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California schools to suffer from budget cuts

By **Dario Aharpour**
Staff Writer

Throughout California's 9,500 public school districts, over 20,000 teachers, counselors, nurses, librarians and other staff members have been given layoff notices due to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's plan to cut 4.8 billion from education funding.

Schools in California have started to deliver pink slips to staff and faculty, preventing them from continuing their jobs for the next year.

The problematic budget cut has caused thousands of schools all over California to give up many staff members because they are too costly.

The 4.8 billion dollar cut has not been the only directed at educational finances; the government had also proposed a 400 million reduction earlier this year.

"The government does not

seem to realize that they are literally destroying the school systems in California. I thought they were supposed to support us; I guess I was wrong," Freshman Dylan De Jourday said.

The shock of the budget cut has affected all of California.

These pink slips, which notify school staff members that they will no longer have a job when the next school year begins, have been taking away the jobs of individuals who have

worked in the educational system for years.

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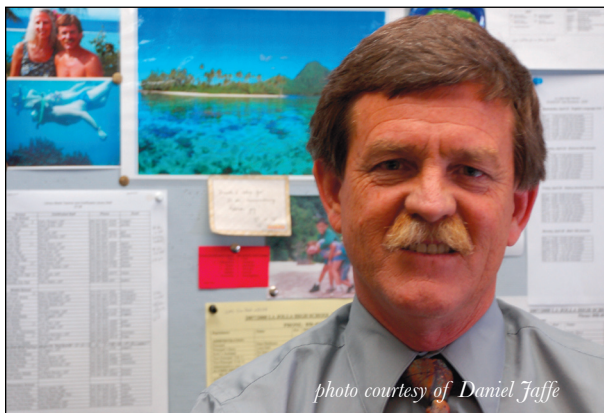


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Pink slips in, teachers out: An invaluable asset to La Jolla High school, Mr. Grant unfortunately received a pink slip.

Number of positions cut by San Diego Unified School District for 08-09 school year

- 21.5 principals
- 54 vice principals
- 13 Special Ed Administrators
- 61.75 Counseling
- 15 Library Services
- 28 Nursing positions
- 6 Art
- 96 English
- 9 Music
- 28 P.E.
- 42 Social Science

Jolla High School for 15 years, and now my position has been eliminated," Teacher Librarian Mr. Grant said.

"The library will not be able to fully function without a Teacher Librarian; the school cannot afford to lose a position such as mine."

The high school has eliminated six positions so far, one in a the counseling department, one to the library department, and four classroom teaching positions.

With the cuts executed, the school will need to somehow redistribute all of the students to classrooms that could be cramped, with possibly 50 students in space designed for no more than 30 students.

Textbooks and reading material will be short due to the missing library media technician.

Whether the actual state budget includes these cuts on July 1st remains to be seen.

Danger is just a short trip across the border

By **Natalie Barringer**
Staff Writer

This year, tourism south of the border has decreased, as fear of gang- and drug-related violence has escalated. Tijuana offers a glimpse of another culture very close to home, and it is fairly easy to drive or walk across the border.

The city, however, once attractive to families and young people alike, has recently proven more dangerous. The number of visitors to Baja California has fallen 15% since 2007, harming the tourism-reliant economies of many cities.

"I'm scared to go down there. You always hear about people getting robbed," junior Marisa Trapp said.

Shocking incidents have included the shooting deaths of five young people with gang ties on March 5, and the arrests on March 14 of members of a group known to have kidnapped six middle-class Baja citizens and killed another.

"I really think there's nothing to be worried about. I think as long as you're not an ignorant, it's safe," sophomore Melanie Atesalp said.

Tourism authorities recommend that the best way to stay safe south of the border is to keep a low profile.



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Business as usual: Another drug bust made in Tijuana.

SDUSD raises alcohol awareness

The San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD), community members, student journalists and others recently came together to raise awareness of the third leading cause of preventable death after smoking and obesity: alcohol abuse.

The SDUSD Life Skills Department, Scripps Memorial Hospital, the San Diego Police Department, Ala-Anon, and Ala-Teen sent representatives to educate underage drinkers, parents, and students about the horrors of choosing to drink before one is legally able to do so.

Over 85,000 American deaths each year are attributed, in some way, to alcohol – physical

complications, abuse of, and suicide.

Alcohol's devastating effect on a body, especially when someone chooses to begin drinking at a young age, can likely manifest as alcoholism, especially if a person starts drinking before the age of fifteen.

An Ala-

Teen member, Kathy Austin, told the assembled group, "The main idea I want to convey to the students is to wait until twenty-one to start drinking.

Another thing is to be above the influence, to question the normal."

Christine Buyd of the SDUSD Life Skills program followed that up with information about how human brains do

not stop developing until the age of twenty-five.

For example, if someone began drinking at the age of fifteen, by the time their brain is done developing, they could very well have substantially decreased the cognitive abilities of their brain, including the ability to recall information and careful decision-making.

