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HIGH TIDE

Freshman Jasmine Thomas got her bellybutton pierced at the

age of fourteen. She is one of the

only girls to have her piercing on

he bottom.

STUDENT FOCUS

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Staff Writer

Piercing is an interesting form of body art. It involves creating a hole in some fleshy part of the body for jewelry to be fitted into. Many ancient cultures have histories of body piercing. Different cultures were specialized in piercing different parts of the body and for different reasons.

Nose Piercing: Nose piercing was first recorded in the Middle East about 4,000 years ago. It was even mentioned in the Bible. Nose piercing is a popular form of body art today. Though popular with both men and women, it is particularly trendy for girls to put studs on the side of the nose. Artists like Leonardo DaVinci said that a face's character was made by the nose and a nose ring is a powerful way of accentuating that feature.

Tongue Piercing: Tongue Piercng originated in the Americas with special popularity among the Aztecs and Mayans. It was originally done as a religious ceremony, an offering of blood to the gods. Today tongue piercing is a popular and attention getting form of body art. It is seen as risqué and is prevalent in youth and subculure.

Ear Piercing: Ear piercing is the most mainstream and popular form of piercing and body art in general. This was probably the first form of piercing in human nistory. A frozen mummy, believed to be over five thousand years old was shown to have an ear piercing. Ear piercing has been a popular body art form for both men and women and even the late great Julius Caesar had his ears pierced. Some popular earrings are dangling jewelry, studs, and plugs that stretch out the earlobes.

Navel Piercing: Navel Piercing has not been recorded as present in ancient cultures but with the invention of the bikini and popularity of showing off midriffs, navel piercing also gained popularity In the 90's, navel piercing became mainstream as some female celebrities began toting bellybutton rings. Nowadays it is a popular body art form among young vomen.

Nipple Piercing: Nipple piercing used to be practiced by women in a native American tribe in Texas, and is still practiced by women in a group of nomads in the mountainous region of Algeria. In western culture, nipple piercing was briefly popular in Parisian fashion circles but died out. In modern culture, nipple piercing has made a resurgence and is popular for both men and women alike.



Nau has the initials C.J. tattooed on her neck in memory of her younger brother Christian John Nau.

Spence

Sophomore Spencer Berke once had fifteen piercings, but currently has only one. His eyebrow piercing is not only original, it is also a bold fashion statement.





Senior Randolph Chong's tattoos all focus on his personal life. He got them to represent his family, faith, and most of all, his birthplace, Sacramento.



Jolla Righ School's students flaunt their edgy tattoos and pierc-The high Tide ings. takes La Jolla Righ students on an excul-Sive, inside look at the student's tattoos and piercings and the stord ries behind them.

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Senior Yizel Morales' half skull half dragon tattoo, designed by her, represents Yizel's love for dragons and her mother's love for skulls.



Senior Citlali Herguera-Acosta has piercings. many Her bellybutton was pierced for pleasure, and her tongue piercing was done to rebel against her parents.





Senior Diane Earl's yellow rose tattoo was done at age 17. Yellow roses are personal and meaningful to her. Earl feels that they are feminine and cute.

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Senior Lexi Damon's ttoos have prominent neaning. The Christian mbol on her ankle repesents faith for Christinity. The butterfly tatoo has been an ongoin tradition passed down by her mother.



By Carrie Lowe Staff Writer

Imagine walking down a street nywhere in San Diego and suddenly tattoo parlor, with its walls covered in designs, comes into view. Most people imagine getting a tattoo and consider what design they are going o get, but never take the plunge and permanently ink their skin. A tattoo nakes most people think twice about heir actions, contemplating whether or not it is worth it and if it will affect eir social and work lives.

"I think tattoos are okay if they are cultural but they are at the same time kind of disgusting," freshman Marissa Rauthause said.

However, in other countries. attoos are not something vulgar and disgusting, but often culturally significant. The word tattoo comes rom the Polynesian word 'ta' which neans 'striking something' and the Fahitian word 'tatau' meaning 'to mark something'. Despite the Asian influence of the word, tattoos are a part of the history of almost every ulture in the world.

