

HIGH TIDE

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LJHS Students Rock Out to Airband '08

By **Carrie Lowe**
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As second semester begins, LJHS students are all looking forward to more exciting and spirited ASB activities.

On February 21st, the ASB is hosting one of the year's most stimulating events: Airband, a lip-synching competition between the clubs and class councils of each grade.

For the show, students coordinate a performance to a song, consisting of lip-synching and dancing. This year, Airband's theme is "Making the Airband", a play on the title of the popular MTV reality show, *Making the Band*.

LJHS students participating in Airband are required to come up with a five

minute skit with their clubs. In addition, each class is also coming up with a show.

So far, eleven clubs and classes have signed up for Airband.

Along with the four classes, the Science Team, Tofu Club,

"Even though the seniors always win, I'm excited to see all of the funny performances that everyone talks about," freshman Kyle McGriff said.

Airband doesn't just

The first place winner of the competition wins \$400. Second place wins \$300 while Third place receives \$200.

Each performance is judged by teachers along with members of the LJHS staff. The routines are judged in five different categories: Lip-synch, Dance Routine, Creativity/Originality, Song Presentation and Overall design. The team with the highest score wins first place.

"It is pretty hilarious and a great show," junior Brandon Wasserman said.

Airband consists of two shows, both in the Auditorium. The first one is at 5:00 pm and the second one 7:00 pm. Tickets

are \$5 with an ASB card and \$6 without for the 5:00 show, and \$7 with an ASB card and \$8 without for the 7:00 show. Tickets are sold at the Financial Office.

Past years of Airband have been an outstanding success. The ASB hopes that this year will be just as profitable.



photos courtesy of Brooks Newberry
Shake that thang: (from left to right) Seniors Sarah Shearer, Natalie Guillen, Ximena Martinez, Wendy Diaz, Karina Gonzales, Alma Salgado, Sydney Tolan prepare their dance, choreographed by Sarah Shearer.

Improv Club, Drama Club, NVS Dance, MECHA and the Baking Club have all come up with acts.

offer a fun way to connect with fellow students; it is an entertaining way to win money for ones class or club.



Sister Schools Reaches Out to Students for Funds

By **Kelsey Pouk**
Staff Writer

Faced with extreme poverty and social instability, the average African orphan will never see the inside of a schoolhouse.

Struggling everyday for necessities like food and healthcare, many of these

children will never escape this horrendous life.

However, a club at La Jolla High has a dream that will give the orphans of Uganda a chance to better their situation.

"The only way to break the cycle of poverty is through education," club President Melia Plotkin said.

The La Jolla High School Sister Schools Club is having another fundraiser which will promote education in Northern Uganda.

The goal of Sister Schools is to improve educational opportunity and priority in Africa, enabling more and more underprivileged orphans to go to school.

The club helps establish a network of students that work together to address the needs of these children. Over the two years Sister Schools has been active at La Jolla High, they

have sent over 25 students to schools in Northern Uganda.

"I think that Sister Schools is a great organization and that it is for a very noble cause," junior Robbie Beathard said.

The club is dedicated to helping Northern Ugandan children.

The poverty in which these abandoned children live is heartbreaking; an education would give them a chance to rebuild their lives.

Sister Schools holds fundraisers every year that contribute to the well-being of children that are otherwise unable to learn.

"When you hear about things like this, you have to do something. If you can change one person's life, it's worth it." Plotkin said.

Each classroom will sponsor one child through a year of education.

The teachers have will be



photos courtesy of Melia Plotkin



briefed on the fundraiser and asked to motivate their students. This is a very important benefit not only to the club members, but to the children whose lives will be changed.

"This year, the most important part is that this is a community effort since we're including both La Jolla High and Muirlands," Sister School's Vice President Shira

Abramowitz said.

Last year, Sister Schools hoped to raise three hundred dollars per classroom at La Jolla High. This money would be enough to sponsor a child for a full year of education.

However, the school raised \$6,500 and exceeded the club's expectations. The money

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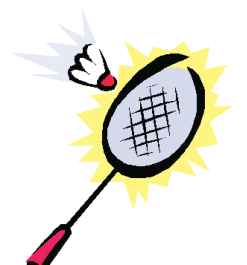
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2008 Primary Elections

By Natalie Barringer
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On February 5, known as “Super Tuesday”, primary elections were in 22 states. These elections served to assign delegates that will nominate presidential candidates for the November election.

The candidate for the Republican Party will most likely be Senator John McCain, with 703 delegates allocated to him.

“John McCain has a good chance of winning the presidential race,” freshman Ivan Deryugin said.

Senator Hillary Clinton and Senator Barack Obama are still locked in a dead heat over the Democratic nomination: Clinton trailed just behind Obama with 632 delegates to Obama’s 636.

On Thursday, February 7, Republican hopeful Mitt Romney announced the end of his campaign when he won only 293 delegates, less than half the number allocated to leading candidate McCain.

Mike Huckabee remains in the race however, with a mere 190. Ron Paul, whose

campaign saw a relatively large amount of grassroots support, won no delegates.

