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Preuss School UCSD Grade Investigation

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The Preuss School UCSD has recently been involved in a controversial grade investigation. The results of the audit were released, showing that 427 grades were changed without proper documentation.

Students were given weighted grades without actually taking advanced placement or honors courses. The suspicion that lead to the investigation arose from teachers changing grades on the transcripts without having proof that the students actually earned the inflated grade.

The Preuss School UCSD is a charter middle and high school designed to help low-income students from San Diego

prepare for college and lead a successful life.

In order to go to Preuss, the students' parents must not have attended college.

The school is widely acclaimed as one of the most prestigious schools in the nation. In 2007, Preuss was ranked as one of *Newsweek's* top ten charter schools of America and was named a California Distinguished School.

The principal, Doris Alvarez, was asked to leave due to the investigation, along with her son-in-law, Preuss's senior advisor, Phil Ensberg.

The administration says this is the standard protocol and they have not formally been linked

to the grade discrepancies.

An investigation of this magnitude, in relation to grades is not very common in the San Diego Unified School District.

La Jolla High enforces meticulous procedures when changing a student's grade due to clerical errors or the like.

"This appears to be an unfortunate set of circumstances. Here we have very strict guidelines in order to prevent this type of thing from happening," Principal Shelburne said.

Preuss students are outraged by the investigation. A large majority of the students believes the claims are false.

They are very upset that the school's pristine image is being diminished.

"Ever since our school was recognized for all its great accomplishments, many have had this impression that there is this insidious scandal behind our success. But truthfully, we students at Preuss set high goals for ourselves and earn our grades by studying and

completing our work to the best of our ability," one Preuss student said in an interview for signonsandiego.com.

Other Preuss supporters believe the investigation was sparked by something other than grade discrepancies: racism.

"There are people who believe low-income students, and especially students of color, cannot achieve at the highest level. I think that is thinly veiled racism. When something like the Preuss School becomes successful, they try to chip away at the success," Preuss board member Bud Mehan said in an interview for the



Union Tribune.

Preuss seniors are very concerned about how this will effect their college applications.

The grades that were



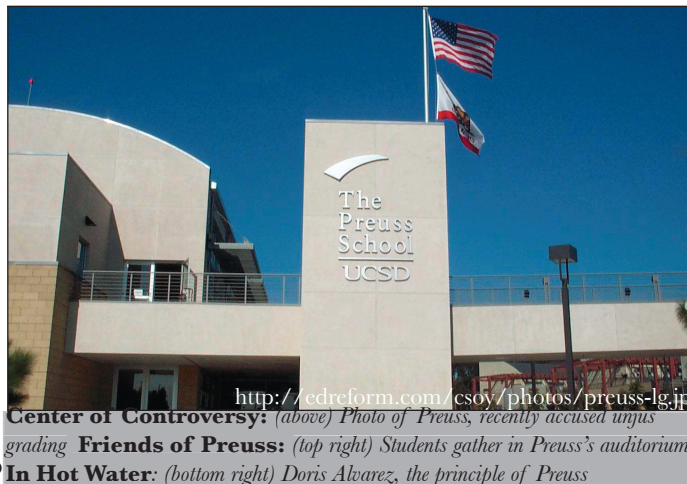
incorrectly recorded were reverted back to the appropriate grade, thus lowering many of the students' overall GPA.

In 5.3 percent of the cases, the students did not qualify for the UC minimum grade requirement, which they would have otherwise qualified for.

A new system is being introduced to prevent this from occurring in the future.

Only two administrators will have the authority to change grades after they have been entered, and all teachers must have the semester grades cosigned by the administration before submitting them.

This new system will give students the accurate, legitimate grade they deserve.



Center of Controversy: (above) Photo of Preuss, recently accused unjust grading **Friends of Preuss:** (top right) Students gather in Preuss's auditorium **In Hot Water:** (bottom right) Doris Alvarez, the principle of Preuss

Improvements to San Diego County's Fire Department

By **Sarah Wright**
Staff Writer

Firefighters and firefighting tools have become more in demand in the past five years because of two wildfires that destroyed over 3,900 homes.

After the October wildfires in southern California destroyed many homes and caused thousands of residents in San Diego county to evacuate, fire awareness and safety has become a big focus to prevent future fires of that magnitude.

Fire Chief Tracy Jarman has asked the San Diego City Council if the county can purchase a second firefighting helicopter and asked that it be ready to fly in August of 2008.

Because the helicopter is needed for safety reasons, Mayor Jerry Sanders has agreed to Jarman's request.

The council will contribute about one million dollars to help pay for this second helicopter, but almost all the remaining finances needed will be received by corporate

donations.

Firefighters have also become more vocal about the tools they need to decrease the amount of homes and lives in danger during wildfires.

There have been requests for at least twenty new fire stations in San Diego County. The council says that it would cost ten million dollars to build one station and two million dollars annually for upkeep.

The National Fire Protection Association has recommended a minimum of one station for

every nine miles.

Because firefighters were sadly under-equipped for the October 2007 fires, they are doing their best to make sure it does not happen again. Jeff

Bowman, former San Diego fire chief, said that he highly recommends and urges the county to obtain at least 50 new

fire engines.

