

# HIGH TIDE

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## School spirit reaches new levels at Blast Off

By Sarah Wright  
Staff Writer

La Jolla High School's back-to-school fundraiser, Blast Off, was a huge success. Last years record setting attendance was topped this year with many people supporting the Vikings on Friday September 14. This school tradition was held at La Jolla High's own Gene Edwards Stadium where University City hoped to beat La Jolla's varsity team for the first time since 1992.

Many say Blast Off is the best out of all the football games throughout the year. Some traditions that are part of Blast Off include always playing University City, the food, and tons of games, activities, and competitions.

Good food, games with prizes and a supporting crowd

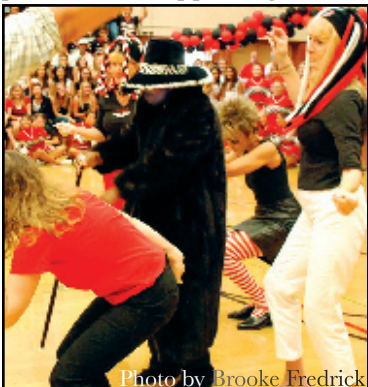


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**Pimpin' it LJ style:** Staff members Fairley, Behnke, Tenenbaum, and Zink show off their moves at the pep rally.



Photo by Stephanie Sapin

**Touchdown:** La Jolla Vikes beat University City High School 42-14.

cheered the night away. Some of the food offered included Baskin-Robbins ice cream, tacos, and gourmet coffee. There was also merchandise being sold including, Senior shirts, sunglasses, beaded necklaces, Viking socks, and scarves.

When asked, the football players said their favorite part of playing in Blast Off is the support given by the fans. "I have played as a freshman, a sophomore, a junior, and now as a senior. It is the best game of the year by far. The fan support is great," senior varsity player Spencer Moyer said.

To get everyone excited before the game, there was a pep-rally between fourth period and lunch. This pep-

rally is one of the two that takes place during the school year, and features the varsity teams that contribute to the tradition of Blast Off. There were also cheers and a dance routine from the varsity cheerleaders, even the staff joined in on the fun when members of the staff had a dance off against five seniors.

The JV team kicked off the night at 4:30 pm against U.C. and won. The varsity football team continued the night with a 7 pm game and a winning score of 42 to 14. The high hopes of UC players faded when La Jolla scored on its first possession and turned two fumble recoveries into touchdowns by Jerrel Agnew.

## Illegal immigrants land at the Cove

By Carey Kennedy  
Staff Writer

On September 5, a witness spotted a boat assumed to be carrying unauthorized illegal immigrants into the United States. It floated onto the coastline of La Jolla. Ten people dressed in black of Hispanic descent were seen running away, leaving numerous footprints on the sand at Wipeout Beach, south of the Children's Pool.

Immediately after, the Coast Guard, Lifeguard, and Border Protection carried out investigations relating to the abandoned boat. Lifeguards quickly spotted life jackets scattered across the sand as well as water bottles with

Spanish labels.

"It was a Mexican boat called a Pongo," lifeguard Bryan Chadwell said. This 24 foot boat was built so it could easily slide up onto sand.

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Marine Unit was unable to further search the boat due to a severe shore break which damaged the boat in several places. Lifeguards extended the search by inspecting the coastline as well as using a helicopter search using night goggles.

Abandoned boats like this one are assumed to be related to other stolen boat crimes. "It's beginning to show up more. There are often empty jet skies are picked up," Chadwell said.

These crimes are appearing everywhere in Imperial Beach, and most recently in Point Loma.

Recently eight boats were stolen and six since returned. There is an ongoing investigation to associate this boat with other stolen boats as well as to locate the owner.

"They can take jobs away, they can cause overpopulation, and they even drain medical help," freshman Rafael Cosman said, as one of many concerned La Jollans.

Federal agencies such as the Border Protection and lifeguards are both working hard at making sure borders are safe and enforcing immigration routes to try and stop these ongoing occurrences.

## Say good-bye to bake sales

By Charles Zuo  
Staff Writer

With one in three Americans already overweight, the United States Senate is finally addressing the issue. A national bill was passed on July 12 that bans unhealthy food in schools around the country.

According to the legislation, 26.5% percent of California pupils in grades five, seven, and nine were overweight in 2001. The legislation, known as Senate Bill 12 specifically mandates that food with over 35 percent calories from fat cannot be sold in schools. La Jolla High will no longer sell unhealthy foods such as cookies and soda. The school vending machines and student store have already been adjusted to fit this requirement.

The school is also prohibiting

bake sales. School and student-run organizations are not allowed to hold bake sales during lunch, which clubs depend on to raise money for their events.

Many La Jolla students, as well as teachers, are unhappy with this decision.

"We shouldn't be told what we can or can't eat. Where can I get a cookie now that the vending machine doesn't sell them?" junior Nic Sonderegger said.

Despite the unpopularity of this bill among students, the bill is state and federal legislation, so there is little that can be done against it.

America's nutrition problem has caused an obesity epidemic. Nutrition related diseases and physical inactivity alone result in more deaths per year than AIDS, car crashes, drugs, violence, and alcohol combined.