One aspect of that careful decision-making is choosing not to travel to Tijuana to drink. Sergeant Wes Albers of the San Diego Police Department stressed that it is important "to make the small smart decisions so that you are not faced with the big

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Global updates

Iraqi dog moves to America

By Kyle Loomis
Staff Writer

The Iraqi dog Nubs is a different sort of war refugee. The German shepherd/border collie mix was finally reunited with his savior, Major Brian Dennis, at Camp Pendleton. On March 22, Dennis returned home from his service in Iraq to find that his canine companion, Nubs, was well-taken care of by Dennis's friend and fellow soldier, Captain Eric Sjoberg. Nubs's story was truly tragic, but he's considered much luckier than other Iraqi dogs. Dennis found the two-year-old dog in Iraq, wounded and barely alive.

He had been stabbed with a screwdriver and his ears had been slashed off. The Marines believe that his ears were cut off at a young age because an Iraqi thought it would make Nubs more aggressive and alert, hence the name Nubs, which were what his ears were reduced to. "It's so sad how someone can abuse an innocent dog like that," junior Stephanie Haskett said. Dennis nursed Nubs back to health, but it was against the



Soldier's best friend: Nubs, the canine Iraqi refugee, feels very at home in Major Dennis' arms.



rules to keep Nubs with him in Iraq. After writing home about Nubs, Dennis's friends raised more than \$3,500 to put Nubs on a plane back to the states, where he stayed with Sjoberg until Dennis could return home in the spring of 2008. "It's a really heart-warming story, that dog really deserves a good home," sophomore Rosie Jaye said. Now man and man's best friend are together again, in San Diego rather than Iraq. Judging by a welcome characterized by doggie kisses and a wagging tail, Nubs could not be happier in his new home with an owner who loves him.

It's all good

By Sean Lyon
Staff Writer

The world of satellite radio services has been rocked by the recent announcement of a merger between XM and Sirius satellite radios. On Monday March 24, the justice department approved the move that brought rivals XM & Sirius together in a five billion dollar merge. Although this move is yet to be approved by the Federal Communications Commission,

with the new company. The justice department also pointed out that other program services, HD radio and iPod's connected to car systems, would even out the competitions. Finally, they said the deal would not affect customers. The merge unites programs by Oprah Winfrey, Willie Nelson, Snoop Dogg, Howard Stern, Martha Stewart, and National Public Radio. XM radio has approximately 9 million



it is likely that they will pass it. The anti-trust division of the Justice department approved this merge by determining that prices would not rise and competition would still coincide

subscribers, and Sirius boasts 8.3; both companies have seen their stocks rise. Since the merge, XM's stock has risen from a \$1.85 to \$13.79. This is also the case for Sirius, which rose from 25 cents to \$3.15 per share. The new company has a revolutionary way of offering their services. In addition, to their normal complete packaged deals, they have created an "a la carte" option which allows subscribers to pick their specific channels such as Sirius' Howard Stern or XM's Oprah Winfrey.



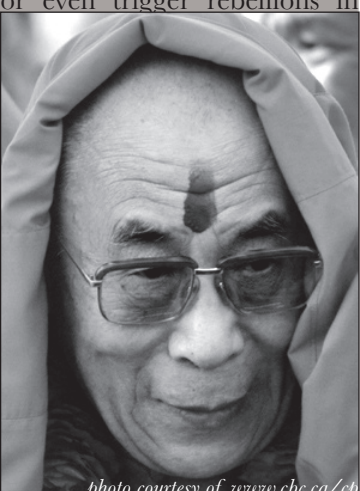
Two is better than one: One benefit of the merge is that it brings together Oprah Winfrey and Howard Stren on one radio provider.

Violence erupts in Tibet

By Matthew Cordell
Staff Writer

Violence erupted in Tibet after Chinese police interrupted a peaceful protest staged by Tibetan nationalists in the city of Lhaza. The demonstration was held in honor of the 49th anniversary of the failed Tibetan uprising of 1959. Though the exact number of casualties is unknown, the Tibetan government in exile has confirmed at least eighty deaths as a result of the riots. Since the People's Republic of China annexed the country in 1949, protests have been a common sight both in and out of the country. Tibet's spiritual leader the Dalai Lama has long condemned any form of violent protest. Regrettably, Tibetan youth have grown impatient with the unsuccessful attempts to regain sovereignty and have elected to employ violence against the Chinese oppressors. Chinese police were able to quell the majority of the violence by promising leniency

to any citizen who confessed involvement and surrendered themselves into police custody. China's reluctance to grant independence to Tibet stems from the very realistic possibility that such action could fragment the People's Republic of China. If the Chinese government were to free Tibet, they would embolden or even trigger rebellions in



similarly dissatisfied provinces. This violence is merely the most recent episode in the long and bloody struggle for a free Tibet.