With these new changes to the county's fire stations and equipment, our firefighters will feel prepared for the next firestorm.



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Is America ready for a black president?

America is Far From Colorblind

By Matthew Cordell

Staff Writer

With presidential candidate Barack Obama coming out ahead in the Iowa Caucuses, debate rages anew as to whether or not America is ready for a black president. Obama's reputation for not being corrupted by Washington politics has served him well so far, but in order to win the election he must first break a trend that has been dominating United States politics for over 200 years.

Despite the incredible strides made in civil rights throughout the years, it remains undeniable that United States government officials are predominantly white. Racial equality in the government is still in its fledgling status and it is simply too soon for an African American to become President of the United States.

In the history of the United States, there have been only 122 black congressmen, five of whom were or are currently senators. In the current United States Congress there are exactly 540 members. Needless to say, blacks make up a small minority within congress and the under representation has made it difficult to establish a firm foothold in higher office.

At the moment, Obama is the Senate's only black member. It is fatally naïve to assume that Americans who are hesitant to vote African Americans into Congress would work cooperatively under an African American president.

"In past elections, people have not willingly accepted African American people for important jobs in the government. What makes America think that its citizens would gather behind an African American in a Presidential election? If people don't accept an African American as their governor, how would they accept them in the most powerful job in the nation?" sophomore Christian Gerstoft said.

Every single American president in United States history has been a white, Christian male. Naturally, the first candidate to break this longstanding trend will face the

most resistance, on the basis of perserving what is familiar. This coming presidency will prove very difficult no matter who wins the election. With the War in Iraq and looming economic troubles, the new president will have to work very hard to solve some of the most difficult problems facing the country today. America cannot afford to elect a president

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who will face these seemingly insurmountable problems with the added pressures of pacifying America's bigots and gaining the respect of those slow to accept change. Hatred runs much too deeply in this country for any non-white President to serve an unchallenged term.

"America is culturally not prepared for a President of any race other than white. There are still citizens who have lived through a time when people were segregated, so it is close to impossible for them to get past a history so rooted in racism. The United States will probably not see a black President for at least another twenty years," an anonymous student said.

Although it speaks pathetically of the United States that so many of its citizens are uncomfortable with the prospect of an African American Commander in Chief, the fact is that people who hold these beliefs exist in numbers that cannot be ignored. According to a poll recently done by CNN, seventy two percent of white Americans feel that America is ready for a black President. This means that twenty eight percent of white Americans unapologetically feel that America is not ready for a black leader.

Americans would do themselves a grave disservice in acting solely on their optimism and neglecting the obvious detrimental consequences of electing an African American President.

History in the Making

By Amy Twohig

Opinions Editor

The moment Barack Obama won the Iowa Caucuses was the moment when many Americans were forced to seriously consider whether or not they felt ready to welcome an African American President to the White House. The sad truth is that whenever someone asks "Is America ready for a black president?" they really mean "Are white Americans ready for a black president?" It speaks embarrassingly of the United States that this question so obviously caters to white America and white

said.

Haven't Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and many other prominent figures of the Civil Rights movement already instilled in the minds of Americans that skin color determines nothing about a man but the density of his pigment? Americans should disregard the skin color of Presidential candidates—and for that matter, their sex, sexual orientation, and religion—in favor of focusing on the candidate's character and values. If Americans can shake off their own closed-mindedness and vote for the candidate who is best qualified for the job, then American citizens will quickly realize that they are ready to see an African American become President.

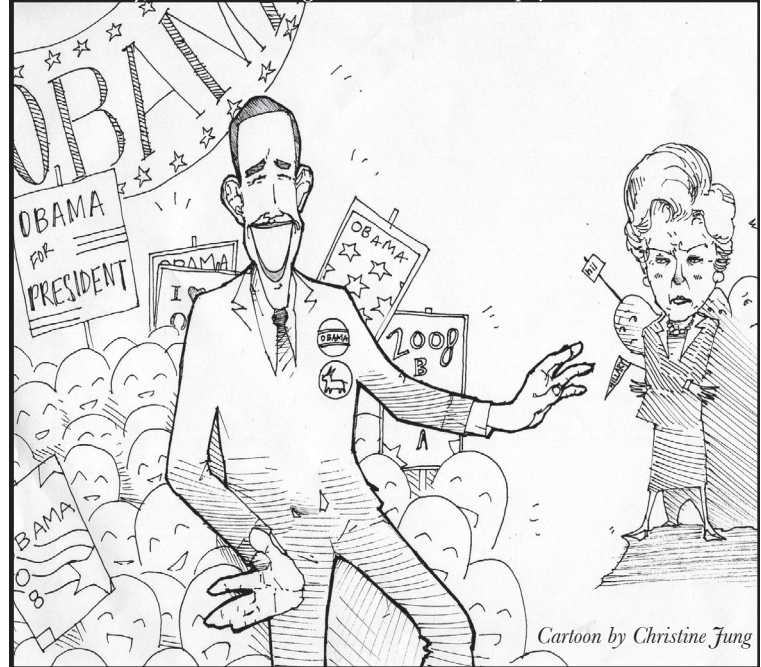
America alone.

