grassy fields beyond the downtown area. The school, which was demolished last year, stood on the site of what is now the Brea Marketplace across the street from the Brea Civic & Cultural Center. Pictured at right is the gymnasium and practice house, where students learned homemaking skills.

# Clowns of the court

## thrill Brea crowd

### Globetrotters help raise funds for youth groups

By Bob Butlitta  
The Orange County Register

BREA — Steve Mitchell, 8, cautiously approached Harlem Globetrotter Billy Ray Hobley, seemingly unsure if he should ask Hobley to autograph his new Globetrotters ball.

Sensing Steve's apprehension, Hobley extended his large right hand, gave Steve a warm handshake and told him he was glad to meet him.

Hobley put his signature on the ball and his arm around Steve — giving the boy a memory that should last a long time.

Many such memories were made during the Globetrotters' appearance Friday night at Brea Olinda High School.

The legendary Clown Princes of Basketball made a rare charity appearance to help raise money for the Brea Boys and Girls Club and the Brea Boy Scouts. Sponsors expected the game to raise about \$14,000.

"We just got done with training camp, and the guys leave Sunday for Europe," said Joseph Anzino, Globetrotters general manager. "Wayne (Wedin, Brea mayor) has been after us for a while to do a show here.

"It's a good cause, and it worked well for us. This is the kickoff for our 66th year, and, as opening nights go, it was real smooth.

"We always hold our training camp out here in Los Angeles, so if it works out, maybe we can come back again next year."

During the two-hour performance, the Globetrotters delighted the capacity crowd of about 2,000.

They performed classic bits such as the water bucket filled with confetti, shooting free throws with a ball attached to a rubber band, and the Magic Circle, performed to their theme music, "Sweet Georgia Brown."

They also involved audience members in the show. Sweet Lou Dunbar escorted Gail Nelson of Norco from her front-row seat to the middle of the floor, where they danced.

Nelson had her purse taken by two team members, causing her anxious moments.

"I knew my purse wasn't locked, so all I could picture was it opening up and having everything spill on the floor," Nelson said, red with embarrassment.

"The show has been great so far. I came because my son Cam-

eron wanted to see them, but I'm having a great time also."

Later, Cameron made a surprise guest appearance on the floor. He was asked to be a substitute free-throw shooter and sank the shot. He was given a Globetrotters T-shirt and sweatbands.

"It was great," Cameron said.

Hobley said making people, especially children, feel good is what being a Globetrotter is all

about.

A 13-year-veteran, Hobley said being a Globetrotter has fulfilled a lifelong fantasy.

"I saw them on television when I was 8 and, from that day on, I had to be a Globetrotter," Hobley said. "It's something special to be part of the Globetrotters.

"You have to not only be a fine basketball player but also a showman. You have to love people, and I do. Seeing a kid smile

makes me feel good."

Legendary players such as Meadowlark Lemon and Curly Neal were still playing when Hobley joined the team.

He recalled his nervousness the first time he put on a Globetrotters uniform.

"I was afraid someone was going to pinch me and wake me up," Hobley said. "I couldn't believe I was actually a Globetrotter. It was awesome."

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## Globetrotters come to Brea

BREA — The Harlem Globetrotters are trotting their way to Brea for a Sept. 6 showdown against the Boston Shamrocks at the Brea Olinda High gymnasium.

The Friday night show, being hosted by the Brea Foundation and the City of Brea, will tip-off at 8 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the Brea Lions Scout Center Foundation and the Brea Boys and Girls Club.

Tickets are available at the Curtis Box Office, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or the Community Services counter at the Brea Civic and Cultural Center, Level 3.

The Brea Civic and Cultural Center is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adult tickets are \$10. Children (under 12) will be admitted for a \$5 charge.

Tickets can also be ordered by phone (714) 990-7722.

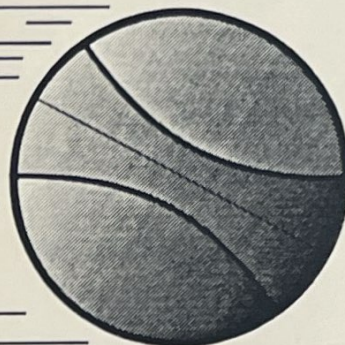
The Globetrotters have played everywhere and now can add Brea to its long list of cities.

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**BASKETBALL**

# Harlem Globetrotters to play at Brea Olinda gymnasium

By Tony Saavedra  
The Orange County Register

BREA — If Mayor Wayne Wedin has a little bounce in his step today, you can thank the Harlem Globetrotters.

It took nearly 2½ years, but Wedin and former Councilman Gene Leyton persuaded the world-famous basketball team to play a charity game tonight at the 1,800-seat Brea Olinda High School gymnasium.

Jesters of the basketball court, the Los Angeles-based Globetrotters are launching a tour this month that will take them to major arenas around the world. Their sold-out side trip to Brea is a result of the city's apparent ability to wheel, deal and win goodwill gestures from business contacts.

"Brea has a tradition of doing things people don't think we can do," Wedin said.

Wedin and Leyton put the ball in play years ago during meetings

with Minneapolis-based International Broadcasting Corp., which owned an ice-skating rink pushed out of the Brea Mall to make way for a department store. The company, which also owns the Globetrotters, hopes to build a new Ice Capades Chalet in Brea.