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consequences" that traveling to Tijuana as an underage driver might bring. Given that motor vehicle crashes continue to be the number one cause of death for fifteen to twenty-year-olds, and that 28% of the drivers in those crashes had been drinking, deciding to travel to Tijuana for a little bit of fun, could get you a little bit dead. Most disturbing



among all the statistics comes from the Underage Drinking Research Institute

and indicates that "3 out of 4 (75%) 12 to 20 year olds have consumed alcohol (more than just a few sips) by the end of high school" which is a statistic that those present at the meeting would like to see change in coming years. Fortunately, there are groups, such as Ala-Anon and Ala-Teen that can help adults, teens, and children cope with the issues that surround alcohol abuse and early teenage drinking.

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A black and white photograph of a young couple in swimwear. The woman is wearing a bikini top and white pants, and the man is wearing swim trunks. They are both smiling and posing together.



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Letter to the editor: Budget cuts are bad for the future of California

Dear High Tide:

The state of California is well acquainted with the ups and downs of the current unstable economy. At the moment, the California government is heavily in debt and looking for a way out.

In an attempt to fix the problem, Governor Schwarzenegger made a grave mistake: he has proposed a ten percent cut to education funding from the state budget, amounting to \$4.8 billion for a loss of education in California.

At La Jolla High, \$100,000 has been cut, which means less school materials, more pink slips for the teachers, and less one-on-one attention for students. Currently, California's spending per student is already one of the lowest in the nation, spending \$1,900 less per-pupil than the national average.

Obviously, California should focus on educating students so

that the next generation can ensure that California does not fall into this suffocating debt again. Limiting the educational budget is the wrong course of action.

Any further cutbacks will

Educators in other school districts have gone as far as taking this matter to court and advocating Proposition 98, which would provide for minimum school funding law and revoke

Science teacher, one English teacher, one Counselor, and the Librarian position. These budget cuts can mean nothing positive for schools and students in California. They are harmful to all involved.

Governor

Schwarzenegger is strained with the pressing need to resolve the debt burden that has usurped our state's funds. He has turned to various places to implement budget cuts, one of which is education. But our governor should not service our ever-growing debt limiting the educational

opportunities of countless students.

Ultimately, education should come first. The California state government is choosing to jeopardize student's educational courses, which in the long run, will cause great damage to the future of California. Sincerely,

Freshman Catherine Russell



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likely result in deteriorating test scores, contrary to the otherwise improving results of the last four years. Students are not the only ones that will suffer. Teachers being "let go" carry a heavy burden.

"It is ridiculous how the teachers at this school do not have the support of the district behind them," said Nicholas Bankert, one of La Jolla High's most popular teachers.

the Governor's proposal.

If Proposition 98 were made into law, then the situation at La Jolla High would greatly improve, simply because students learn best in an environment with an efficient staff of teachers and necessary supplies.

Currently, teachers at La Jolla High School facing dismissal include two World Language teachers, one Social

Can you smell the rank of competition?

By Lena Rothstein

Editor-in-Chief

High school academic rankings are used to give colleges insight as to where a student falls in comparison to their peers. However, this technique is disadvantageous for students at a highly competitive school such as La Jolla High, where rank adds unnecessary stress.

"Rankings seemed to cause an unnatural level of stress among our students as the jostled for class standing, and we were not sure if rankings at our site were a fair representation of student capacity," Principal Dana Shelburne said.

The LJHS class of 2009 will be the first class to benefit from the school's new abolishment of the academic ranking system.

"I am happy that LJHS is getting rid of the ranking system, but I wish they would have done it a year earlier," senior Omid Salami said. "It cost me a spot at Princeton."

This elimination will be

beneficial to the future classes of La Jolla High School. Worrying about what rank one is going to receive and what percentile one will graduate in distorts the real purpose of education. A high school experience should be one in which students are able to

but also unfair to students that would have obtained a higher position had they attended an average high school.

"I had a cumulative GPA of 4.28 and I was ranked number 70," senior Mason Sloan said. "It's ridiculous."