The United States is supposed to be a country that operates on the belief that all men are created equal and thus entitled to fair treatment under the law and in society. The fact that the question of whether or not Americans feel comfortable being led by an African American President is being seriously asked, belittles the ideals that America was founded on and the struggles and progress made during the Civil Rights Movement.

"It seems silly that Americans pride themselves on gapping the racial bridge during the Civil Rights movements of the 1960's, because this issue is now causing so much unnecessary controversy," senior Lulu Jones

"It is the 21st century," senior Micheal Gartmen said. "Do people seriously think we are not ready for a black president?"

Right now, America is in dire need of change: the War in Iraq needs to reach an end, our economy needs to improve, and many domestic and foreign affairs need to be settled. Most importantly, America needs a leader who can bring about this change. It would be a travesty for Americans to overlook Obama as a serious Presidential candidate because they are stuck in the pathetic mindset that only white is right. As our current president so clearly illustrates, this is simply not so.



Cartoon by Christine Jung

Teenage Pregnancy 101

Starring Jamie Lynn Spears

By Sarah Wright
Staff Writer

Teen movies, high school gossip, and a recently disgraced Nickelodeon star serve to remind America that teenagers have sex. Unfortunately, unprotected sex has dire consequences, ranging from the contraction of AIDS to the conception of a baby. Teenagers, who are often convinced of their infallibility - commonly make the mistake of not using protection and detrimental consequences result.

With the recently announced pregnancy of young celebrity Jamie Lynn Spears, teen pregnancy has become a hot issue.

Spears made an admirable decision in keeping her baby. In a time when most teens would have gotten an abortion to avoid the adversity of carrying out a pregnancy and raising a child in the spotlight, Spears courageously took on this responsibility. Spears has acted maturely in accepting the consequences of her actions.

This decision has created quite a stir in the entertainment field and angered many parents of children who watch Spears' television show *Zoey 101*.

Unfortunately, the executives at Nickelodeon, the station that airs Spears' show, have announced that they might cancel the show after this season ends. One mistake

should not ruin Spears' career and *Zoey 101* should continue to air.

"Anytime a celebrity gets pregnant, people are going to disagree, but the choice should be the celebrity's as to whether or not her show airs," freshman Bay Burnson said.

The television station made a bold move that will allow the media to reinforce the idea that although mistakes happen, life must go on.

This debacle has potential to have positive effects on the children who watch *Zoey 101* and their parents.

abstinence or safe sex practices.

"At least this situation could help foster communication between parents and their children," senior Noah Brau said. "Parents should tell their young children not to have sex until they are older."

Spears' situation is a perfect learning example for children and teens. Although Spears made a mistake, she corrected it to the best of her ability by accepting the responsibility of her actions and keeping her baby. Spears' experience teaches children that their actions have consequences.

As a sixteen year old, Spears should be pondering where to go on her senior trip and what colleges to visit. Instead, she is thinking about the future of her child.

Since the news of Spears' pregnancy, fan numbers have gone up and Nickelodeon is planning on having a special about teen pregnancy.

Spears' crisis has intrigued viewers - perhaps they want to support the young actress, as they rightly should. Spears has handled her mistake to the best of her ability. Nickelodeon made the right decision by backing Spears' decision and turning her mistake into a lesson for children and young teens. The hounding media should settle down and allow this young woman to raise her child.



Cartoon by Christine Jung

After Spears' pregnancy was publicized, Nickelodeon asserted they would support Spears and the decision she

The unexpected pregnancy will encourage parents to discuss how to avoid teenage pregnancy, either through

They said what?

A few outlandish, humorous, and/or off the wall comments made by
2008 Presidential candidates

By Allison Marsh
Editor-In-Chief

"I'm not a big-gamehunter. I've made that very clear, I've always been a rodent and rabbit hunter. Small varmints, if you will. I began when I was 15 or so and I have hunted those kinds of varmints since then. More than two times."

Republican Mitt Romney

High Tide commentary: While the nature of this comment is disconcerting, it is nice to know that Mitt Romney is actually doing something to actively combat the rodent and varmit problem that plagues many Americans.

"The kind of change that the Democrats want to bring about is to take the change out of your pocket."

Republican Rudy Giuliani

HT: The attempt at humor is appreciated but falls short of anything that would make most people laugh out loud.

Response to the comment about how she is not well liked. "Well that hurts my feelings."

Democrat Hillary Clinton

HT: It is nice to know that Senator Clinton has shed some of her rough and tough image and showed a little vulnerability. However people usually stop saying "You hurt my feelings" by the time they graduate elementary school.

"Freedom is about authority. Freedom is about the willingness of every single human being to cede to lawful authority a great deal of discretion about what you do."

Republican Rudy Guiliani

HT: It is ironic that Guiliani defines freedom as something people have to do. Usually freedom conjurs an image of free will and personal liberties. One can only imagine the changes Guiliani will implement if elected into office.

"My friends, let me remind you that we lost no battles in Vietnam."

Republican John McCain

HT: This comment speaks for itself. If this is truly the way McCain feels then this comment should disqualify him from the Presidential race.

"From here on out, we make this country better than we left it. I mean leave it better than we found it."