Tattoos have a long history. They have been found on Egyptian and Nubian mummies which date back to 20,000 BC. Ancient Romans attooed their prisoners and aves. Even after the beginning of Christianity when most Europeans orbade tattoos, many parts of the Middle East and Asia still kept them within their traditions. In America, many Native Americans along the west coast and in Alaska mixed color with pricks to create simple markings. The Polynesian culture places great significance on their attoos and have what are considered the most intricate and skilled tattoos in the world.

The Western cultures have adapted heir own connotation of tattoos since the 18th and 19th centuries. Prisoners in the United States and Britain were identified by tattoos and places such as Siberian prisons and Nazi concentration camps similarly arked their victims. A certain stereotype has also stemmed from the tattoo, such as sailors and prisoners naving the clichéd anchors, snakes and names inked on their arms.

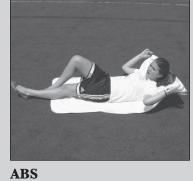
In recent years, tattoos have become steadily more popular among the American population. "In 2006 66% of all 18-25 year old Americans have at least one tattoo and 83% of hem do not regret it," Pew Research Center reported. Pop culture has also been a fixed influence towards he tattoo industry. Within the last 30 years, tattoos have been adapted and shown off by many well-known celebrities. In the 1970s, it was rock stars who put tattoos on the social map and since then, everyone from ne guy next door to Mick Jagger to Angelina Jolie flaunt tattoos.

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By Kelsey Pouk Staff Writer

Starting an exercise routine a few months before summer will not only tone all the previously-clothed La Jollan limbs, but also boost metabolism and all-over well-being. Exercise, when made fun, doesn't have to mean a six-pack and ripped biceps, but rather a happier, more energetic being. Combined with water, nutritious foods, and a cardio workout, these exercises will pump up every girl.



The Beach Towel Belly Blaster

A common beach towel combined with the right moves means a better bikini body. Simply lay on the towel lengthwise, hold the top two corners up to cradle the head and support the neck, sort of like a hammock. Pull the navel towards the ground to engage the core and bend the knees. Straighten one leg on an inhale, and pull it back in on the exhale. Repeat with other leg. As with most exercises, quality reigns supreme over quantity.



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The Shaper Squat

The traditional squat is well known as a form of torture, but this one targets the booty and the inner thighs. With legs in a wide stance, turn out the toes like a duck. Then hold a dumbbell, or other cylindrical weight, between the legs. Bend knees while tucking in the pelvis and keeping arms still. Taking it slowly means more burn, and better results.



Sit with legs out in front. Hands go palm down on the floor right behind hips with fingers facing toes. Point the toes, pull the belly button towards the spine, and straighten arms, lifting hips off the floor to create a sort of plank. The body should be straight from the toes to the head, with hands directly under shoulders. Hold, then repeat. However, don't overdo it since shoulders tend to get strained very easily.



Photos courtesy of Kelsey Pouk and Kaitlin Sharpe.

By Cassandra Cook Business Editor

It's that time of year again where shirts become optional and you are ready to take it off. However, you might want to tone it up a bit just to guarantee 100 percent satisfaction for the ladies, so here is an easy workout routine to help shape you up.

Before you begin you are going to want to do a few simple stretches just to get you loose and ready for action.





Pushups

First, you are going to do some classic pushups, so assume the position: straight legs with the body parallel to the ground. Make sure you don't thrust your hips up or down, they need to be in a straight line with your shoulders and knees. Then you are going to bend your elbows until your chest reaches the floor. Then push yourself back up until your arms are fully extended. Do 15 reps.



LEGS Lunges

to place your hands on your towards the ground until your





LEGS Squat Jumps

To start off, you are going For this exercise, squat down









ARMS



hips and feet together. Take one giant step forward. Next, dip down until your back knee is hovering above the ground and your front thigh is parallel to the ground. Then return to starting position. Do 7 reps per leg.



knees are at a 90 degree angle. Then spring up, using your arms for added momentum. To make this exersise harder, extend your arms all the way up. (Looks kind of ridiculous but definitely effective) Do 15 reps.



Now it's time for the cool down. Just do a few more stretches or perhaps some cardio, or even just meditate and channel your positive energy. You will not only look great, but feel great. After doing this routine a few times a week you will be in 'Ladies can I show you which way to the beach is' shape in no time.