Photo by Stephanie Sapin

**No more cookies:** Students lament the loss of bake sales

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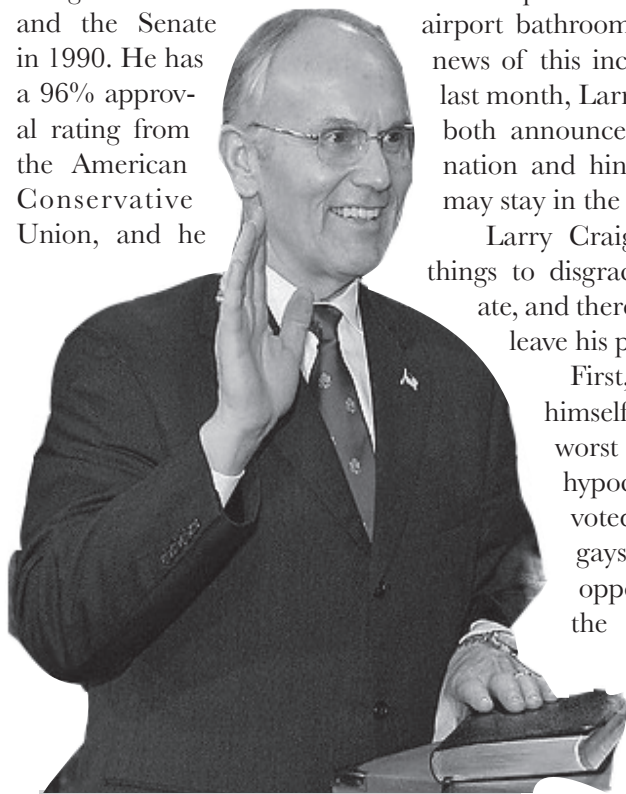
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# Senator Craig shows his true colors in an airport bathroom

**By Zack Ross**  
Staff Writer

Senator Larry Craig should resign his seat in the Senate. A Republican from Idaho, he has been a staunch conservative since he was elected to Congress in 1980 and the Senate in 1990. He has a 96% approval rating from the American Conservative Union, and he



**Man of Questionable Morals:** Senator Larry Craig, swearing into office.

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strongly supports the Federal Marriage Amendment, which would ban gay marriage. Despite his decidedly anti-gay Senate record, Larry Craig was arrested on June 11, 2007 for allegedly attempting to have sex with a male undercover police officer in an airport bathroom. Since the news of this incident broke last month, Larry Craig has both announced his resignation and hinted that he may stay in the Senate.

Larry Craig has done things to disgrace the Senate, and therefore should leave his post.

First, he proved himself to be the worst kind of hypocrite. He voted against gays at every opportunity in the House of Representatives and the Senate to score political points back home in

Idaho. He deliberately hurt his own people to help himself.

Worse still, he attempted to cover up the entire incident and play stupid later. In the police station after he was arrested he tried to convince the officer to release him by handing him his U.S. Senate business card and saying "What do you think about that?" He attempted to use his position to manipulate law enforcement, which is completely immoral and unethical.

Craig eventually pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct and paid a fine of \$575 in order to keep the whole incident quiet. He has since contradicted his guilty plea and claims that he is, in fact, innocent.

"I think he should just admit that he's gay. He shouldn't lie because he's a Senator," sophomore Karina Ganboe said.

Many people believe that he should resign his post just because of the act itself.

"I think that what he did is kind of weird," sophomore A.J. Betyar said.

Amazingly, this is not the

first time that Mr. Craig has been accused of being gay. In 1967, Craig allegedly led a pledge to his fraternity into a bathroom and "made what the man took to be an invitation to have sex." In 2004, an anonymous man claimed to have had oral sex with Senator Craig in Union Station, a train station in Washington D.C.

Since *Roll Call* broke the news about Senator Craig's arrest on August 27, 2007, there have been many denials from his office. Most recently, on September 10, Craig filed a motion in court to withdraw his original guilty plea.

Senator Craig has repeatedly voted against gays in Congress to score political points, even though his heterosexuality has been seriously discredited. He has also tried to influence police officers to grant him special treatment because of his high-ranking place in government.

Larry Craig has proven himself to be a liar, a hypocrite, and a disgrace to his country, and therefore should be forced to resign from the Senate.

# 2, 4, 6, 8, We want to initiate

**By Mackenzie Merkel**  
Staff Writer

The freshmen water polo team is on a run to Marine Street during Hell Week, and Atwell yells at the team to surround a pretty girl and chant three times, "We are not worthy," before running off.

The whole freshman team participates in this initiation ritual, and the team bonds because of it. This seems innocent enough, right?

Even though our school has not banned this particular initiation ritual, others like it have been strictly outlawed.

According to school policy, hazing includes "any method of initiation into a student organization which causes, or is likely to cause, bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm, to any student attending any school."

Obviously hazing is abominable if it causes people to injure themselves or feel humiliated.

"It's not right to make fun of people," freshman Shane Fargo said.

However, initiation, when practiced with a humorous

outlook and agreement from the initiates, is harmless, and therefore should be allowed.