In the Democratic race, Obama and Clinton are the

has 1,024 to Obama’s 933, and Edwards won 26 before dropping out of the race.

On the Republican side, a candidate must win 1,191



Candidate Collage: (Clockwise from upper left) Presidential candidates Hillary Clinton, Mike Huckabee, Mitt Romney (not long, and Barack Obama weigh their wins and losses on Super Tuesday.

only formidable candidates remaining. Despite dropping out of the race in the last few weeks, John Edwards, Bill Richardson, and Joe Biden did receive some votes in a number of states, but no more than five percent in any case.

To win the nomination for the Democratic Party, a candidate must win a total of 2,025 delegates. To date, Clinton

delegates. McCain has a total of 714, and his opponents trail far behind: Mitt Romney won 286, Mike Huckabee, 181, and Ron Paul, 16.

The most contested states for Democrats were Alabama, Delaware, Iowa, Nevada, and Missouri, in which Clinton and Obama divided the state’s delegates evenly.

Republican battlegrounds

included Massachusetts, fought for by Romney and McCain, Iowa, which was a close race between Huckabee and Romney, and North Dakota, in which each of the four frontrunners made a good showing.

Primaries will be held in 23 more states, stretching as far in the future as June 3. Candidates will continue to campaign hard, especially on the Democratic side, where the candidates have continuously been neck-and-neck.

Many predict that Obama will soon pull ahead, due to a remarkable \$7.2 million that was raised for his campaign since Super Tuesday.

Clinton, on the other hand, seems to be floundering financially.

“Clinton made a bad decision in firing her manager. Her overall campaign is weak and especially considering her financial issues,” senior Katie Gunn said.

Primaries were also held on February 9th in Kansas, Nebraska, Washington, and Louisiana. Obama claimed victory in these states for the democrats.

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went towards tuition, food, uniforms, and school supplies such as pencils and paper.

This year, Sister Schools again hopes to raise money to promote more widespread education in Northern Uganda.

However, this time their goal is \$10,000. Each student is asked to contribute ten dollars to the cause, and the three classrooms that raise the most money will be rewarded with a pizza party.

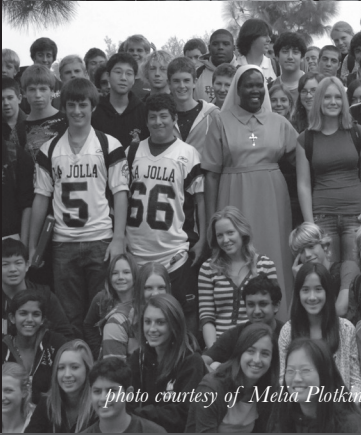
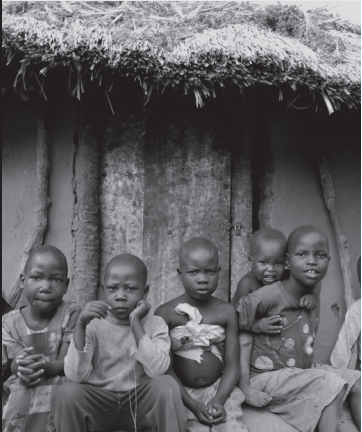


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Recession in America

By Carey Kennedy
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Month-to-month updates are indicating a probable recession in the United States.

Our economy has partially declined due to consumer spending, debt, and the housing market.

Instead of spending money on homes or automobiles, consumers have spent money in other ways.

“The strength of future consumer spending manifestly depends on the possibilities of ever-higher cash out mortgage refinancing against rising house prices,” Dr. Kurt Richebacher wrote in an article for the Daily Reckoning.

Americans continuously spend more borrowed money than what they earn.

For example, as of 2008 the annual rate of debt is 5.1 trillion dollars.

Consumers tend to spend money on low-quality products or imported items, lowering the nation’s economy as well as its self-dependency.

The possibility of a recession could affect La Jolla in a variety of ways, already noticeably in

the housing market.

It could also trigger the closing of many businesses that thrive on tourists.

However, before a recession occurs there must be a more

housing prices is obvious.

However, according to Robert Campbell, an economist in San Diego, this low housing market could last up to several years.

He believes that because of the interest flexible loans that were given in the past housing boom, things went wrong since interest rates soon shot up.

“The bigger the boom, the bigger the bust,” Campbell said for the North County Times.

It is doubtful that La Jolla will go through any sudden recession, yet it is likely that the economy will remain at a low point.

The housing slump is most likely to continue because many low income or indebted consumers cannot pay off mortgages. The positive side is that it will leave buyers with less competition and lowered prices.



photo courtesy of www.target-

dramatic decline in our economy.

“The association between booms and busts was stronger for housing than equity prices,” Richebacher said for the Daily Reckoning.

It seemed only yesterday La Jolla’s housing market was doing very well with skyrocketing prices.

Today, evidence of lower

Fact Box

✓ Since its peak in 2002, the dollar has fallen about 15.2 percent compared to other world currencies

✓ The dollar hit a record low against the euro at the end of December, when it took \$1.37 to buy one euro.