SPORTS

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2008 OLYMPICS PRE By Sarah Wright and tennis for men and women in

Dario Aharpour Staff Writers

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This year, China will hold the most prestigious gaming event in the world: the Olympics. The two cities where the games will take place are Beijing, and Quingdao. Beijing is the nation's capital located in northern China, and Quingdao is located in a province of Shandong in northeast China.

There will be a total of 28 sports represented and 302 events will be held, just one more event than the Ath-

2004 ens Olympic schedule Of these events, 165 will be men's, 127 women's, and 10 mixed gender events. Overall. nine new events will

be held including BMX, steeplechase for women, and table

teams. In addition to adding new events, two new National Olympic Committees have been found in Montenegro and Tuvalu. These committees are responsible for organizing their country's participation in the Olympic games.

There have been many concerns voiced about whether the Beijing Olympics should occur at all. Beijing's pollution is five times higher than the level that the World Health Organization has standardized. Beijing has a blanket of carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen

> dioxide smothering the city like a grimy cloud. This immense cloud of pollution will put a serious strain on athletes who will attend the Olympics during the summer. The pollution is so intense that athletes are forced to train in different countries such as Japan and South Korea because of the

long-term damage that may affect the athletes. Some athletes may even be using gas masks or other respiratory aids to further facilitate their breathing and performance

"The games should be moved to somewhere with air quality that is safe for the athletes, otherwise it will lower the performance of the competitors," freshman Michael Peterson said.

Although this air quality could recede, it is not likely for the area to be safe

enough for the air quality to not effect athletes competing. Beijing is still working on the environmental safety by getting rid of cars and buses and other components to the air pollution. The Beijing Organizing Committee has said they are hoping to get the air quality cleaner before the games start. Boycotts have been made at past Olympics, usually against the host country or other participating nations. No state has mentioned boycotting the 2008 Beijing Olympics, but there are some who create their own campaigns to protest the Olympics or components

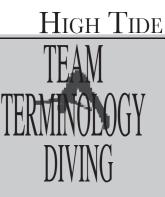
of the Olympics.

There have also been problems involving the timing of the broadcast schedule for which NBC has offered to



pay 5.7 billion dollars. Many swimmers and other likely competitors have showed their dissatisfaction with the International Olympic Committee's decision made for this scheduling, which may cause more boycotting from the athletes themselves. Although the IOC only granted the request for gymnastics and swimming and not for the request of track and basketball, athletes are still upset by the change in timing for the competitions.

Although there are many controversies, the summer 2008 Olympics is sure to be a Photos courtesy of www.olympicsbeijing.



Forward dive – the diver faces forward and rotates forward away from the board.

Backward dive - a dive in which the diver begins with their back toward the water.

Inward dive – the diver begins facing backward on the board and rotates in toward the board.

Reverse dive – the diver faces forward and rotates backward towards the board.

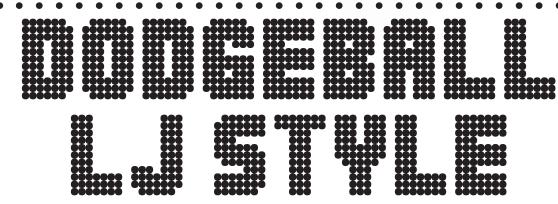
Twisting dive – any dive that includes a twist, whether forward, backward, reverse or inward.

Tuck – a position in which the diver bends their knees, bringing or 'tucking' the knees and thighs closer to the chest and heels toward the buttocks.

Pike – the diver bends their body forward at the waist. The legs are straight and the toes are pointed.

Straight - a position in which body is straight from head to toe with the feet together.

Terminology courtesy of www.realbuzz.com



La Jolla High students have a blast playing with balls

By Kyle Loomis Staff Writer

Back in the old days, dodgeball was everyone's favorite recess activity. Some things never change.