Initiation is simply defined as the ceremonies or rites of admission. So why have high

school administrations become so strict? There have been many cases of fraternity hazing gone terribly wrong, sometimes even ending in death. But initiation and hazing are two very different things. An

other example of guiltless initiation on campus comes from girl's varsity volleyball.

Last year, the freshmen who made varsity had to wear knee-pads to school. No harm



**Freshman Initiation:** Senior football players Dylan Schmerzel, Jarod Watson, and Spencer Moyer playfully draw on willing freshman, Shane Fargo.

Photo by Ali Cameron.

"Initiation rituals are a fun tradition that allow older kids to show their seniority," sophomore Jordan Ayoub said.

One more example of harmless, positive initiation again comes from the freshman water polo team. Last year, the boys all had to get dates to Homecoming, or else Atwell had them swim various demanding lengths of the butterfly. The freshman boys got dates and had an amazing time at Homecoming.

"Homecoming was really fun, and in retrospect I'm actually glad Atwell made us do that," sophomore Patrick Hallahan said. "I mean, it's not like we're duct-taping freshman to the flag pole or anything."

Hazing is negatively associated with dangerous ceremonies and humiliating rites of passage.

But if people can learn to separate initiation from hazing, then then students and coaches can enjoy fun bonding experiences.

"As long as you're not hurt or humiliated, it's all in good fun," said freshman Carly Laird.

Hazing and initiating are two separate things and need to be recognized as such.



# Inflate Your Fate:

## Do only AP students deserve the inflated GPA?

**By Matt Cordell**  
*Staff Writer*

Often, it is the promise of greater rewards that drives individuals to apply themselves and perform to the best of their ability. At La Jolla High, both Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors courses receive an inflated grade point average to encourage students to adopt more strenuous workloads.

However, AP courses move much faster than the Honors courses and AP students take a final test at the end of the year. Honors students are not required to take the AP test.

Though the curriculum is similar between the two levels, the pacing and difficulty is more strenuous in an AP

course.

The fact that Honors students receive the same GPA bonus for less work is decidedly unfair to AP students.

A popular argument against Honors courses is that AP students receive college credit if they do well on the AP test: that should be compensation enough for their work.

Unfortunately, outside of the UC system, it is rather difficult to find a college that will accept this AP credit. Students should not have to limit their choices for college simply to collect on the benefits of their hard work.

If high schools wish to encourage students to challenge themselves, they should at the very least provide a steady and

dependable compensation. The GPA inflation was meant to do just that.

Honors classes, though more difficult than the regular courses, do not match the AP classes in terms of difficulty.

"I take both AP and Honors courses. The AP's are definitely harder," junior Alex Zuckerman said.

This is not to say that Honors classes do not deserve recognition; but, the inflated GPA gives an Honors student an undeserved advantage.

"I feel cheated because people with easier schedules than mine can still get a higher GPA" senior Charlie Klene said.

Of course, while grades should not be the sole or primary reason for attending an

AP class, the extra GPA point has been a key motivator for most students. AP courses prepare students for college and allow students to pursue favorite subjects.

If a student decides against taking an AP course in favor of an Honors course based solely on grades, then the system is grievously flawed.

Other students believe that both Honors and AP courses should receive additional rewards but on a different scale.

"I think both AP and Honors should get something, but AP classes should get more," senior Brady Miller said.

This would be acceptable, but in practice it would be complicated. For instance, giving an AP student two grade