Democrat John Edwards

HT: A slight slip of the tounge is usually unnoticeable. However, if the person is a Presidential candidate, then it is broadcast to the entire United States of America and watched over and over again by viewers on YouTube.

Politically Incorrect

By Natalie Barringer
Staff Writer

As the election year unfolds, students at La Jolla High are voicing loud opinions about the presidential candidates. But sadly, few students are nearly as well informed as they believe themselves to be. Many teenagers simply echo their friends' opinions or those they hear on television.

One of the most common methods of campaigning used by political candidates today is to make exaggerated claims of their opponents' negative qualities. The average young adult accepts this mud-slinging as fact.

"My friend Rochelle* thinks that Hillary Clinton is a socialist," senior Jennifer Lee said.

Lee's friend has most likely heard Republican presidential candidates attack Clinton's position in favor of free universal healthcare. In actuality, Clinton is far from being a socialist. She does not wish to abolish the capitalist system, but merely plans to reform the way in which Americans receive healthcare.

It is dangerous for young people to accept word of mouth as truth when it comes to electing the leader of the free world. Sadly, because Joe from English class asserts that Clinton is a socialist, his peers do not question it.

"A friend of mine heard and actually believed that Barack Obama wanted to end all trade relations with China," senior Fletcher Huntley said.

Obama is not opposed to cordial relations with China; he merely takes the wise position of wanting to examine China's fiscal and monetary policy more closely, because of how dependent the US is becoming on Chinese manufacturing.

It is important that young people do not accept mud-slung rumors as truth. As primaries begin and the general election draws closer, it is important that the youth of America, who hold the future of this country in their hands, learn to take what they hear on television at face value. All voters should research the candidates so they can make an informed decision and vote based on fact and not fiction or rumor.

*names have been changed

Guess Who

By **Dario Aharpour**
Staff Writer

I am not the average girl. My life is never calm and I am always doing

something. People describe me as an overachiever because I always put as much effort into my work as I can. The urge to try to make everything flawless compels me to work harder. Usually, I try to rush home as soon as possible just so I can finish my homework and study for my tests.

However, people have limits and I do have a limit for work; I remind you that I am not a robot even though it would seem as if I work like one. My sister is my role model and I look up to her whenever I am in doubt. My sister is a senior here at La Jolla High, and I know it will be hard to say goodbye to her when she graduates. Getting attached to people is my Achilles heel—I cannot bear to lose them. At La Jolla High School, you have all met me whether you know it or not. You will always see me carrying my “Little Brown Bag” wherever I go. I ran for president of my class and spoke in front of the entire freshman class. Going to dances is not the only thing I do, I also set

them up. I am not someone who merely attends school events, I plan them. I do not have the luxury of going home after a long day at school, sometimes I have to stay and attend meetings and continue my educational activities. One of my main goals in high school is to stay in the ASB program. Staying in ASB will help me throughout my high school career. To be President of my grade one day is something that will be one of my goals throughout high school. I believe all of this will

be beneficial to my future, including the college I go to. It may be difficult to spot me at times, but that is only because I am always on the move. I am not short, I am petite and growing. Being a fifteen-year-old surrounded by fourteen-year-olds is not a fun world, either. This may be why people describe me as mature. Whenever work is not the first activity on my agenda, I commit myself to volunteer work. Being involved in programs outside of school such as National Charity League is fun as well as morally satisfying. This year my objective is helping the elderly by visiting them and keeping them company. I also enjoy hanging out with my friends and having a good time. With all the talents I am gifted with, I do not take them for granted. They push me forward helping me to do my best. Somehow I am able to juggle friends, extra-curricular activities,

school, after school programs, and taking care of my two cats, without slipping up. Honestly, I have no idea how I do it. I am someone who always looks at things in a positive light and if you see me I will always have a smile.

The Guess Who from last issue was Matt Schanzlin.

Photos by Daniel Jaffe

CORDELL'S Candidate Corner: Mike Huckabee

By **Matthew Cordell**
Staff Writer

Michael Dale Huckabee is a Republican candidate for the 2008 presidential election. Huckabee served as the governor of Arkansas from 1996-2007 and gained distinction for his positive approach to the state's energy crisis.

His campaign has been somewhat of an underdog story, yet he came out ahead in the polls after the Iowa Caucus.

Huckabee has built a platform supporting the war in Iraq and advocating secure borders. In addition, he is firmly against gun control and has adopted a pro-life stance.

His religious views have raised some controversy as he is an outspoken defender of creationism and has recently attributed his success to divine intervention.

Interestingly enough, Huckabee has received a great deal of praise for his personality, said to be warm and gently persuasive.

Huckabee has generated negative press by making insensitive remarks regarding

Mormonism and HIV treatment. He is a strong advocate of diet and weight loss.

Huckabee is currently a member of a rock band known as Capitol Offense.

His victory in the Iowa Caucuses was a surprising and extremely beneficial event that has firmly placed Huckabee at the front of the race.



We ought to be people of compassion. And being people of compassion means we deny ourselves, and our self centeredness.

-Mike Huckabee

Photo courtesy of lighthousepatriotjournal.files.wordpress.com.