On Tuesday, April 1, students of La Jolla High School participated in a dodgeball

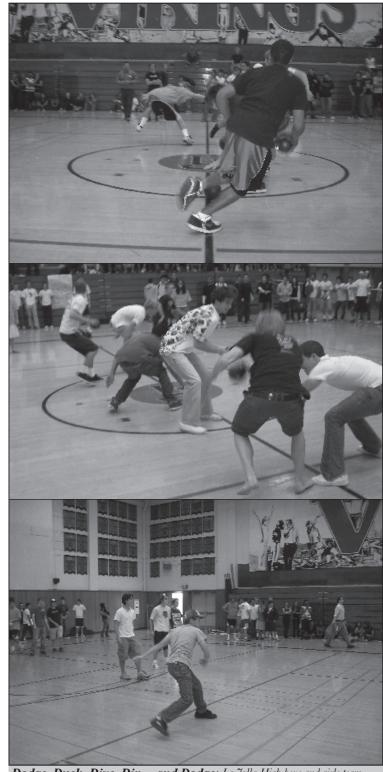
unless you catch the ball, in which case the thrower is out.

Also, when the ball is caught, a teammate on the receiver's team is allowed to return to play. The first team to have all their players out loses. If the time limit is reached before a winner is decided, the team with less people in the game

"I was really excited. Winning is everything to me in life, especially in dodgeball," sophomore Andy Gibbs said.

Gibbs, a member of Los Seis Panchos, delivered the final blow to Aim Low by eliminating their final member in the third and final match.

Team Aim Low was



tournament, the very first in loses. As the tournament school history.

Organized by LJHS's Associated Student Body, the tournament consisted of over 20 teams of six or more players.

Being either a player or spectator was free of charge, so the purpose of the tournament was just for entertainment.

"It was just for the people," ASB co-Commissioner of Spirit and Activities Kevin Miller said.

The rules were the same as traditional dodgeball rules. The six players on each team play with six balls, throwing the balls at the other team. Being hit by a ball thrown at you results in leaving the game

continued, the level of intensity escalated.

> Some matches were dramatic upsets, including the Girls Basketball team beating team 1337 Haxor Asian Ninjas. Surprisingly, two teams of mainly sophomores played in the final match to determine the champions of the tournament. Team Aim Low and Los Seis Panchos played each other in a contest that required three matches to establish the winner.

After three close matches between the two teams, Los Seis Panchos came out on top and claimed a spot in LJHS history as the first official school dodgeball champs.

disappointed to say the least, but they're still convinced that they should have won.

"We would've won if we cheated like the other team did," sophomore Cameron Holmes bitterly said.

While there was no tangible prize for first place in the tournament, Los Seis Panchos believe that bragging rights are more than an adequate reward for their hard work and excellent play.

Attracting the interest of more than 100 players and hundreds more spectators, the amount of fun and competition in this year's dodgeball tournament set the precedent for future years, Photos courtesy of Associated Student Body.

Dodge, Duck, Dive, Dip... and Dodge: La Jolla High boys and girls team together to play the dodgeball tournament.

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Junior Theatre presents:

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat **By Molly Salas**

Opinions Editor

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spice to it. Not only is it fun to be a part of it is fun to ber Philip Greenberg said. Holly MacDonald demands a lot from her actors. She holds rehearsal ten hours a week. theatre space at the Casa del Prado Theatre in Balboa Park, rehearsals will be extended to four hours a day. However, the Starting April 25, Joseph and the Amazing Tech-Dreamcoat runs

for three weekends in Bal-

boa Park, until May 11.



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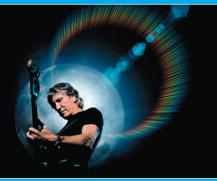
By Zach Clemente Staff Writer

To most people, the Empire Polo Grounds in In-

dio, California are just stretches of dirt and grass with nothing interesting to boast. However, they retain a semblance of an annual event that shakes the green grass down to its roots. The occasion is the

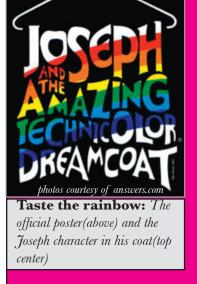
Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, which returns this