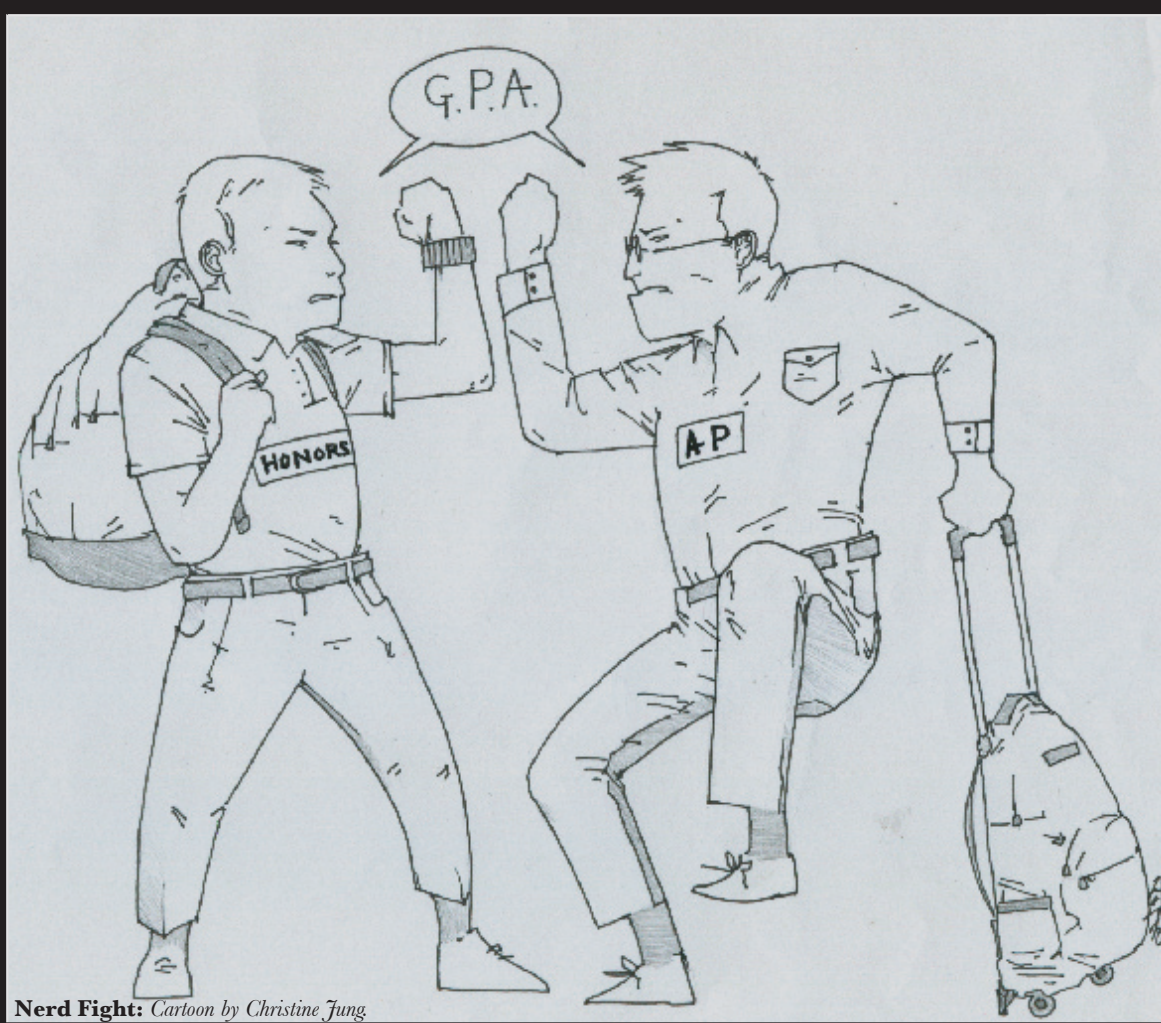
points would be far too many and only giving a Honors student one half of a point would complicate grading.

It seems unlikely that any non-academic reward would suffice, so it appears impossible to adequately encourage both groups.

However, if that is the choice, then it makes more sense to reward the harder worker. AP students are already placed under additional stress because of the workload; the inflated GPA was meant to even the scales.

If Honors courses continue to retain the inflated GPA point in easier classes, than all AP students are placed at an unfair disadvantage.

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**Nerd Fight:** Cartoon by Christine Jung.

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## Honors students work hard and deserve the elevated GPA

**By Anton Gil-Swain**  
*Staff Writer*

The San Diego City School District recently created a category of courses called Honors classes that give students a grade inflation. This grade inflation allows both honors students and Advanced Placement (AP) students to earn a GPA on a 5.0 scale.

Some students think it is unfair that honor students also get the grade inflation. They seem to believe that an AP course is more rigorous, which is true right? Wrong.

AP classes allow students to

get college credit if they pass the AP exam given at the end of the year. That is the most appealing reason for students to take an AP class over an Honors class. Honors classes are just as difficult and cover the same college level material as do the AP classes.

"You shouldn't take APs just for the grade. Do it for the college credit," senior Johanna Hsieh said. "The material in honors classes is just as hard as the AP classes, so they should both receive the grade inflation."

AP classes keep a slightly faster pace than Honors classes

because they have to be done by May, but this simple difference is not enough to warrant any special grade inflation.

If anything, the Honors classes are more challenging because they last the whole year and students have more time to delve deeply into the material.

Just because certain students decide to take the extra rigor of the AP course does not mean that the students doing above average work in Honors classes should be denied the grade inflation.

Honors students have the additional hurdle of having to

pass the Honors exam in order to receive the Honors recognition and to earn the extra grade point. Obviously, Honors classes are highly rigorous and deserving of a grade inflation.

The Honors option allows students to take classes with a rigorous curriculum without having to decide whether they want college credit for it. Students can challenge themselves with an in-depth and year-long course that will help their GPA if they are successful.

Honors students and many teachers have strongly supported the fact that an Honors

course is very tough and deserving of a grade inflation.

"Yes it's fair, we do really hard work," freshman Dylan Stavros said in reference to the difficulty level of an Honors class.

Honors classes are a great alternative to AP classes, and its rigorous and challenging material prove it deserving of the grade point inflation.

Above all, both AP and Honors classes are much harder than regular classes and therefore both deserve extra recognition in the form of a grade inflation.



# Shopping for a Cause

## These products are all about giving back

By **Kelsey Pouk**  
Staff Writer

Shopping and charity: both feel-good acts in modern society. So what happens when the two intersect? A whole new market is born. Shopping for a cause began with charities selling their own goods for profit and branched into other companies selling items that benefited a philanthropic organization.

"I think it's a great movement and I hope it gets more widespread," said sophomore Christa Wirkus.

Companies are donating profits from goods such as cosmetics, clothing and even sports equipment making the world a better place one dollar at a time.

### TOMS Shoes

Blake Mycoskie began his line of traditional Argentine shoes with one mission "to make life more comfortable." That's why for every pair sold,

his brand TOMS gives one pair of shoes to a child in need.