SUPER SHOES

Kick it in style with outrageous footwear

By **Angie Rosal-White**
Staff Writer

Wearing shoes is an everyday occurrence, so why not spice it up a little? Walk the halls in these out of the ordinary styles and everyone at school will be curious as to where to find such snazzy sneakers.

ECOSNEAKERS
\$25-130

Ecosneakers are not just another Vans or Converse imitation. These shoes are the definition of eco-friendly. Ecosneakers are made from a variety of materials including recycled car tires, plastic bottles, and cotton linings. Recycled shoes are not only helpful to the environment but also fashion forward.

“It is cool to do a good thing for the environment and get shoes out of it too,” sophomore Katie Walsh said.



VIBRAM FIVE FINGERS
\$70-100

Sick of wearing uncomfortable shoes? Rather go walking around school barefoot? Vibram Five Fingers shoes separate your toes for a more natural

and comfortable run or walk. These shoes let you feel the ground in a way that normal shoes cannot. They are so light that it feels as if you are not wearing them at all.



“Not only do these shoes look cool, but they are so uncool that they are cool, I would totally buy them,” junior Brendan Nyhan said.

Five Fingers are not just for comfortable running or walking. They can be used for unique pastimes, such as Chi Running, bouldering, kayaking and windsurfing.

ONESOLE SHOES
\$79.99

Onesole shoes are not just sandals. These shoes can be easily customized to match any personality. The strap that holds the foot against the

sole can be changed to match individual style, personality or mood. Onesole straps have many different patterns and colors that can be removed from the sole. No longer is a closet full of shoes necessary to match your outfit, instead all you need is one pair of Onesole sandals and all other shoes will be history.

“These shoes are definitely convenient to lessen the load in one's luggage,” freshman Mona Maruyama said.



WORN AGAIN RUNNING SHOES
\$69.99

Bring adventure to your feet with Worn Again running shoes. This distinguishable footwear is made from prison blankets, ex-military parachutes and towels. Break out of the ordinary with these shoes.

“I think it is cool that these shoes are made out of prison blankets, since half of my family has been in jail. It's like I am connecting to them from these shoes,” senior Brady Miller said.

Worn Again running shoes are sure to last 25 years to life.

Everyday Holidays

Quirky or cool, these wacky holidays are something to celebrate.



National Kazoo Day
January 28

National Carrot Day
February 3



National Popcorn Day
February 4



National Frozen Yogurt Day
February 6





OFF THE BEATEN PATH



San Diego is home to a variety of adventurous hiking trails

By Kaitlin Sharpe
Staff Writer

ROSE CANYON PARK



Right off the freeway in University City, Rose Canyon Park is a small oasis just a stone's throw from La Jolla. With trails that alternate between wide open fields and small weaving forests, Rose Canyon is sure to leave any hiker guessing. This four mile canyon is full of interesting trails that serve both hikers and mountain bikers.

When hiking through the trails, be sure to take note of the coastal sage, chaparral, and live oak woodlands. Within this unique wilderness lies over one hundred endangered species along with rabbits, deer, and rattlesnakes.

"Last time I went hiking in Rose Canyon a rattlesnake was lying in the middle of the trail," junior Caitlin Parmer said. "It was pretty scary at first, but then I realized how awesome it was to observe something so wild in its natural habitat."

If one is willing to brave the wild animals, Rose Canyon Park is a wonderful picnic spot. With the \$1 million renovation that is now in progress, the Rose Canyon Park is now, more than ever, a great destination for hikers.

TORREY PINES STATE RESERVE



For an exhilarating sea breeze while hiking, Torrey Pines State Reserve is an unparalleled experience. Nestled in the cliffs adjacent to the Pacific Coast between La Jolla and Del Mar, it is a prime hiking location with over eight miles of trails. Hikers can enjoy sweeping ocean views on the sandy trails, and if you are looking for a hard work out, the trails are easy enough to run on.

For those who appreciate nature, The Torrey Pines State Reserve will serve a special purpose. It is one of the only two places in the United States that has naturally grown Pinus Torreyanas, the rarest pine trees in the nation.

"People don't realize how rare the trees at Torrey Pines are," senior Gina Schumacher said. "For us to just be able to walk through them is pretty amazing. We get to enjoy them along with the view of the coastline, which is a marvel of its own."

The Reserve opens at 8 a.m. daily and closes at sunset, so it makes a great day trip. Do not forget to bring the \$8 per car parking fee, and be ready for an experience like no other.

MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK



For those more interested in historical and informative hiking, Mission Trails Regional Park is a great choice. Boasting the nicest Visitor Center in a public park in San Diego, Mission Trails provides an experience like no other. With four daily shows that describe the trails and the history behind them, hikers will be prepared for their surroundings before they even hit the path.

Nine separate trails are present in the Gorge, many which parallel the beautiful San Diego River. The River trails then lead to the historical remnants of an original San Diego Mission. Hikers are invited to walk through the remains of Mission Gorge.

"I love hiking in Mission Trails because it offers many different venues of entertainment," junior Aru Gonzalez said. "Whether it be bird watching or competitive speed walking, Mission Trails is the best place to go."