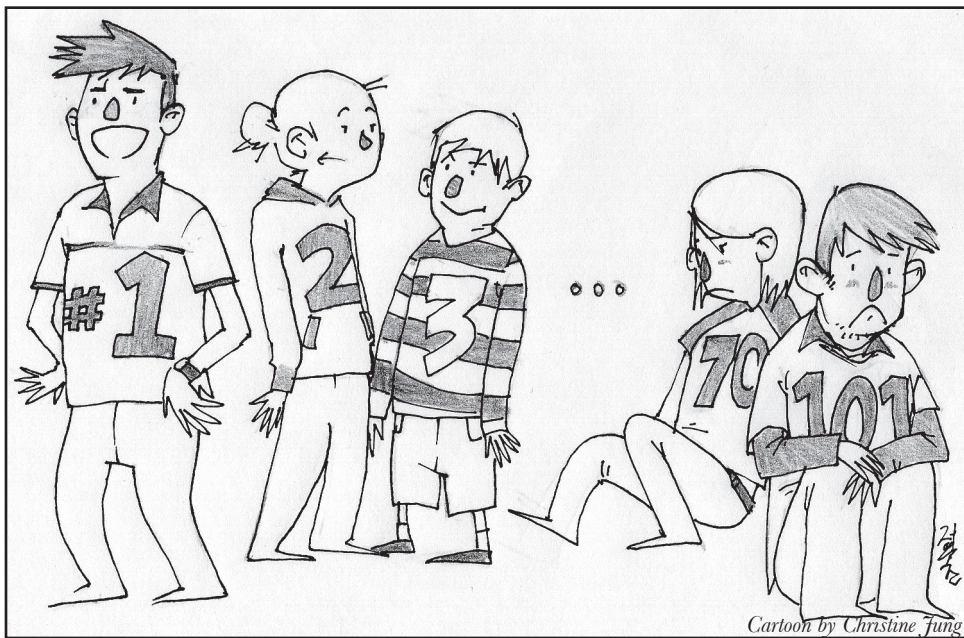
It is well known that La Jolla

far academically superior to seniors of other schools, yet happen to have a lower rank. LJHS students should not be punished simply because they attend a school in which the majority of students succeed.

Ranking LJHS seniors belittles the hard work students put into their studies and proves detrimental to their futures. This is a significant problem; someone who graduates with a 3.5 grade point average is unfairly labeled as being in the bottom half of their class.

The academic pressure forced upon students by the ranking system persuades many students to cheat and find alternative ways to get ahead in school. Luckily our administration has taken the steps to fix this

problem by eliminating rank. The customary Valedictorian and Salutatorian will continue to be announced each year; which awards the top two students for their tremendous effort. Thankfully, now that students will no longer be subjected to the ranking system, the focus can be shifted away from grades and back to learning.



Reverend Wright does no wrong

By Zach Ross
Staff Writer

The 2008 Presidential election is possibly the most important in our nation's history. The next President will have to face a recession, a potentially grueling withdrawal from Iraq, an ever increasing threat from foreign terrorists, dwindling oil supplies, global warming, and a deeply politically divided nation. There has never been a more important time for the public to forget petty differences and focus on the big issues.

Tragically, the American electorate seems to want to focus on the most unimportant aspects of the each candidate's personal history, instead of each candidates' experience and plan for the nation.

From John McCain and an alleged affair with a female lobbyist to Hillary Clinton lying about snipers in Bosnia, the public idiotically focuses on personal aspects of the candidates that have almost nothing to do with their potential presidency.

At the moment, the American people are choosing to focus on the former pastor of Barack Obama's church Reverend

Jeremiah Wright.

Reverend Wright was the pastor of the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago from 1972 to January 2008. Barack Obama joined the church in the 1980's just before he went to Harvard Law School. Reverend Wright married Obama and his wife Michelle, and he baptized their two children. Obama has cited Reverend Wright as a major influence on him, and the title of his book "The Audacity of Hope" was inspired by Wright's sermons.

The controversy erupted when the news networks began airing footage of some of the Reverend's sermons in which he criticized American foreign and domestic policy.

"The government gives them [poor African Americans] drugs, built bigger prisons, passes a three strike law, and then wants us to sing God bless America. No, no, no, not God bless America, God damn America, that's in the Bible, for killing innocent people. God damn America, for treating her citizens as less than human. The United States government has failed the vast majority of her citizens

of African descent," Reverend Wright said.

These statements have been covered in the media like the man threatened to set off an atomic bomb. No one's opinion of Barack Obama should be affected by what one of his supporters says, and Wright's comments should not be part of the discussion about the election.

The amount of attention people are giving to Obama and his reverend is ridiculous," sophomore Kelly McClard said.

The American public should focus on the important issues and problems that the next president will have to solve.

We should definitely not waste time and energy on what a retired Chicago pastor says.

"Reverend Wright's comments shouldn't have anything to do with the campaign, because Obama is the one running for president and those words didn't come from his mouth," freshman Nick Dunwoody said.

Based on what has already transpired, we can expect a long campaign filled with personal attack and embarrassing revelations and not enough discussion of the issues. When the election's dust finally clears, the American people may realize that they have no idea what the newly inaugurated President really believes.



UC tuition on the rise

By Dario Aharpour
Staff Writer

Despite thousands of emotional pleas from students throughout California, governing boards of both the CSU and UC School systems decided to further increase tuition. This tuition increase has been the sixth climb in the past six years, thus making the cumulative increase ninety-two percent for UC and ninety-four percent for CSU.

This rise in tuition has resulted in great discontent among the thousands of students that are California residents. The governing boards must figure out a different method for the maintenance of the UC and CSU schools instead of dipping their hands into students' wallets.