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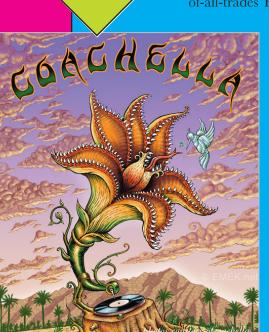


supply booths, selling all sorts of goodies (shirts, bags, and scarves) and necessities (water headache medicine, water, and more water). The size of the grounds itself is vast, with the Coachella/Main Stage and Sahara/Dance Tent being on opposite corners, the barely manageable walk from one to the other is in finitely extended by the unyield ing crowds Τh feel

over whelming indepen dence reall starts to catch or after seeing two o three vastly different per formances, and it starts to take its toll. One must bring a well-stuffed wallet, for the food, while astoundingly tasty is quite expensive; and when in waves of heat and nigh exhaustion, it ends up being hard to know when to stop buying. One very peculiar as pect of the experience is the complete lack of needing to relieve oneself. No matter the amount of water consumed. it will all be sweated out Not only are there dif fering food stalls separated by region and live performance to visit, there are always an amazing display of sculpture to examine, or at night, lounge by, waiting for the headache to subside, including a giant wal of protruding light-emanat ing dots, a tri-jointed tesser act, and twin Tesla coils tha jettison lighting at each other Coachella is a mag nificent occasion, manifesting three days out of the year; the rest is just memories and the calm fluttering sound of the electric windmills stationed nearby, waiting for the nex musical festivities to begin



said sophomore Jane Yoo. Since the play has no dialogue whatsoever, three narthe story of Joseph and his



Coachella: The legendary Roger Waters(top right) and an intriguing poster(above)

of-all-trades Fatboy Slim, Roger Waters of Pink Floyd performing The Dark Side of the Moon. There are five stages, two of them outdoors, with massive spaces reserved for equally massive, often overflowing crowds. The other three stages are in tents, named Gobi, Mojave, and Sahara after the three deserts. From

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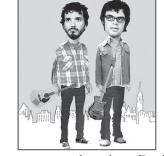
By Molly Salas Opinions Editor

Just signed for a second season of laughs, music and New Zealand accents is HBO's hit series, Flight of the Conchords. Starring New Zealand natives Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement, the show focuses on the duo's band and their tribulations of trying to be successful musicians in New York City.

Originating as a musical group whose base was in parodies, the Conchords became the theme of a BBC radio series before breaking out in the United States in June 2007. Grammy winners for Best Comedy Album this year, the band Flight of the Conchords not only has hilarious, catchy songs, but they have genuine musical quality.

In the series, the band has one manager, Murray, (Rhys Darby), who also works for the New Zealand consulate. The band has also secured a fan base of one married woman, Mel, who has a creepy fixation with Bret (often regarded as the shy, confident one) and Jemaine (the ladies' man likened to an ogre that works in a library).

The show frequently has spontaneous bursts of songs that tie in with the plot of the episode, as well as many 20th century rock references. When Bret experiences a bout of low self-esteem, he is visited



by an ever-changing David Bowie who gives him fashion suggestions and advice.

Internal monologues as well as dialogues are also expressed through song, like Jemaine's "Bret, You've Got it Going On" where Jemaine assures Bret, "Why can't a heterosexual guy tell a heterosexual guy that he thinks his booty is fly? Not all the time obviously, just when he's got a problem with his self-esteem." Other favorites, such as "Business Time", "Albi the Racist Dragon", and "If You're Into It" make Flight of the Conchords an uproarious comedy.

Mixed with impulsive music videos and winning charm, the Conchords have secured their place on HBO,



Bret in a couple of classic poses



Qing YorkWilliams Staff Writer

Original Gonzo journalist and legendary author Hunter S. Thompson begins his off-

the-wall account of the time he spent with the most infamous motorcycle gang in history like this: "Cali-



fornia, Labor Day weekend . . . early, with ocean fog still in the streets, outlaw motorcyclists wearing chains, shades and greasy Levis roll out from damp garages, all-night diners and cast-off one-night pads in Frisco, Hollywood, Berdoo and East Oakland, heading for the Monterey peninsula, north of Big Sur. . . The Menace is loose again." And without skipping a beat, the reader is sucked into 1964, a world of marauding, pillaging and raping, allegedly. In his usual irreverent and

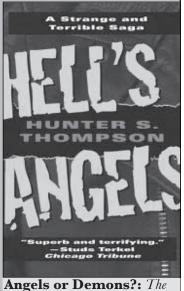
wholly unique style, Thompson tells the stories of the Hell's Angels, describing who some of the men were, their lives in and out of the world of "chopped hogs", and the impact their eventual friendship had on his life (Thompson was evicted several weeks after he began receiving his new leather-bound friends at his San Francisco apartment.)