Even though Mission Trails Regional Park is a great educational experience, its trails may be too easy for the avid hiker. Mission Trails is an area intended for recreational walking, not workouts.

STAR STUDENT: Luke Marinkovich

By Erika Ostroff
Editorial Intern

La Jolla High School's very own Luke Marinkovich is on his way to the Big Apple, where he will study theatre at the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. This rising star could be La Jolla

HT: What is your professional goal once you have completed your theatre studies at NYU?

LM: Broadway is always my ultimate goal but I never know where I will land. For now, I would love to see myself working show after show in New York. It is hard to be an actor because there are always

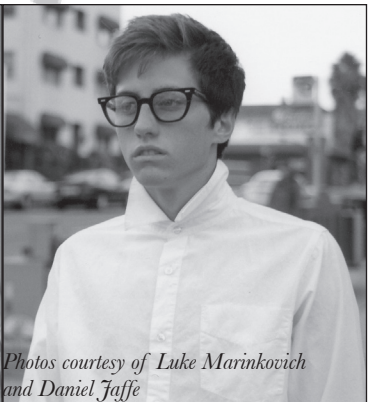
and the Emcee in *Cabaret*.

HT: What awards have you received?

LM: I just received a San Diego Critics Circle-Craig Noel Award for Outstanding Featured Actor in a play and the Patte Award and Scholarship for Promising Young Theatre Makers. I have also won a National Youth

LM: I have worked with and know some people currently on Broadway. I have met with Kevin Spacey, Tim Curry, David Hyde Pierce, Hank Azaria, and some other really good actors. It is exciting but you are reminded that they are just actors who want to

LM: Every now and then a person will stay after to meet me or meet the cast to tell me that the show touched them in one way or another. Either they had a personal experience with what happened on stage or something clicked for them watching the show. It is hard to explain: but, when people take



Photos courtesy of Luke Marinkovich and Daniel Jaffe

High's next claim to fame.

High Tide: When did you begin your acting career?

Luke Marinkovich: I did my first show when I was in kindergarten, but my first professional show was in 4th grade.

HT: Was there a definitive moment in your life that made you realize acting was your passion?

LM: I have always seemed to be in love with theatre. Every night that I step on stage it seems to reinforce the fact that this is what I will do for the rest of my life.

1000 guys competing for one part. To always have a job is very tough, but it can be done.

HT: What were some of your favorite roles?

LM: The last show I did was a complete blast. I played a freshman math genius in high school. He was very vulnerable and fun to play; it was cool to see high school from a completely different perspective now that I am a senior. The last couple of years I have been so fortunate to play some really wonderful roles like Valjean in *Les Mis*, Younger Brother in *Ragtime*

theatre award for Outstanding Actor in a musical and a Director's Choice award for Best Comedic actor.

HT: Do you have a favorite actor that inspires you?

LM: I have always looked up to actors like Brando, Spacey, Pacino and Hoffman. However, I learn the most from the people who have raised me in the industry. This profession can involve backstabbing and I have learned to keep my integrity from my older mentors.

HT: Have you worked with anyone famous?

work.

HT: Do you have any specific rituals or traditions before curtain call?

LM: I try to clear my head about the show I just did that night. You can't go into a next show with a preconception of how things should go or how they shouldn't, it just screws you up. I just need to forget everything that went well or didn't go well and go into the next show.

HT: What is the best part about being an actor?

the time to me to tell me that the work I did changed them, it is quite remarkable, because that is exactly why I do this.

HT: Since you will be studying in New York for at least the next four years, do you have any plans that might include performing Broadway?

LM: I have always been told not to drop out of school for a show on Broadway but NYU is really encouraging and gracious to actors who land roles in big shows, so we will see. You never know what is coming next in this business but for right now my education is first.

What is Your Personality Type?

The Guardian

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Characteristics There is more to a “Guardian” than a person who guards, protects, and preserves. In fact, several distinct personality traits belong to a Guardian. These traits range from the typical nurturer and caregiver, to someone who holds great positions of authority and always gets the job done. Generally, a Guardian is dependable and trustworthy, never lacking courage or drive, yet they are always cautious. Guardian personality types are usually 100 percent reliable and obsess over punctuality. It is not unusual for a Guardian to fear change and thrive on routine, happily adhering to a schedule. As expected, Guardians are often concerned with the protection and security of others. Their compassionate, sympathetic, and nurturing actions warm the hearts of those around them. They can be friendly, outgoing, and even gregarious. Known for taking charge, and commanding respect, guardians may sometimes come off a bit harsh, but deep down, their intentions stem from caring.

Occupation Any Guardians out there seeking employment? Well here are some possible jobs that would suit a Guardian. The proverbial Guardian can easily find satisfaction as a bodyguard, security guard, police officer, firefighter or any other profession with those eager to risk personal safety for the sake of others. Additionally, their great leadership skills and ability to follow through make them exceptional chairpersons or institutional leaders, such as the CEO of a company. After all, what enterprise would not want a hardworking, caring, and dedicated individual? Jobs involving children or the disabled also fit the Guardian mold since serving others yields them great satisfaction. A Guardian's good ethics and morals are an asset to school and community environments. Such endless effort and generosity are always in demand.