"I can not believe that the tuition is rising again," Senior Valerie Benner said. "With the level of standards that UC and CSU schools have at the moment, the schools should worry that some students are not able to both pay and be eligible to enroll into school."

All of California's 626,000

public university students were shocked to learn that their next annual tuition payment will increase by about ten percent this next school year. This aggravating increase will

by lower-income families will be unable to enroll in post high-school educational programs.

"College university students already have a tough time with finances," freshman Nicole

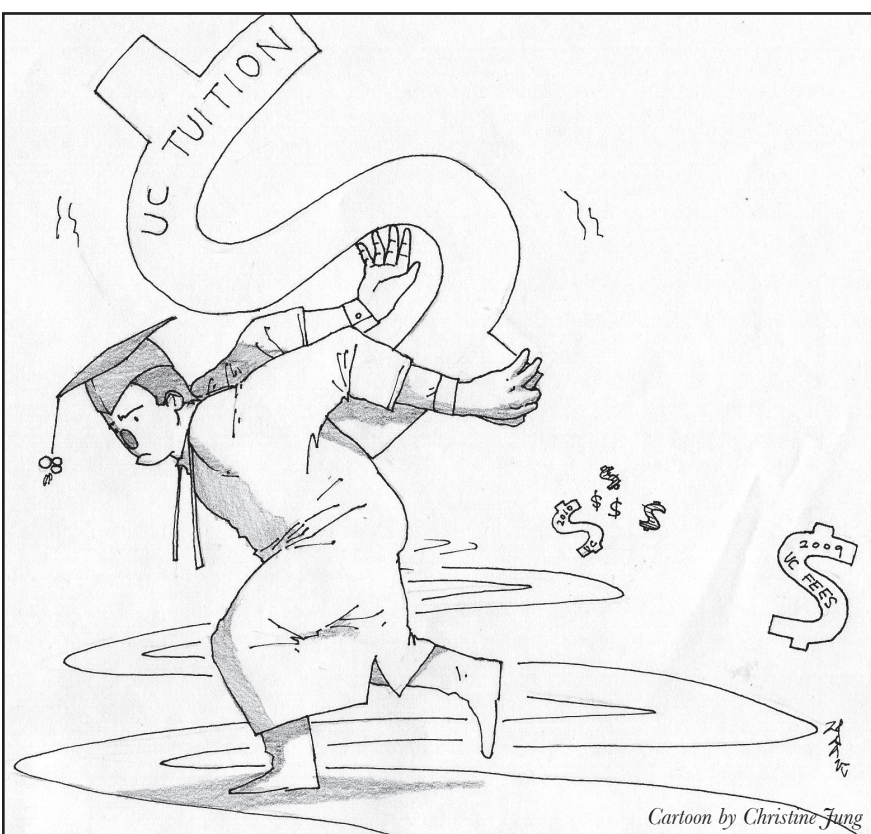
to the fact that most middle class families do not qualify for scholarships. Therefore, the students are left with no choice but to either take out suffocating loans or to not to go to college, a choice no student should ever have to make.

"It is not fair. How can the public universities decide to raise the tuition again?"

The high school students that will be entering their freshman year in college will be facing a \$6,571 increase for UC schools, and \$2,771 for CSU schools. The unfortunate situation that the graduating high school student is facing is definitely discouraging.

Public universities cannot expect to have students pouring into their institutions when they are paying thousands upon thousands of dollars each year and when they are raising the standards of student admissions. The

boards of governing should clue in and realize that not all students can buy their way into college and that sometimes they cannot use students as crutches when they are financially in trouble.



dramatically affect the overall attendance and enrollment of students in the California universities.

Not only do many students already have financial trouble, but students who are supported

Viloria said. "Those who work multiple jobs just to scrape by are the ones who will face the choice whether to drop out or not."

Middle class students will also face immense trouble due

Message from the Marsh

By Allison Marsh
Editor-In-Chief

It is now 9:47 pm, exactly two minutes after I last checked the time. In those two minutes, my little 3rd grade friend (whom I just met) has explained to me that he is not only proficient in times tables, through the twelves I might add, but is also progressing quite nicely in long division. My response comes from years of etiquette training. I flash my pearly whites and respond, "Wow you're awesome!" to which most informed and educated persons over the age of ten knows, translates loosely into, "Wow, who really gives a crap?" However, I cannot completely ignore my new friend, Jorge, as he has implanted his chubby little badonkadonk halfway onto my seat. So much for personal space. I now realize that Jorge and I are in this waiting conundrum for the long haul. Why couldn't Jorge have been the tall, dark and handsome Italian stallion in the row behind me?

I sigh heavily and return to my Cliff's AP guide to biology and try to look on the bright side of my situation. Now that I am stuck here in this Hell hole for an extra two hours, I might as well do my homework that is due tomorrow morning at 7:30 AM - quite a bold statement for a second semester senior if you ask me.