✓ Last year, the U.S. budget deficit climbed to a record \$412 billion

✓ **re·ces·sion:** the state of the economy declines; a widespread decline in the GDP and employment and trade lasting from six months to a year

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Innovative Science

By Anton Swain-Gil
Staff Writer

Lollipops that help your teeth?

Microbiologist Wenyan Shi has developed an orange flavored lollipop that performs miracles: it actually helps prevent tooth decay.

The secret technology is the bacteria-killing ingredient, The lollipops are orange flavored and sugar free.



photo courtesy of www.sciencedaily.com
Miracle Pop: Wenyan Shi proudly displays his newest creation.

They are sure to be a revolution to the candy industry as we know it, along with any other new medicinal confections Shi is cooking up.

A factory in Michigan has licensed the technology from Shi and UCLA and is currently producing the candies

Cool Contacts

Engineers and researcher at the University of Washington are developing a revolutionary optical device.

They are trying to build a contact lens that would hold electrical devices capable of displaying images to the wearer.

This could mean virtual games, holographic computers

that only you could see, and corrective or increased vision.

While a functional version may be a ways off, there have been successful test with rabbits concerning health risks and a prototype with fewer pixels soon to come.



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Electronic Lenses: These new contacts would enable wearers to view virtual games or other graphics.

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Vote or die?

Students debate whether voting should be a choice or an obligation

I will not use my right to choose

By Charles Zhou
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The United States is internationally revered as the country that most ardently champions personal freedoms. Among these freedoms are the right to speak freely, practice any religion, and perhaps most importantly, to vote.

United States citizens once exercised this right at every opportunity. However, in recent decades, voter turnout has dropped to a record breaking low, with hardly over fifty percent entering the voting booths. The United States has not had over sixty percent voter participation since the 1968 election.

Some have suggested that by making voting compulsory, the problem will be fixed. However, compulsory voting in a free democratic nation is hypocritical and a clear violation of basic rights and thus a horrible solution to a difficult problem.

Making voting compulsory will only create new problems. Voting is a civil right, just as is freedom of speech. As a civil right, voting cannot be forced onto people anymore than can the pursuit of happiness. To do so would be an infringement on the rights of Americans.

Furthermore, some religious groups bar themselves from participating in politics. The Jehovah's Witness abstain from voting because their religion forbids them from taking an active part in politics.

To force them to vote would be to deny them their religious freedom.

The United States, a champion for civil liberties and human rights, would be tolerating a gross infringement of rights if it legalized mandatory voting.

Some voters may also not wish to vote for any of the candidates that are on the ballot.

"In the 2004 presidential election, I found both candidates distasteful and if given the right to vote at that election, I would not have voted for either candidate to protest the incompetence of both candidates and the two party system," junior Nick Hanoian said.

Nevertheless, some countries have already made voting compulsory. By doing so, they have only brought hypocrisy to their democratic system. The right to vote for a candidate comes with the right to not vote for one as well.

Imagine living in a world where people who do not vote on Election Day are imprisoned or forced to pay a fine. In Bolivia, if an individual does

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not vote, they may be denied three months of their salary.

"A true democratic nation cannot fine or imprison someone who chooses not to vote because that would be tyranny," junior Megan Bautista said.

Ultimately, if voters had more faith in the politicians on the ballot, they would be more inclined to vote.

If policy makers implement compulsory voting into the American voting system, then they will insult the founding fathers of this nation who worked so hard to obtain that right in the first place.

Do like Diddy run the city (with your vote)

By Matt Cordell
Staff Writer

In the 2004 presidential election, close to 125 million American citizens chose to vote at the election polls. While this is a seemingly respectable number, it was in fact only about sixty-four percent of the eligible voting population. It is appalling that nearly forty percent of potential voters abstained from voting in what is arguably the most important election in the world. Considering Americans have the right to vote, it should therefore also be their responsibility to exercise

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that right. In the interest of preserving and encouraging an election based on total will of the people, voting should be made a mandatory action for every applicable citizen.

"I think mandatory voting is a good idea, but I think it would be difficult to implement it in a large country," senior Sarah Bales said.

America, however, would

not be the first country to implement such a system; Australia, Belgium and some thirty other countries have made voting compulsory. In 1926, Australia enacted mandatory voting laws in an effort to boost dwindling poll numbers.