From the start he addresses some of the most notorious reports of Angel debauchery, including their 1964 Labor Day Run that ended in Monterey after two young girls reported to police they had been gang raped by multiple members of the club. From there Thompson describes everything, their rise to outlaw stardom, and more personal accounts of his interviews with the likes of long time Angels president "Sonny" a r B g e r

Thompson tries to write an honest record of Angel activity and motivation, but it is apparent to any reader which side of the law he has more sympathy for. He speaks about the charges against the gang he got to know so well as though they are to be taken with more than a grain of salt, including numerous gang-rapes, and acts of wanton violence and destruction. To be fair, the Lynch report that he so often quotes is almost laughable at times. The report, compiled by the then new California Attorney General Lynch, lists page after page of alleged offenses committed by the gang, it's size, and consummate threat to society. According to the report, the 450 members of the club had a record of 874 felony arrests, 300 felony convictions, and more than 1,000 misdemeanor convictions. While these and other statistics presented by the report are hard to believe - Thompson and Barger claim the club never grew past much more than 100 members - it is sometime hard to believe the flippan tone he uses to address the crimes the Angels committed

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Hell's Angel's explains from the begin itself ning, as a self-proclaimed "Strange and Terrible Saga" Those men were not "monks" as one journalist so aptly pointed out, they were mean and dirty band of brothers atop chopped Harley 74's. Even after Thomp son was "stomped"(beater to a pulp) by severa Angels after a year in their company, he maintained an affection towards those highway hoodlums, writing about them with sincerity and depth



book cover(above) and Hunter S. Thompson(top left)

By Kelsey Pouk American Idol Staff Writer

With Jordin Sparks singing alongside Chris Brown and Grammy-winning Kelly Clarkson churning out hit after hit, American Idol has become a television phenomenon. In its seventh season, Idol still sparkles and has solidified its place in American culture.

Simon Cowell's biting remarks, Randy Jackson's

Also among the Season 7 Top Ten is Syesha Mercado from Florida. Inspired by Whitney Houston, Zap Mama, and Lauryn Hill, the singer may have a more rollercoaster performance record, but seems to have a charisma that translates on screen. While her personality seems to switch drastically between episodes, her voice salvages all

after her first amateur album sold only around 300 copies.

Now known as Carly Smithson, she is seen as one of the strongest female voices on the show, and her appearance certainly reflects that. With tattoos snaking up her arm she flaunts her Irish roots, a well as her San Diego residence. The 24-year-old draws inspiration from fellow artists like Annie Lenox and Aretha Franklin. Smithson stresses her hard-working personality, considering she had tried out for the show before. "Carly's the gal to beat this season," said Gary Dinges on the blog Idol Chatter. Making it into the Top Ten, her March 26th performance was lackluster compared to her others, but bloggers and viewers alike have faith in her ability. The Season is not yet over. and the fight for stardom remains passionate. How it will all play out, one can only guess, but another star is on the horizon. So as America programs their TiVos and DVRs, one lucky singer's dream will democratically come true

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ever-enthusiastic presence, and Paula Abdul's entertaining antics have the American public hooked as they vote on the next vocal star.

"I usually just watch the show for Simon's criticism, but this season is actually kind of interesting," said freshman Bruno da Matta.

Seventeen-year old David Atchuleta from Utah has proven himself to be consistently enjoyable to watch. Atchuleta arrived on the show and immediately rocketed to the top. While some of his dance moves may be questionable, his voice definitely is not and the American public continue to shower him with text message "vote kisses."



Funny Face: Simon Cowell shows off his famous criticism with a facial expression trust lost in her appearance. Some contestants are more promising than others, but those reppin' the big SD receive a few extra credit points. Saving the (geographically at least) best for last, the contestant previously know as Carly Hennessy bounds onto the show to try her chords and hopefully rebuild her image