These shoes are modeled after alpargatas, canvas slippers worn by workers in Argentina. For about \$38 dollars, a customer can provide shoes for a child in Argentina, Africa, or Asia, depending on where the next shoe drop will be.

On the company website, [tomsshoes.com](http://tomsshoes.com), there is a countdown showing how many days before the next trip to deliver shoes, as well a huge catalog of styles from current or past seasons.

"It's a great cause; I heard about it on the radio," senior Taylor Spong said.

### "I'm Not a Plastic Bag"

By Anya Hindmarch

Anya Hindmarch is known for her luxurious, high-style handbags. However, her most recent, and most popular, bag costs only \$15.

The "I'm Not A Plastic Bag" reusable tote was an instant success, changing the way people looked at saving the environment.

"I couldn't get an Anya Hindmarch bag, but I think the reusable grocery bags from Longs are pretty cool," sophomore Whitney Whaley said.

### The Wilson Hope Tennis Racquet

The Wilson Hope Tennis Racquet is also doing its part to help out. For about \$24 at Wal-Mart, Wilson will donate part of the profits to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Tennis isn't the only sport lending a helping hand; many websites, such as [www.sportinggoods4charity.com](http://www.sportinggoods4charity.com), sell items over the internet

and give money to non-profit organizations per item sold.

This way, a basketball that could've been bought at any sports store can now benefit education.

### The Cartier LOVE Bracelet

The Cartier LOVE bracelet became even lovelier with the introduction of the LOVE charity bracelet.

This pink gold emblem, inscribed with the word LOVE, is on a silk cord that comes in eight different colors, each supporting a different charity.

Each color is endorsed by a celebrity. For example, Salma Hayek supports

Human Rights Watch with her white bracelet while Sarah Jessica Parker wears her blue bracelet for UNICEF.



### Pine IV Jeans

Worn by celebrities such as Jennifer Garner, Pine IV jeans are the newest eco-friendly find. The designer, Mel Matsui, plants a tree through

americanforest.org each time a pair of jeans is sold. On the website, [dianemerrickshop.com](http://dianemerrickshop.com), there are a wide range of styles and fits, each costing \$200.

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## Candidate Corner: Hillary Clinton



**"I suppose I could have stayed home and baked cookies and had teas, but what I decided to do was to fulfill my profession which I entered before my husband was in public life." - Hillary Clinton**

By **Matthew Cordell**  
Staff Writer

Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton is one of the Democratic presidential candidates for the 2008 election.

Clinton boasts a substantial career in politics and the recognition of being the first competitive female candidate

in U.S history.

From 1993-2001, Clinton acted as First Lady and in 2000 became the first female senator from New York.

Due to her political views, the vast majority of Americans view her as a liberal. Clinton supports stem cell research and is pro-choice, though she personally does not condone abortion.

Typically, Clinton supports social programs, particularly Medicare and Social Security. She is a staunch supporter of universal healthcare; even though her plan to enact such a system failed when she was First Lady.

Her main competitors in the primary elections will likely be John Edwards and Barack Obama.

Clinton is very well funded and has received praise for being a dynamic force in politics.

She is mainly criticized for "flip-flopping" on major issues, particularly on the war in Iraq.

So far, Clinton has retained a competitive place in the polls; the real question however, is whether or not America is ready for a female president.

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## Guess Who



By **Qing YorkWilliams**  
A&E Editor

Hola, I'm just your friendly neighborhood Español teacher at La Jolla High.

When I was a kid, older guys would call me "soul-man" because I had long hair

(and soul), and my mom called me Pickle-Pie, for some reason.

I was born with a monkey tail but my mom said it fell off in my diaper.

I love my family, they are a very important part of my life, and I also love San Diego, which is where I was born, at Mercy Hospital.

I have lived in a couple other places but I grew up in Mission beach.

If someone were to see me around campus, I would probably be trying to look super busy in case administration is watching. I also try my best not to get "rolled" by Mickey.

When I am outside of school I do whatever I want, all the time. Some of my trademark phrases are "Bing Lao-Bam" and "MYAATT."

I can cross one eye. I have claustrophobic nightmares, and when I was a little kid I used to be really afraid of albinos and people with deformities, but now 'normal' people freak me out.

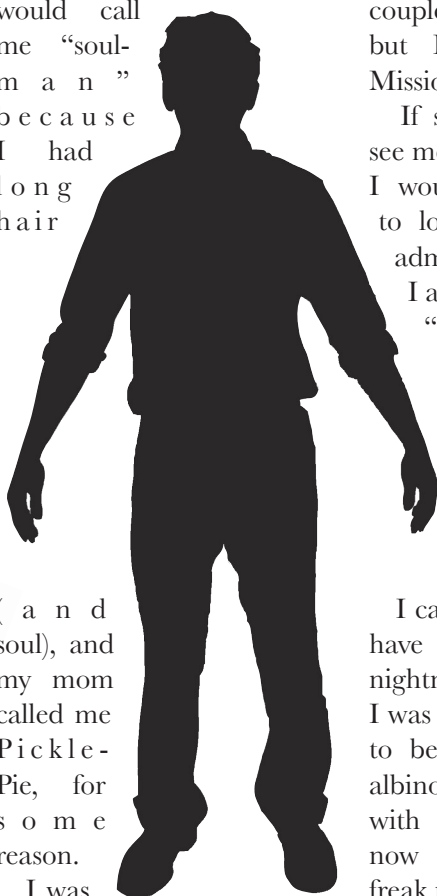
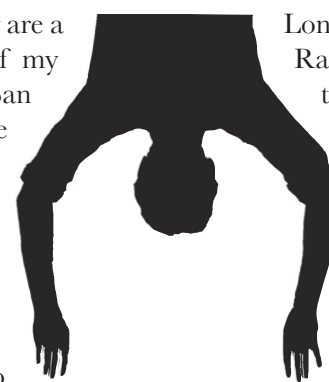
I love all types of music but currently I have been playing the Raconteurs,