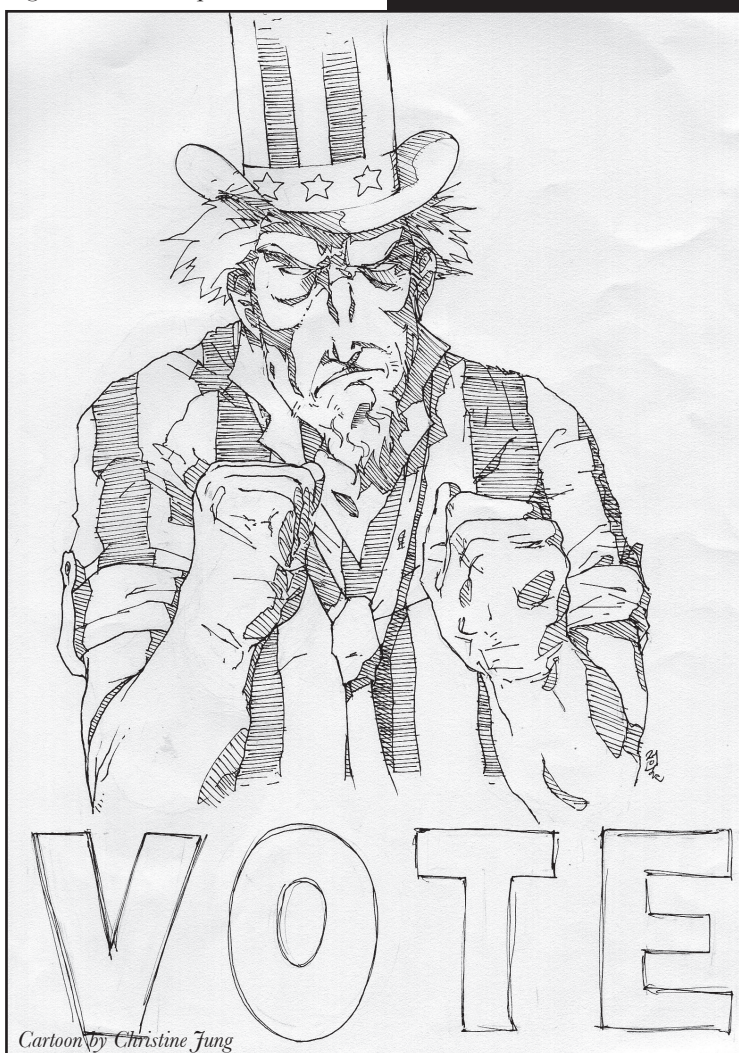
Today, Australia boasts a voter turnout of ninety-five percent of applicable citizens. For those who choose not to vote, the consequence is a \$15 fine. Despite this negligible punishment, the country enjoys poll numbers that dwarf those in the U.S. The only downside lies in purposefully random votes cast by apathetic or protesting citizens. However, the number of these protest votes is much smaller than the number of votes not cast prior to compulsory voting.

The benefits of mandatory voting may even extend into the way in which the political process is conducted. If voting were mandatory, much of the incentive to cater a platform to demographics would disappear, and hopefully students would receive more attention from both the media and the candidates.

In addition, if voting were compulsory, candidates would no longer be forced to energize their party and persuade voters to make the trip to the polls. Ideally, this would allow party candidates to focus on the issues and hopefully reduce some of the sensationalism in the election process.

Most importantly, mandatory voting would produce results that reflect the general preference of the entire society. If every citizen were to cast a vote for the person he or she thought best suited for presidential office, then the very core of America's current political mind-set would be fulfilled.

It is time for Americans to approach voting as a responsibility to their country instead of a wearisome process. After all, it would be naïve to assume that all nonvoters abstain due to moral objections. America's election process is slowly losing out to apathy and the situation will not improve unless action is taken.



What went Wong?

The following article was written by Matt Wong, a senior at La Jolla High who was recently suspended for possession of sandwiches and the intent to sell. Wong created The Sandwich Company to sell students savory and nutritious sandwiches, but the faculty terminated his business because Wong did not comply with the rules and regulations set by San Diego Unified School District:

Recent events with The Sandwich Company have proven how risky it can be when one messes with those in power. Not that I have anything against those who rule La Jolla High—I've learned much about our school and, oddly, I am fully convinced that the faculty collectively has the students' best interest in mind. In the midst of the sandwich passion, Mr. Fairley shook his head in disapproval and said, "Don't resist! The system works in favor of the students." In other words, I will forever remember: the school is our ally.

I quickly realized my chances of running an underground sandwich delivery system

modeled after the 1960's Boston Irish mafia were slim. I was not ready to break rules again to bring back The

the invasion of foreign officials and the end of my personal liberties. And hey, I have reason to sympathize with Iran

and Godspeed, Ahmadinejad! Perhaps had it not been for the illegitimate sandwich operations on day one, January