I feel my space bubble pop and sure enough Jorge has inched closer and looks as if he is itching to tell me something. "Are you learning science right now? Science is my favorite subject," he quips.

After two failed attempts at trying to pass off my AP biology essay about homeostasis on my cardiologist father and nurse mother, I thought to myself, "Why not go for lucky number three and pawn off this essay on Jorge?" He accepted my proposal enthusiastically, practically ripped my book out of my hands, and put on the most serious look he could muster. He then took one look at the essay question and said, "This has too many big words. I don't feel like doing this anymore." It's amazing, he captured my emotion perfectly. I heard a voice come out of the Heavens: "We are now boarding flight 528 service to San Diego." After being delayed two and a half hours, I am now going to finally get on the plane.

The message that one can extract from this story is that funny things can happen when you least expect them. So, when you least expect them, expect them.



Accomplished Animals

These four animals possess talents that rival those of any human



Carving Canine

By Carey Kennedy and Sarah Wright
Staff Writers

It is a common sight to view people skateboarding down hills and beside sidewalks, but watching a dog ride along and pull-off tricks is a memorable event. Tyson is a bulldog, who has been skateboarding for about four years, and has the skills to rival any professional skateboarder. Tyson's owners first believed he hated skateboards because of his constant barking and aggression towards the people riding them, but they were soon proved wrong. At the age of one, an opportunity arose to start his career. He began by simply maneuvering around on the board getting better each time.

Eventually, Tyson became a hit, as a result he has been featured on various television shows, including "American Idol," "Rob and Big Black" and "Martha Stewart." He has also starred in the films "Undiscovered" and "Lords of Dogtown." Tyson plans to continue his career in skateboarding and prepares to participate in many events including a few competitions.

Skiing Squirrel

Squirrels typically run around and collect food, but not Twiggy. Twiggy is a famous water skiing squirrel. Twiggy has become known for her amazing aquatic abilities that were taught to her by her owners Chuck and Lou Ann Best. Although the idea began as a joke, it has become a way of life, and a job, for Twiggy. She was first recognized by a local newspaper, The Sanford Herald, newspaper to Sanford, North Carolina, and has been on television shows and in magazines ever since.

"It is amazing that a squirrel can actually do something as hard as water skiing. It really inspires me," freshman Catherine Galligan said.

When this little squirrel went on Good Morning America, the show won an Emmy award for their story about her. Twiggy has been performing for twenty-seven years and has traveled all over the world.

Because of Twiggy's success, the Best family has taught other animals (two miniature horses, two French poodles, a cat, an armadillo, and a toad frog) to water ski, but none have had the success of Twiggy.



Grim Rea-purr

Death is one of America's biggest fears, and in Rhode Island people are coming face-to-face with it. Oscar, a cat, seems to have a sixth sense or premonition as to when a person will pass away. He was brought from an animal shelter to a nursing home for people with dementia in Providence, Rhode Island to assist in determining when a patient will die.

When Oscar senses death he crawls onto the patient's bed, relaxes beside, and purrs. He usually stays with the patient up to half of a day or a couple of hours before the person dies, and then leaves minutes before they pass away.

Although some disagree, according to research his premonition is linked to an enhanced sense of smell, which allows him to sense death. Oscar might be able to smell a biochemical released when someone is going to die.

Staff began noticing that Oscar would lie next to someone about die quite often and soon documented twenty-five cases in which Oscar predicted death and it has been observed that he rarely makes mistakes.

Perceptive Parrot

Parrots are known for their ability to repeat exactly what they have just heard. Alex the African Grey Parrot had a skill like no other bird. He had an extensive vocabulary considering that not many other birds can do what he can.

He became the famous research subject for The Avian Learning Experiment, which inspired his name Alex. Irene Pepperberg, professor at the University of Arizona worked with Alex and discovered that he could match over fifty objects by name and their resemblance between one another.

After the parrot was spent for the day he would reply, "I'm gonna go away," and when Pepperberg looked with unhappy, Alex would attempt to please her by saying, "I'm sorry." Throughout Pepperberg's research she determined that Alex was processing information instead of just repeating it.

Unfortunately, the parrot died a sudden death due to arterosclerosis, which is a hardening of the arteries. Research about birds who can speak is being continued. However, the other parrots are not quite as talented as Alex.