City and company officials agreed that it also would be nice to have the Globetrotters play an exhibition game in Brea. It certainly couldn't hurt the company's search for a new skating site.

Slam-dunk.

At \$10 a ticket — \$5 for children — the game with the Boston Shamrocks is expected to raise about \$13,500. The money will go toward the estimated \$1 million needed to provide two clubhouses for Brea Scout groups and the Boys and Girls Club.

Fans without tickets will have to wait until the Globetrotters return to Orange County on Jan. 20 at the Bren Events Center in Irvine.

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## Harlem Globetrotters ready to dribble into Brea

BREA — The city and the Brea Foundation will co-sponsor a special charity basketball game featuring the Harlem Globetrotters at 8 p.m. tonight in the Brea Olinda High School gym.

The proceeds collected from the appearance of the Globetrotters, who currently are in the middle of their 65th anniversary world tour, will benefit the Brea Lions Scout Center Foundation and the Brea Boys and Girls Club.

Tickets are available at the Curtis Theater box office from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, or at the Community Services counter at the Brea Civic and Cultural Center, Level Three, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

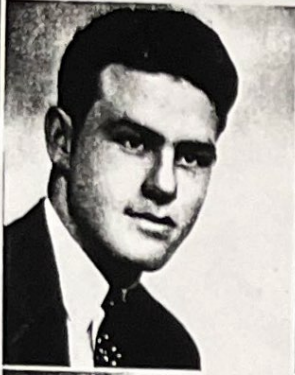
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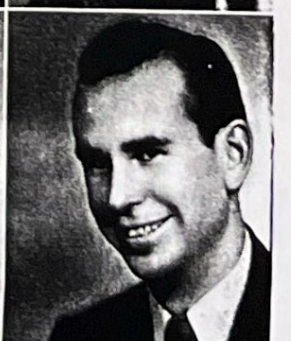
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# Brea Custodian Chalks Up Winning Career



(Star-Progress Photo by Dave Chevront)

**GOODBYE, OLD FRIEND** — Maintenance worker Harlan Caperton, 62, attends the swimming pool at Brea-Olinda High School. The 29-year worker has held an assortment of school jobs, from washing gym towels to driving the team bus. He will retire in February.

By Tony Saavedra  
DSP Staff Writer

BREA — Thump, thump, thump, thump.

Maintenance worker Harlan Caperton seemed unaffected by the noise overhead as he sat in his "office" beneath the Brea - Olinda High School little gym.

The girls basketball team was practicing above and the constant pounding of the ball against the hardwood floor echoed throughout the basement office.

"I've grown accustomed to it," said the 62-year-old Caperton, who will be retiring next month after maintaining the school's athletic fields for 29 years.

Cement bags along the wall permeated the air with their musty odor, combining with the dim light to give the room a cavernous effect.

But this was home for the gentle-faced man and he would miss it.

"I've slowed down," he said, leaning forward in his plastic-backed chair. "I don't like to admit it, but I have."

Hired in 1953, Caperton is charged with preparing the fields for athletic events.

Part of that job includes making chalk lines to mark off the yardage on the school's 120-yard football field.

When baseball season arrives, he lines the perimeter of the baseball diamond.

And then there is track.

With each season comes a new sport, along with different field dimensions and lining requirements.

But Caperton said he had all the confusing measurements tucked inside his memory.

"I've been at it so long, I've picked up a few shortcuts," he said, a faint smile forming on his lips.

Despite the shortcuts, it sometimes takes almost a full workday for Caperton to line the football field, causing him to worry about his unnamed replacement.

"It'll be difficult for whoever it is," he commented.

Some workers may feel a tinge of pain after seeing a group of young athletes run over a day's labor, spreading the carefully-placed chalk all over the fields.

However, the veteran chalker takes it in stride.

"What I do contributes to the success of the athletes. At least that's what the teams and coaches seem to think."

Caperton's tempered pride is attested by some gifts given to

him by the varsity football team during their recent awards banquet.

Presented with a wall clock and a 17 - jewel gold - plated watch, Caperton beamed as the Orange League Champion Wildcats gave him a standing ovation.

"It was the biggest thrill of my years at the school," said the proud maintenance worker.

Head football coach Jim McAllister said the teams had fostered a deep respect for the aging field attendant.

"We're losing one of the family," he said. "Caperton's an all-around type of guy. He keeps us going."

A native of Arkansas, Caperton moved to Brea with his wife, Dorothy, and parents in 1942.

He took a job at the Fairbanks and Morris Pomona Pump Co.,

but quit when the agency became embroiled in labor disputes.

His father, a gardener at Brea - Olinda High for 13-years, told Caperton that a maintenance job would soon be open.

"I'm an outdoors person, so I applied for the position and was hired by then district Superintendent Frank Hopkins," explained Caperton, against the rhythm of the pounding basketball.

About three years later, Caperton and his family moved on campus into a two - bedroom bungalow off Randolph Street.

"My two daughters could come home from school without leaving the campus," he joked, chuckling at his anecdote. "They loved it."

The family lived at the school for around 13 years as Caperton's job took on new dimensions.

In 1958, the school's 40 - foot - by 75 - foot pool was completed and Caperton was charged with keeping the facility clean and the chlorine balanced.

He and 68 - year - old Katherine Collins, a 39 - year - employee, have worked at the school longer than the other employees.