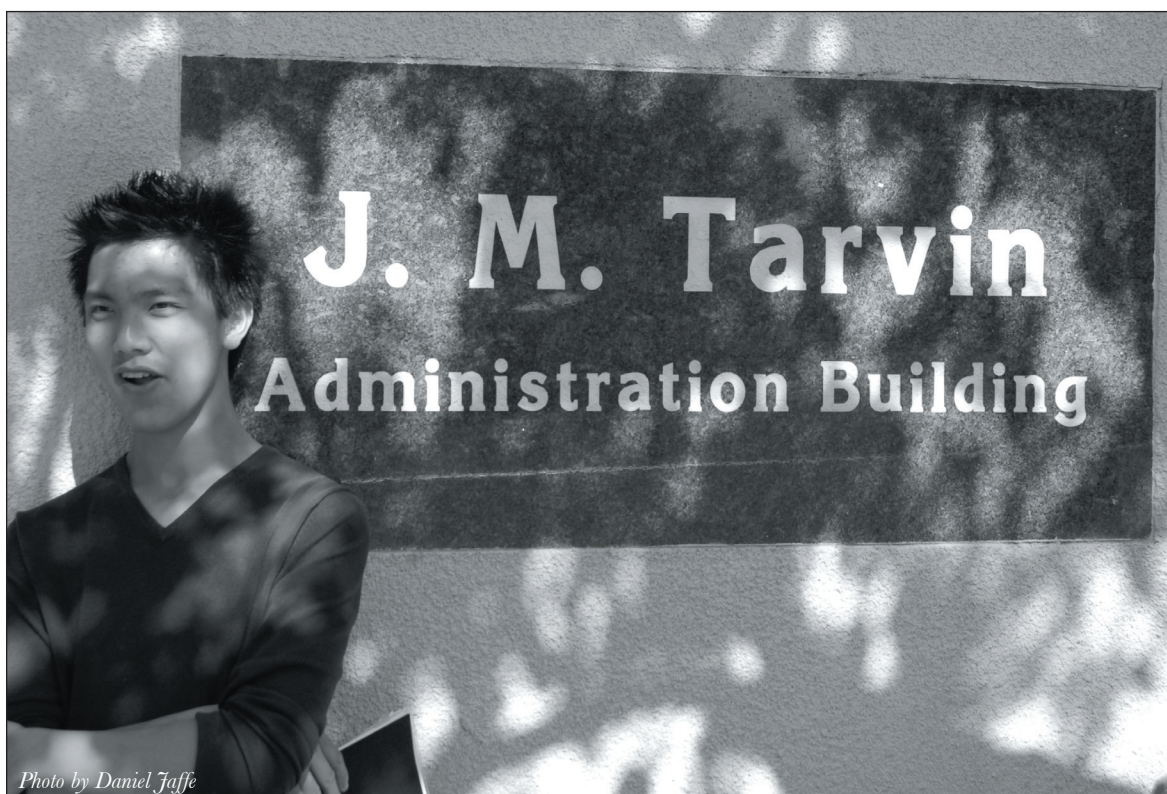
out a deal with orange and grapefruit suppliers to start up a mini-juice stand. In addition, we are working with clubs and sports teams to organize cooperative-fundraisers abiding SDUSD administrative procedure 2265 "Fiscal Management, Associated Student Body." No shady stuff anymore.

I could go on and on about what makes a sandwich great—the freshness of the ingredients, the balance, and the bread texture....Anyways, the first day I started taking orders, I felt this sense of liberation.

The sandwiches (or should I say, the excellent photos on the menu) had a magical way of bringing people—people I didn't even know—together.

This isn't nonsense. It has been the closest sensation of community (whatever that word has ever meant about school) I have ever felt.

The Sandwich Company could have united students together and encouraged them to have greater pride in their lunches, daily lives, and school. Unfortunately, The Sandwich Company (and students' morale) was brutally rebuffed.



Sandwich Company, despite positive feedback from satisfied customers.

To my dismay, I was forced to decide the future of The Sandwich Company as carefully as constructing an Iranian nuclear device. One ill-conceived move could result in

—claiming that my sandwiches are delicious and healthy to the school administration is probably as frustrating as telling the world that enriching uranium for peaceful purposes would increase Middle-Eastern stability and curb the effects of global warming. Good luck

15th 2008, there might have been hope for a better lunch at La Jolla High.

The Sandwich Company is not dead. Don't even joke about that—it hurts my feelings. In fact, I see a bright, bright future ahead for us.

Currently we are working

Seniors too cool for school

By Kelsey Pouk
Staff Writer

Second semester brings La Jolla High even closer to summer, but to seniors, it seems pointless. After applying to countless colleges, working tirelessly on assignment after assignment, and sitting down to take the last midterms of their high school careers, most of the upper class has had enough.

"After my senior exhibition, I feel like I am pretty much done," said senior Ashley Fu.

Midyear reports have been sent and filed, a good portion of students have been accepted by their first choice schools, and all the typical senior wants to do is kick back, relax, and wait for summer.

Senioritis runs rampant until graduation, the AP's signal a solid month of in-class movies, and the last thing any seventeen or eighteen year old wants to do is sit down to their English homework.

Why does the school stress that the last semester of high school be just as demanding as the previous ones even though their students have put in a stellar amount of effort?

Once colleges accept a student, they see no need to work as hard in high school.

By this last stretch of public education, grades cease to matter and students slack off. By piling on work, the school is doing itself a disservice.

"Senior year is supposed to be your most memorable year, and, in second semester, academics will not be my main focus," said senior Spencer Morgan.

Education has never been more important, especially now in a society where a college degree is almost the bare minimum in the real world of work.

Those last months of high school are so difficult to thrive in, simply because the majority is burned out.

Seniors have worked their hardest to be able to send in an excellent midyear report and

now want to rest. Teachers see senioritis creeping in and try to squash it with pounds of homework and tests, but instead they see their shining stars fading. Why? Because seniors feel they have worked hard enough. And they have.

high school atmosphere is characterized by the mantra: memorize, regurgitate, and forget.

The clamor for 5.0's and top 10 class ranking is like society's grab at wealth; it may get you somewhere or get you

something nice, but in the end, what has anyone really gained?