Long Starr, and Rage Against the Machine on my turntable.

I also love movies with Buffalo 66', Taxi Driver, and Beverly Hills Ninja being among my favorites.

If I could meet anyone dead or alive it would be either of my grandfathers.

I have lots of toys in my classroom, including this doll.



photos by Ali Cameron, Erika Ostroff, Molly Salas, and Haley Cotrell



# Hybrid Hounds

## The cutest mutts you have ever seen

By Mackenzie Merkel  
Staff Writer

Designer bags, clothes, and accessories have always been popular, but what about designer dogs? The new trend of designer, or hybrid dogs, started less than ten years ago with the Labradoodle, a cross between a Labrador Retriever and a poodle.

“Labradoodles have a sick name and they don’t shed. I’m totally down,” sophomore Jake Shwisberg said.

His thoughts seem to reflect those of the general public, as



designer dogs are only getting more and more popular.

Their popularity is probably due not only to their undeniable cuteness, but also the practicality of hybrid



species of dogs.

“We can look for the best characteristics in each breed and start to eliminate the medical problems that have been plaguing them for a very long time,” said Dr. Kim Rosenthal of Westside Veterinary Center.

Labradoodles are a breed made from crossing a Labrador

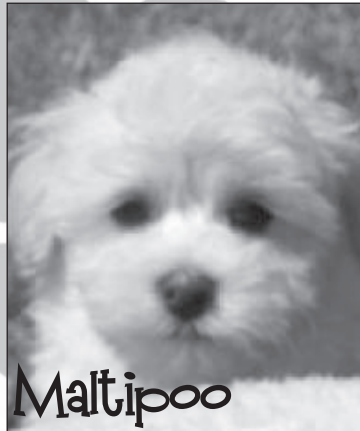
Retriever (one of the most loved breeds in America), and a poodle, a dog known for its feminine look and non-allergenic coat. Labradoodles are very social, great with kids and other dogs, and clever. They live to be about 15 years old, and can cost \$300 or as much as \$1000 or more, depending on their bloodlines.

Another popular designer dog breed is the Puggle, a cross between a pug and a beagle. Puggles are said to be playful, friendly, intelligent, and energetic and are good with kids. They require low maintenance grooming, but are very energetic so they need lots of attention and play time. Puggles are easily trained in all the basic commands such as sit, stay, and fetch. Puggles usually coast between \$400 and \$600, but can cost up to \$700.

Another hybrid dog is the Maltipoo, created by mixing a maltese and a poodle. Just like all dogs crossed with a

poodle, Maltipoos have a low-maintenance coat that hardly sheds. Maltipoos, also known as moodles, or multi-doodles, come in colors ranging from gray and black to white and apricot. Celebrities like Jessica Simpson, Ellen Degeneres, Carmen Electra, and Ashley Tisdale are all proud owners of this dog.

They can be aggressive



a Chihuahua and a wiener dog, I didn’t think chiweenies would be cute. But they’re absolutely adorable!” said junior Stephanie Hasket.

Chiweenies’ coats require almost no care, and these dogs also need very little exercise. However, they are not recommended for young children, and they do not always get along well with other dogs. Chiweenies do best with firm and consistent training, and it might take a while to housebreak them. These dogs need a patient owner who can dish out about \$600.

Designer dogs come in all shapes and sizes, and each is unique. However they all share an incontestable cuteness and make great pets!

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# Facebook vs. MySpace

## Which one is better? The choice is yours

By Sarah Mook  
Staff Writer

After logging into Facebook, the news feed shows that somebody has written a new note about what classes they have this year, another points out that five friends are attending a concert coming up pretty soon, and somebody has just changed their status to “freaking out.” This is typical fare when visiting Facebook.

Facebook began at Harvard University and was created by Mark Zuckerberg in 2004. Now, it boasts over 30 million active members since July.

Originally geared toward college students, Facebook required a university email address to sign up; but, in 2005, opened its doors to high schoolers, and eventually to anyone who had a valid email address. With each passing day, Facebook is becoming a one stop place for almost all internet content.

Not only is Facebook a social networking site, it has increasingly amusing, as well as useful features, such as status, events, notes, messages, photos, marketplace, and groups.

“Facebook is fun; I can talk to all of my friends, post my adventures, and join groups

just because they sound cool,” sophomore Rose Kelly said.