Compatibility As a life partner or just a friend, the Idealist would be most compatible with the Guardian when embarking on a lifelong journey of companionship. Like the Guardian, the Idealist is nurturing, constantly making sure the needs of others are met. Both are strong leaders, but at the same time find great pleasure in working with people. Their satisfaction with who they are and what they can accomplish in life outweighs their position in the material world. The Idealist's never-ending abyss of love is sure to capture his or her partner's heart.

Our Guardian There is no question that senior Whitney Wing, La Jolla High School's ASB president is a Guardian. As president of the Associated Student Body and as an ambassador of our school, Wing is constantly on the run, managing a full load. Nevertheless, Wing is on top of her numerous assignments, meetings, and projects, always getting the job done. Holding the most authoritative position a student may have on campus, her peers regularly look up to her, seeking advice and gaining knowledge. Constantly conducting meetings, and overseeing various school-wide activities, a schedule or calendar is vital for her daily routine. Wing's patience and down-to-earth attitude are ideal attributes to working successfully with her fellow ASB members. Like a true Guardian, Whitney Wing puts the pedal to the metal and races to the top.



The Artisan

By Carrie Lowe
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Characteristics As people, Artisans are fun loving, optimistic and realistic, with a spontaneous and lively personality. They are exciting and down to earth, always focused on the present situation. Like the name suggests, Artisans are naturally able to excel at the arts, such as painting, music and theatre. They are most comfortable in situations where objects are real and right in front of them. Artisans are extremely in touch with their senses and like to use their hands. They are hard working and usually work very hard to get whatever they want. However, this may become a hindrance because they will do anything, rules or no rules, to accomplish their goals. Artisans are competitive, but adaptable and impulsive, which makes them unconventional. They love excitement and believe that things that are not fun are a waste of time. Artisans live in the moment, taking each moment as if it is the last they will ever live.

Occupation Artisans are most happy with jobs that are thrilling and impulsive. Jobs where sitting at desks doing monotonous work is the worst kind of job for Artisans, for their spur-of-the-moment and hard working traits are best used for jobs most others don't want to do. An on-scene journalist is a great job for an Artisan. It is fast paced, but also requires a lot of hard work. Being a doctor is also a good job for Artisans. Doctors work in a stressful, but rushed environment and becoming one requires a great deal of persistence and perseverance.

Compatibility Because their lively personality can sometimes turn people off, Artisans are best with people who are just like them: energetic and wild. Although they can clash by being too hard working, competitive and bold, two Artisans together can create beauty, grace, fun and excitement. Idealists are enthusiastic and loving, which compliments an Artisan's personality perfectly.

Our Artisan Freshman Kersten Morgan lives the life of an ideal Artisan. Described by her friends as being vivacious and full of life, Morgan participates in many sports such as lacrosse, volleyball and horseback riding. She is also a favorite of teachers, a hard worker and an intellectual person. Morgan aspires to be a veterinarian later in life and is working well towards that goal. Her vivaciousness is a quality that many people envy. Her outgoing demeanor draws people to Morgan, giving her a wide circle of friends who enhance her creative-side. Free-expression and opportunities to express herself in a variety of ways is very important to Morgan.



THE RATIONAL

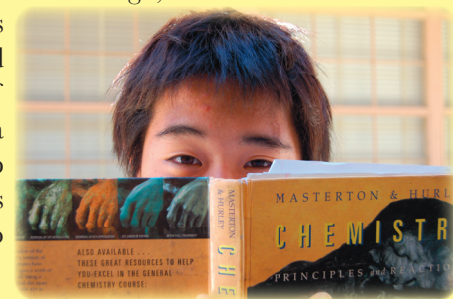
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CHARACTERISTICS The Rational may be skeptical of most situations, focusing on solving the problems life throws at him or her. They tend to stay calm, even in the most complex situations, simply because they understand how to logically analyze the system. They are usually smart, very independent, and lead remarkably well. They are strongly motivated and are very reasonable. Natural problem-solvers, they love to learn and do so in every way possible. Figuring out the way things work is how they find peace in complexity and technology only presents them with opportunities to further debunk problems. No issue is too big or too small, too natural or too technological for The Rational since they break it down into manageable pieces. Their goals are of extreme importance and they try very hard to accomplish them, no matter what they have to do. They don't bother themselves with being perfect in the eyes of others or conforming, but rather go the way their gut leads them. They strive for efficiency and abhor wasting time. In general, Rationals value intelligence and use theirs to better and further our world.

OCCUPATION The architect is often a Rational, given their ability to build from scratch, especially considering the layout of buildings and how to make everything come together. Air traffic control is also another common career, given the degree of extreme organization required to do the job well. The inventor is obviously a Rational because they have to find out how things work and subsequently create new and efficient ways to do things. Electricians, surgical technologists, and biomedical engineers are all possible careers for Rationals considering that most jobs need someone to figure out the way things fit together.