While high schoolers will always stress the ever-diminishing value of the 4.0, the senior's last semester should consist of substance, not of quantity.

The district does not need to keep its twelfth grade classes busy, but entertained. The school could use open discussions in class instead of worksheets, group competition tests instead of multiple choice ball-busters, and

projects instead of assigned book reading to keep seniors intellectually stimulated yet not overwhelmed.

Seniors do not want to stop learning; they are just ready for the easy-going college atmosphere instead of a strict high school education where they have to color within the lines.

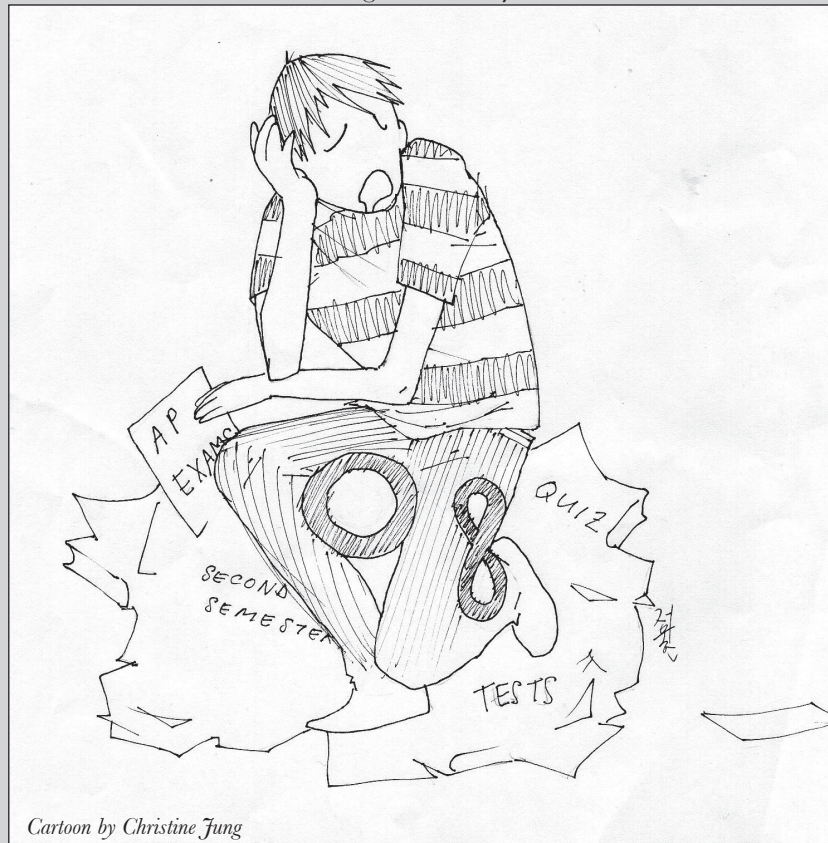
The value of the second semester is not lost on the graduating classes, especially with AP's still looming in the distance.

All the students want is to be patted on the back and congratulated for four years of hard and dedicated work.

If they do not get the reassurance that their work was appreciated, then they will not want to participate.

One less test, a surprise "educational" movie, a couple boxes of doughnuts in the morning; anything to spice up the life they have been living since sixth grade.

Second semester may be difficult and tiresome to finally get through, but if the focus is on learning and not on superficial academic value, then maybe going off to college and saying goodbye to dear old La Jolla High will be a little harder.



Cartoon by Christine Jung

"I'll probably just not do anything senior year," said freshman Scott Fletcher.

The stress of that last semester should not be on the grades each student leaves with, but what they have learned. The

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Cupcake Review

The cupcake is said to have received its name due the amount of ingredients used: a cup of flour, a cup of sugar, and a cup of butter. Found in bakeries, grocery stores, and coffee shops, a variety of cupcakes are sold throughout La Jolla. Whether being used for a celebration or for one’s personal indulgence, cupcakes are the perfect treat for any occasion. Five La Jolla High seniors taste-tested some of these delicious treats.



The Cupcake Connoisseurs

“I eat cupcakes for a living.”
Tristan Hiatt

“Cupcakes always get the party started.”
Yizel Morales

“Cupcakes are my life.”
Danny Breslow



Photos by Daniel Jaffe

“I like my cup-cakes like I like my women; chocolate, sweet, and covered in sprinkles.”
Zac Tobias

“I love to stuff cupcakes in my mouth.”
Angel Mendoza

Trial 1
The Cookie Lady
7596 Fay Avenue

“Tastes like a trip to candyland.”
- Breslow

“It is a big disappointment. I expected more.”
- Mendoza

Trial 2
Pannikin
7458 Girard Avenue

“Yum. Creamy with a sensuous aftertaste of chestnut.” - Tobias

“This feels like an island of chocolate melting in my mouth.”
- Morales

Trial 3
Michelle Coulon
7556 Fay Avenue

“Oh. Oh yeah. It’s milky. It has a high lactose content.”
- Tobias

“Silky like lotion on the skin.”
- Hiatt

Trial 4
Truffles
7857 Girard Avenue

“It tastes like grandma messed up.” - Morales

“This is kind of crusty. It is wiggety wack.”
- Hiatt

Trial 5
Vons
7544 Girard Avenue

“I got butterflies inside when I tasted it.”
- Mendoza

“I can taste the rainbow.”
- Breslow

ASB Ballin

By **Matthew Cordell**
Staff Writer

The time is fast approaching for this year’s ASB Ball. Though not as traditional as prom, the Ball is a fun and extremely classy dance.