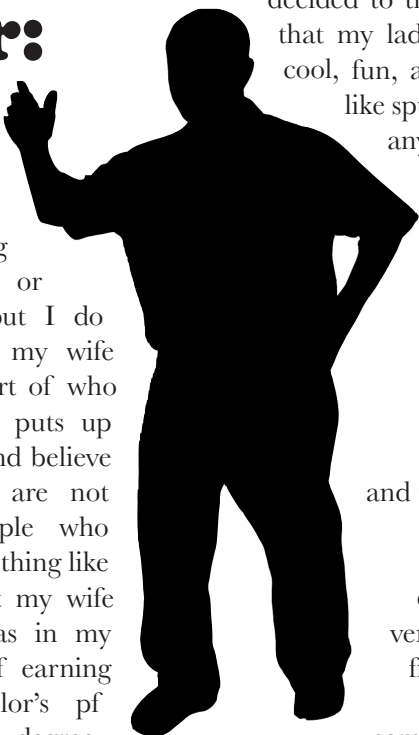


Guess Who

By Ally Marsh
Editor-in-Chief

Mr:

I don't really know what my defining features or qualities, but I do know that my wife is a big part of who I am. She puts up with me, and believe me, there are not many people who would do a thing like that. I met my wife when I was in my last year of earning my Bachelor's pf Science degree. We must have had similar interests back them too because we attended a club meeting together, and the rest as they say is history. Since we are a Jewish couple, food was a very important part of out relationship. One of the conditions of our marriage was



that she made good cheesecake. It turned out that she did and we decided to tie the knot. I love that my lady has style. She's cool, fun, and spunky, and I like spunk. We love to do anything outdoors like hiking, bicycling, and traveling. We walk our dog around La Jolla almost everyday. We are a very environmentally friendly couple, and have a compost pile at our home. One of the reasons that I like being stationed at the same school as my spouse is that we reduce our gas usage and can help the planet that way too. Fate is what keeps up together. Some things are just meant to be, and our love is one of them.

Photos by Ali Cameron



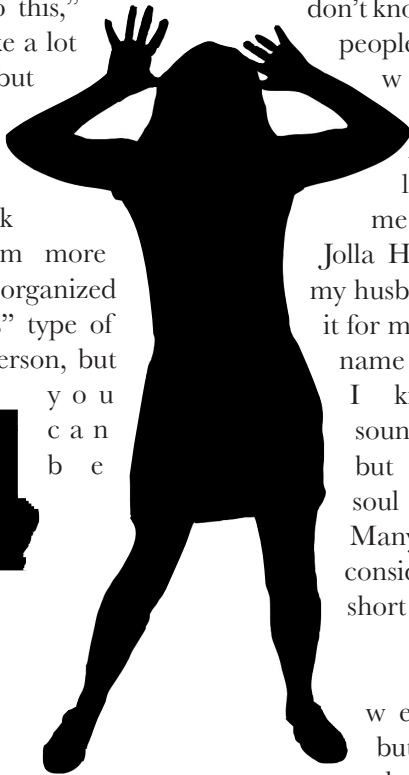
Mrs:

I love my husband very much. I first met him when we were in college. I walked into a club meeting that he was attending and we locked eyes. I guess you could say I believe in love at first



sight. I don't remember exactly how he proposed to me. It was more of a mutual agreement, like a, "Hey let's do this," type of thing. We like a lot of the same things but we have totally different styles. I like to think that I'm more of an "organized chaos" type of person, but you can be

the judge; maybe it's not that organized. We like to do many activities together, including eating lunch together sometimes, but



some of our favorite things are going for long walks on the beach and vacationing. I don't know many people who would walk to A M C 12 with me from La Jolla High, but my husband dies it for me on the name of love. I know it sounds sappy but we are soul mates. Many people consider me short and weird, but I think those are nice qualities. I love being at the same school with my husband because it makes communication easier. If I want to see him all I have to do is walk downstairs, and there he is.

The Guess Whos from last issue were Corbin, Shane, and Wyatt Fargo.

Desert Sun: A Tanning Paradise



Bronzed beauty: Tim Hatch welcomes customers to his brand new tanning salon in Pacific Beach which provides its customers with flawless tans.

By Anton Swain-Gil
Staff Writer

There is a small business in Pacific Beach that shines apart from the rest. It is Desert Sun, an upscale tanning salon with low scale prices. With summer on the way and a busy schedule, Desert Sun is a great way to get that swimsuit tan without wasting hours in the sun.

When entering Desert Sun, one will feel like a VIP guest at an established salon. The facilities are impeccable and the service is great. The owner, Tim Hatch, is always

at the front counter, ready to accommodate any and all customers. Tim opened the business on January 2, 2008. This branch, which happens to be the first in San Diego, is just getting started, but the Desert Sun franchise began in 2000.

Tim's best friend from college started the company and has enjoyed great success ever since. With this key connection, Tim was able to fulfill his dream of owning a luxurious tanning salon. Tim's aim was to open a clean, classy, and customer friendly establishment where he could work for himself. In

true entrepreneurial fashion, Tim attacked the project with gusto and the result is incredible. The tanning salon boasts the best high pressure tanning beds in town, as well as numerous other good tanning bed options.

Desert Sun is also home to the famous Mystic Tan, a UV-free alternative spray tan. Unlike other salons, Desert Sun has the real Mystic Tan and great products that outdo the competition.