COMPATIBILITY In life and love, the Rational does best with a realistic person, such as the Guardian, who has both feet on the ground and uses time wisely. A reasonably well-tempered mate, the Rational is not easily riled, unless its partner is particularly unreasonable and will not look at things objectively. Even though a Rational does best with a levelheaded partner, sometimes great things can come from pairing up with someone more spontaneous, such as the Artisan. As long as the Rational is more lighthearted towards life, the Artisan would help put their practicality into art. The Rational dislikes laziness and ignorance, so a very stubborn mate is not the best match as Rationals tend to be powerful and can see a flaw even if the other person does not. They should seek relationships with other intelligent people that have a creative streak. Opposites attract, but the Rational must really go out on a limb if they pursue those that follow a wilder walk in life.

OUR RATIONAL Akio Mitsunaga is one of the few Rationals at La Jolla High. “I am a very independent person,” said Mitsunaga. When asked to define his most rational trait, he immediately turned to his self-sufficiency. As a career, being a musician or a writer sounded fun, but he also stated that the goal was more of a fantasy. “I’m pretty organized most of the time,” he said. While Rationals tend to be extremely orderly, a little messiness is expected in high school. His intelligence made up for his lack of organization, and he offered words of advice to all his fellow Rationals: “I make good decisions for the most part, but no one can make them all the time,” Mitsunaga said.



QUIZ: WHO AM I?

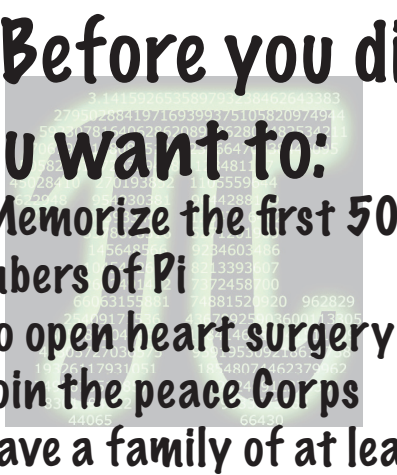
1. Your dream car is:
a. Prius
b. Mercedes Station Wagon
c. Self Parking Lexus
d. VW Convertible Bug



2. Your favorite kind of music is:
a. Pop
b. Rock
c. R&B
d. Classical



3. Before you die you want to:
a. Memorize the first 500 numbers of Pi
b. Do open heart surgery
c. Join the peace Corps
d. Have a family of at least 3



4. Your favorite T.V. show is:
a. Lifetime
b. Discovery Channel
c. H.G.T.V.
d. C.N.N.



5. the best place to take a date is:
a. A pop-art gallery
b. An air show
c. A beach picnic
d. A homemade dinner and movie on the couch



6. At all times you carry:
a. a First aid kit
b. your Blackberry
c. your Journal
d. your Lucky charm



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Add up your score! 1. A=4 B=1 C=2 D=3 2. A=1 B=4 C=3 D=2 3. A=2 B=3
If you scored between 1-6, you are a Guardian, 7-12, you are a Rational, 13-18, you are an Artisan, 19-24, you are an Idealist.

The Idealist

By Kyle Loomis
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Characteristics The Idealist is a very happy and warm-hearted person. An Idealist is optimistic and enthusiastic about life. Idealists typically focus on self-improvement and are always on a quest to become a better person. They also encourage people to work together harmoniously. Idealists are naturally friendly people who enjoy cooperative efforts with others, and are an inspiration to the people they work with. They help others fulfill their potential and mature to better individuals. Conflict and anger upset them because they prevent social cooperation. Idealists are hopeless romantics who prefer to focus on what might be instead of what is. They are always ethical in the decisions they make and maintain personal integrity. Dishonesty and insincerity are characteristics one will never find in an idealist, because they are full of love and good will.

Occupation Careers that revolve around interpersonal harmony and helping others are best suited for an Idealist. Many Idealists, being unselfish and having a need to help others, are best fit to join the Peace Corps, become a counselor, teacher, or motivational speaker. Any other job or career that enables the Idealist to help people as often as possible is a good match for him or her. The amount of income that a career offers is not a high priority to an Idealist, because as long as he or she is making the world a better place, they receive the fulfillment that they desire.

Compatibility The personality type to best complement the idealist is the Guardian. Because the Idealists' outlook on life can be too optimistic and therefore unrealistic, the Guardian must be there to look after the Idealist to make sure that he or she does not get too carried away. Guardians are down-to-earth, and also like to cooperate with others. Their practicality is essential to the survival of the Idealists and their incurable romantic view on life.

Our Idealist

Sophomore Ikaika Velasco is a classic example of an Idealist. Ikaika looks for a peaceful solution to all problems he encounters and stays away from anger and conflict by calming people down and patiently talking them through the situation. The self-improvement of Velasco and his friends is his top priority. He becomes involved with charity events, such as helping handicapped children learn to surf and participate in other athletic activities. He also considers himself a romantic. When on a date with his girlfriend, Velasco knows it is more important that she has a good time. Simple things like allowing her to choose the movie or watching the sunset at the beach are just a few examples of Velasco making certain that she is as comfortable and happy as possible. “I like to mold my actions around love and respect. It's the aloha spirit,” said Velasco. Idealists such as Ikaika are rare, but society needs more of them because of their generosity and kindness. The enthusiasm and selflessness of Idealists are a constant inspiration to anyone who is a witness to their idealism.