With the date of the dance rapidly approaching, the students behind the scenes are working hard to make this year’s ball the best it can possibly be. The theme for this year will be Scarlet and Black and students are expected to dress formally for the occasion.

Scheduled for February 29th, the dance will be held at the La Jolla Marriot from 8 to 11pm. Though the exact price of a single ticket is still unknown, couples can expect to pay roughly \$80 for admission.

To manage the music, ASB has hired Tito the Party Rico as the DJ for the evening, Dippin’ Dots will be served at the dance in addition to chocolate fountains. Though a formal occasion, ASB ball is guaranteed to be a great success.

Staff writers Carey Kennedy and Cody Chapple model the in’s and out’s of ASB fashion



Photos by Ali Cameron

Flashy Girls

- Bright colors
- Vintage hair pins
- Glitter mascara
- Cocktail rings
- Backless dresses

Ombre

Boys

- Tailored blazers
- Matching your date
- Asking girls
- Washing your hair
- Solid color ties
- French blue shirts

Trashy Girls

- Pastel colors
 - Visible bra straps
 - Fishnet tights
 - Too much makeup
 - Ditching your date
 - Chokers
 - Crazy prints
- ## Boys
- Tweed jackets
 - Skate shoes
 - Not asking girls
 - Throwing up on your date
 - Beards
 - Faux hawks
 - Navy blue with black

The Perfect President's Day

Make the most of President's weekend with this day-by-day guide

FRIDAY



By Sarah Wright
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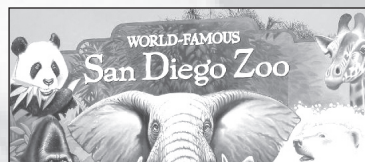
Start the weekend off by going with some friends to the desert for ATV riding. Ocotillo Wells State Recreation Area has over 80,000 acres of desert to ATV through with many diverse trails to explore. It is about 65 miles away has no day fees.

"ATV riding is such an awesome activity to do with your friends," sophomore Wyatt Cuddington said.

On Friday night head down to the Gas Lamp district to see "The Jon Lovitz Comedy Club at Aubergine," show starring comedian Jon Lovitz. The shows start at 9pm and have had reviews complementing the hysterical acts performed.



SATURDAY



The Gieco gecko has inspired the San Diego Zoo to have a gecko exhibit including geckos from across the world. The Zoo is always an interesting experience and is the perfect place to go for a Saturday afternoon with the animals.

Cirque de Soleil is famous for its mystical productions. The newest show, Corteo, will spice up any night with a mix of acrobatics, theatre, comedy and festive spontaneity. The last showing of Corteo will be on Saturday at eight in the evening for this amazing show, priced at \$45.

"This show was such a great experience. The production was colorful and fun and was never boring," freshman Veronica Itskowich said.



SUNDAY



Relax Sunday on a yacht. Whale watching is a great way to escape the world with friends or family. The famous "America" yacht departs from the San Diego Marriott Marina and from there sails to Point Loma. From 11am-3pm, you can see whales and dolphins pop up from the ocean around you while you have a picnic on the yacht.

End Sunday by taking in a movie with some friends. There are many good movies currently in theatres. From horror to comedy to romance, there is a wide variety of films for any viewer. Step Up 2, Jumper, and The Spiderwick Chronicles, Definitely Maybe, and, Fools Gold are all good suggestions for Sunday night.



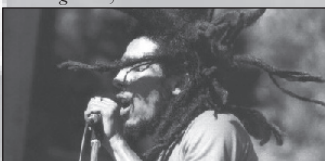
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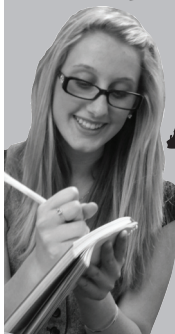
Make breakfast memorable this Monday. Plan with friends to go out to breakfast at a cute cafe. This will let you slow down from your busy weekend so you can catch a breather and just talk with your friends.

The 27th annual Tribute to Reggae Legends Festival, formally known as Bob Marley Day, is Monday the 18th at the San Diego Sports Arena. This festival will end the weekend with over the top performances and all kinds of activities and entertainment. The festival begins at 1pm and continues until 11pm.

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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.

Please submit your questions to *Ask Ali* in room 501.

Dear Ali,

I am a senior and I really just want to go to college. Do you have any ideas on how to enjoy the rest of my senior year? - So Over SD

Dear So Over,

Welcome to my life! Get over yourself as you are not the only person with Senioritis. Look at it this way in ten years you are going to wish you were still in high school. Make the most of it while you are here. It's not like you have any homework anyway.