New applications are constantly being created by third parties to enhance Facebook with games, music, course lists, horoscopes, and other entertaining features. There are thousands of other applications available for use.

Facebook’s privacy preferences are flexible and able to please even the most paranoid, unless they have read the Terms of Service that most people hastily agree to and ignore.

According to the Terms of Service, “by posting User Content to any part of the Site, you automatically grant... to the Company an irrevocable, perpetual... license... to use... and distribute such User Content for any purpose.”

Privacy lovers beware this month, Facebook added an extra box in the search section of the privacy preferences to “allow my public search listing to be indexed by external search engines” which is automatically checked. However, this only applies to those 18 or older.

Although privacy may be a major concern, Facebook is still an addicting website that provides its users with endless entertainment and social connections.



“Myspace is good for talking with friends.”  
- freshman Kristin Heinz



“Facebook is cool for finding friends you have lost contact with.”  
- junior Cazzie Morawski



“Myspace is good for keeping in contact with long distance friends.”  
-sophomore Isabel Curtin



“Facebook is more organized and private than Myspace.”  
- senior Emily Webb

By Molly Salas  
Staff Writer

In an age where teens are all about technology, thousands of teens are hooked on MySpace, the third most visited website in the country.

MySpace calls itself “a place for friends”, and that’s exactly what it is. You can add people you already know as friends, as well as make new friends. Since about 230,000 new people join MySpace each day, the possibilities are endless.

The standard MySpace page has sections such as About Me, Who I’d Like to Meet, Music, Movies and Interests, where each user can put just about anything they want. MySpace grants each user the freedom to write whatever they please about themselves. Based on a page’s content, it’s possible to find out almost anything about anybody.

The site allows for up to 40 “Top Friends” to be displayed on a page, or to not have “Top Friends” displayed at all. Users can also join groups about everything from what school they go to, to their secret obsession with *High School Musical 2*.

“MySpace brings together people who would have probably otherwise never met,”

freshman Michael Rabinovich said.

MySpace has developed various ways to keep in touch with people, such as comments, messages, videos, and bullentins. Most recently, MySpace has created bulletin comments, which are optional.

“I like MySpace because it’s easy to access and work around to talk to my friends,” sophomore Tania Mashkoory said.

Because the age range of users on MySpace is so wide, users concerned for their privacy can edit settings that control who is able to view his or her profile, what kind of content gets posted by other users on their page, or who can contact them.

Despite the lengths the site goes to to ensure privacy, spammers and hackers frequent the site looking for targets through false ads and comments with unreliable links.

“All the spam on MySpace gets really irritating,” senior Brendan Schwarz said.

As the sixth most visited site in the world, MySpace has established itself as a social networking empire that more and more users are flocking to each day.



# NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

By Molly Salas  
Staff Writer

We all know what it's like to be a new kid on campus. Whether you came as a freshman or you switched schools in the middle of the year, it's an experience we've all been through. This year, we get to know some new faces at LJHS and what they think about being new on campus.

<b>Tori McCaleb</b> <b>Grade:</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> <b>Where she came from:</b> Viewpoint, in Calabasas, CA. <b>Why she came:</b> Dad's job moved her to La Jolla. <b>Favorite thing about La Jolla:</b> The beach. <b>Least favorite thing about La Jolla:</b> Missing friends. <b>Least favorite class:</b> English. <b>Biggest difference between La Jolla and previous school:</b> It's public, bigger, and not as strict.	<b>Garrett Kennedy</b> <b>Grade:</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>Where he came from:</b> Riverside Military Academy in Georgia. <b>Favorite thing about La Jolla:</b> I get to go home every day. <b>Worst thing about La Jolla:</b> You can't paintball at school. <b>Favorite class:</b> AP Euro. <b>Biggest difference between La Jolla and previous school:</b> It's not a boarding school.	<b>Sasha Altschuler</b> <b>Grade:</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>Where she came from:</b> San Diego Jewish Academy. <b>Why she came:</b> For a new experience, a bigger school, and for fun. <b>Favorite thing about La Jolla:</b> The football games. <b>Favorite class:</b> Madrigals, English, and AP Euro. <b>Least favorite class:</b> Math. <b>Biggest difference between La Jolla and previous school:</b> It has more people, so she meets new people every day.
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<b>Isabel Curtin</b> <b>Grade:</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>Where she came from:</b> Lincoln <b>Why she came:</b> Parents' jobs brought her to La Jolla. <b>Favorite thing about La Jolla:</b> The weather, and that it's by the beach! <b>Worst thing about La Jolla:</b> Carrying so many books around. <b>Favorite class:</b> Advanced World History <b>Biggest difference between La Jolla and previous school:</b> People there were really into biking, and at La Jolla everyone's really into surfing.	<b>Jake Wade</b> <b>Grade:</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> <b>Where he came from:</b> Point Loma High School <b>Why he came:</b> Dad moved, now he lives in La Jolla. <b>Favorite thing about La Jolla:</b> The beach. <b>Least favorite thing about La Jolla:</b> The parking. <b>Favorite class:</b> Auto Shop. <b>Biggest difference between La Jolla and previous school:</b> The people are a lot more relaxed and laidback.	<b>Thomas Guerard</b> <b>Grade:</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>Where he came from:</b> Quebec, Canada. <b>Why he came:</b> Parents' jobs brought him to La Jolla. <b>Least favorite thing about La Jolla:</b> That it starts at 7:30 am. <b>Favorite class:</b> undecided. <b>Biggest difference between La Jolla and previous school:</b> There are a lot more people, since his old school only had 400 students.
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# LJHS BACK IN BLACK... AND RED

Pushing and shoving, elbows in the ribs, a mad dash to make it before the doors close in your face. Is it a New York City subway, or just a typical day at La Jolla High School? There is no question overcrowding is alive and in our midst.