Desert Sun tans promise no orange tint or burning. Leave the salon as a bronzed

beauty with an extra boost of confidence.

For those who want to go all out, Tim offers a special tanning combo called the California Cocktail, a mix of tanning bed and Mystic tan, that will leave skin darker in just one session.

With opening store prices, Desert Sun is the best economic option for a high quality tan. If you have never tried tanning, Desert Sun is the place to go, satisfaction guaranteed. Check it out at 1225 Garnet Ave. or call 858-274-3066.

Ask Ali

The La Jolla High Tide is now taking your questions. Got a question about school, friends, family, life, anything? Features editor Ali Cameron is ready to answer anything.

This is the last *Ask Ali* column. Thank you for all of your questions.

Dear Ali,

My dad wants me to play a sport that makes me very unhappy. It is boring and I do not want to play it. What can I do to convince my dad that the sport isn't right for me? - Sick of Sports

Dear Sick,

Sometimes it is hard to understand where parents are coming from. I am sure that your dad has good intentions in wanting you to play this sport. What you need to do is talk to your dad and explain to him why it makes you bored and then try to look at it from your dad's point of view. In the end you are the one who has to play the sport. Maybe you can reach a compromise by suggesting that you play that sport for fun and another sport more seriously.

Dear Ali,

I have an F in math and I really need to bring up my grade. I do not want to be stuck in summer school this summer. What can I do to bring up my grade?

- Frenzied about Flunking

Dear Frenzied,

With the end of 3rd quarter coming up, this is a good time to make a change. You need to study more for math and always do your homework. Talk to your teacher and see if you can do extra credit to bring up your grade.

Dear Ali,

I think that my boyfriend is cheating on me. How do I find out if it is true without him thinking that I do not trust him? -Unsure in Love

Dear Unsure,

If you are already suspicious about your boyfriend cheating on you then you obviously have a problem with your relationship. Don't do anything shady; if you are not comfortable enough to ask him about it, maybe it is a good idea to break up.

Dear Ali,

What is your favorite color? - Curious

Dear Curious,

I think you may be a little confused about the purpose of *Ask Ali*. My favorite color is dark emerald green.

REVVED UP RIDES

BRADY MILLER
Cadillac Deville

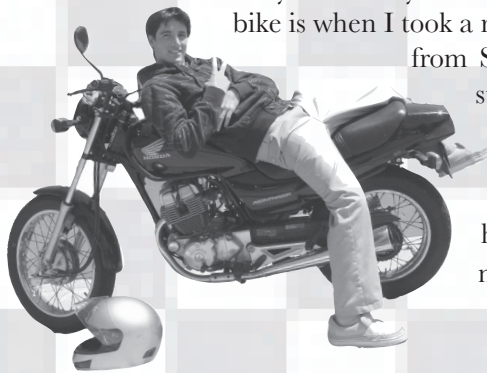
"I was actually born inside of my car so I've had it for 18 years. My car is special because I installed purple neon lighting underneath and I added large purple dice on the rearview mirror. My favorite part of my car is that it is ballin' and people think I am an old lady when I drive it. My most memorable moment in my car was when I went drifting in a Toys R US parking lot and evaded the police on the same night. I love my car. Her name is Leguisha Fanda."



By Cody Chapple
Staff Writer

CODY CHAPPA
Nighthawk Motorcycle

"I got my motorcycle half way through my sophomore year and it is pretty fierce. I can park it anywhere I want with no trouble at all. I can come to school at 7:25 in the morning and get a spot without being late. Plus I get mad chicks on my bike. My favorite memory of my bike is when I took a road trip to Oregon from San Diego. I never stopped once. It is nice to drive my motorcycle because I only have to spend \$10 a month on gas."



BO PETERSON
Mercury Cougar

"I got my car two summers ago and it is an old muscle car so it is pretty rare. My favorite part about my car is the hidden headlights. My favorite memory of my car was when I learned how to peel out. Those were good times. Another plus is that my car is fun to drive around Windansea."



SAMI MCLAUGHLIN
Mini Cooper

"My car's name is Milo and I clearly remember the day that I bought it: January 12, 2008. I picked it up at the Mini Cooper Dealership after I visited a couple of times and decided on the one I wanted. The best thing about having a Mini Cooper is that I can easily find parking anywhere I want. I like driving my Mini because it is a stick shift. It makes me feel like I am driving a racecar."



Photos by Cody Chapple, Ali Cameron, and Kaitlin Sharpe

MICKEY LAWSON
Golf Cart

"I got my cart last September. What makes my cart so special is that I don't have to walk around the school. My favorite memory I have of my cart was the first day I got to drive it. My feet felt so good from not walking. My favorite part about my cart is the wheels, because they go round and round. Last year the students pimped my ride and decorated my cart with feathers and stuff plus I got a pimp cup to drive with, it really helps me to catch potential escapees."