Dear Ali,

People wrote some mean things about me on the bathroom walls. What can I do to restore my reputation?

- Seeking Revenge

Dear Revenge,

Forget it. By tomorrow it will already have been graffitied over. No one takes anything written on the a bathroom wall seriously anyway. At least not *too* seriously.

Dear Ali,

My boyfriend broke up with me a week before Valentine's Day. I am heartbroken. What can I do to keep my mind off him and enjoy the holiday?

- Loveless in La Jolla

Dear Loveless,

It sounds like tea party time to me. Invite your best girlfriends over and watch a chick flick. Eat ice cream, sandwiches, and drink out of teacups. Trust me, this Valentine's Day is going to be your best one ever.

Dear Ali,

What is a cute way for me to ask the girl I like to ASB Ball? - No Ideas

Dear No Ideas,

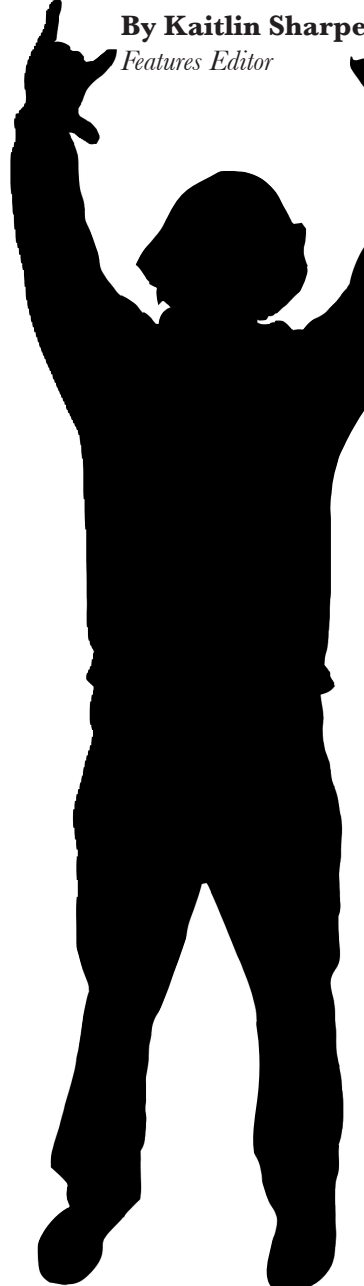
This is a good one, but you can't chicken out. Start in first period by getting someone to put a cookie with an 'A' on her desk. Second period have a friend put a cookie with an 'S' on her desk. Third period have someone put a cookie with a 'B' on her desk. Finally, wait in her fourth period class yourself with a big cookie cake with a '?' on it. This is sure to work; no girl could ever refuse a boy with cookies.

Photo by Kaitlin Sharpe

Guess Who



By Kaitlin Sharpe
Features Editor



The Guess Who from last issue was Melissa Pouk

I cannot tell you my

name, but skim boarding is my game. I go to the beach year round: in fact, I even get sixth period off to pursue the sport of my choice, which my friends and I like to call "banana peeling."

The beach is my home for more reasons than one; I also go there to surf and to hang out with my friends.

After sixth period PE skim, my second favorite class has to be History with Mr. Lawrence. I love his sarcasm and think that it makes the period fly by super fast.

On any given day you could probably catch me down at either "The Wall" or "The Wedge", which happen to be my two favorite spots.



There is more to me than just skim boarding, I also consider myself a first class bagel eater.

In fact, I consider the amount of bagels I have eaten in my lifetime one of my greatest accomplishments.

Food plays a big part in my life. Along with bagels, I also have a special place in my heart for vegemite.

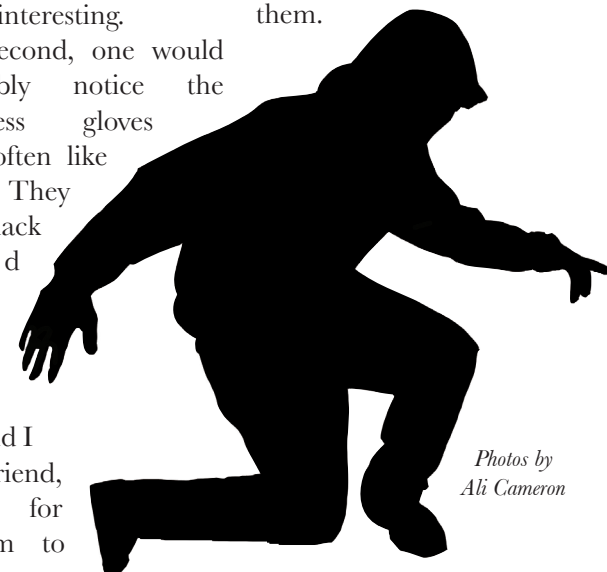
Even though many consider it absolutely disgusting, I find it especially tasty.

At first sight, there are a couple of things people would definitely first notice about me.

First, my socks. They are almost always different and amazing. I pride myself on making them interesting.

Second, one would probably notice the fingerless gloves that I often like to sport. They are black and

white striped, and I thank my friend, D-Tomato, for giving them to



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