Forget socializing in the halls, it's a sprint just to get to your next class. The issue of too many people in the halls can result in not arriving to class on time, which leads to the much loathed "tardy." Beware of the third tardy, as school policy dictates the citizenship grade can go down one grade. On the fifth, it's a "U" in citizenship. Because colleges are so meticulous on grades as well as citizenship, even walking to class can play in the mind of an aspiring college student.

"I'll give them about a 10 second leeway," drama teacher Mrs. Boutelle said. "If they are tardy, they need a pass. We have a policy and I stick to it."

Has Anyone out there not able to get into his or her first or second choice class? Anyone been told by their counselors "maybe next year" or "when you're a senior"? Classes fill up quickly, especially AP's, leaving a remainder of students able to fill up one or two more sections of those popular courses.

*The Big*  
By Erica Ostroff  
Staff Writer

"Generally, we get requests that are enough to fill five classes but we can only offer three," said Counselor Mrs. Behnke.

Part of this is due to the lack of funds provided by the district for hiring qualified teachers to fulfill the needs of a growing school.

With not a chair to spare, overcrowded classrooms are the harsh reality at La Jolla High. Not only does it mean

that a student may be sitting far away from the teacher, but it also translates into less of an opportunity to receive one-on-one attention from the teacher, and even more so, fear the teacher will never know the student's name or acknowledge the student's existence.

Sophomore Itamar Lilienthal came from private school where he was use to a very different scenario. "I received one-on-one attention and here it's more like forty to one. The class sizes are a little too big in my opinion," Lilienthal said. The quad at lunch, like ants on a sugar cube, is replete with students vying for a spot to eat on. Not only are people struggling for space, but often times there is not enough time to stand in the long lines, buy food, and consume it before the bell rings.

"Parking is a pain. I wake up so early and still have to park four blocks away. It's insane!" Senior Whitney Wing said. Wing has attended La Jolla High since freshman year and can attest to the tremendous growth each year. Premium spots, such as those near the pool, can be filled as early as 6:45 am.

Large parts of Draper and Nautilus are limited to two hour parking. What's a driving student to do? With no solutions under way, the parking problem continues.

There is no doubt a student will never feel alone at La Jolla High. There will always be multitude of students on campus. "More personal space would be nice!" Sophomore Camy Mahmoudian said.

# Dear Senior...

By Kelsey Pouk  
Staff Writer

## Our Seniors...



Taylor Doyle



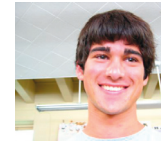
Elias Izpuihua



Peter Han



Matthew Mulvey



Mike Altschuler

## Dear Senior...

Freshman Andrew Dowley asks, "What was the hardest part of freshman year?" Han says, "Getting beat up in a bathroom and getting swirled. It was a traumatic experience."

## Dear Senior...

Freshman Colin Weber asks, "Who is Ms. Quita?" Izpuihua answers, "No one knows."

## Dear Senior...

Sophomore Mallory Eberlin asks, "Where's a good spot to park?" Altschuler suggests, "At the pool, the swimmers sometimes leave at 7:15 so you can get a good spot."

## Dear Senior...

Sophomore Jeremy Rosen asks, "What's one of the best events on campus?" Mulvey replies, "The Multicultural Food Fair, by far. You get a hour for lunch!"

## Dear Senior...

Sophomore Felix Ekman asks, "Is it difficult to start driving?" Doyle responds, "It's like riding a bike. Once you master it, it's easy to do."

FALL

SEPTEMBER

22

street scene at coors amphitheatre

27

open house  
parker auditorium 6:30

28

dave matthews band at coors amphitheatre

28-29

girls volleyball 7th annual  
Beach City Invitational

29

girl's field hockey game  
10 a.m. edwards stadium

OCTOBER

3

minimum day

6

S.A.T. testing

11

midsummer night's dream  
7 p.m. parker auditorium

13

the cure  
cox arena

19

homecoming  
• pep rally 11:14-11:51  
• jv game vs. mission bay  
• varsity vs. mission bay  
• float parade half time show

20

homecoming dance 8-11

NOVEMBER

2

first quarter ends

7

minimum day

12

veteran's day -- no school!

14

• women's career seminar  
• science lecture  
parker auditorium

19-23

thanksgiving vacation

DECEMBER

5

minimum day

7

powder puff football game

14

jazz ensemble  
parker auditorium 7:00

19

choral & band concert  
parker auditorium 6:30

21

winter vacation begins!

JANUARY

1

new years day

7

end of winter vacation

9

minimum day

21

martin luther king day  
-- no school!

30-1

finals -- minimum days