



HIGH TIDE

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Beyond the Books: The Unsung Heroes of LJHS

By **Kianna Anvari**
Staff Writer

Every student has been to the Library Media Center to check out textbooks, use the computer, or do some recreational reading.

One of the most mysterious things about the library is that there always seems to be adults walking through and ducking into private offices. Most students are unaware of who these people are and what they do at La Jolla High School.

"I've seen the little offices in the library, but I don't know who they belong to," junior Allison Mogin said.

On the South end of the library, there are four small offices and on the North end

there are five. The North offices are made up of the La Jolla High Foundation board members, such as the Alumni manager.

The South offices are home to four teachers who are certified Special Education Resource Specialists: Mr. Jarvis, Ms. Valentine, Mr. Lamar, and Mrs. Johnson. Two other specialists, Mr. Ploppert and Ms. Adamson, have their own classrooms in the 300 building.

Mr. Jarvis and Ms. Valentine support students in General Education classes and students with IEP's, plans designed to assist students with learning handicaps. There are about 130 students at La Jolla High School who require this spe-

cific attention.

In addition to assisting students with learning disabilities, both teachers enjoy helping students build self esteem, form friendships, and support others.

Mr. Jarvis, now in his eighth year at La Jolla, stated that his favorite part about teaching at La Jolla High School is being able to teach students skills that will be useful in life after high school.

Ms. Valentine has worked at La Jolla for four years and loves the faculty, students, and the community in general. She works to enforce positive character development among her students and constantly reminds them never to give up.

"Ms. Valentine is always motivating me and telling me that I can do anything I put my mind to," an anonymous student said.

Mr. Jarvis and Ms. Valentine, along with the rest of the Special Education department, work hard to provide equal opportunities for students with disabilities. These teachers are an essential part of La Jolla High School and help make it a wonderful school to attend.



Junior Girls Dominate Annual LJHS Powder Puff Football Tournament



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Special Staff Members: (from top to bottom) Outside the Library Media Center, Mr. Jarvis and Ms. Valentine stand proudly outside their offices.

ASB Updates

Hey Vikings!

Before we take a much-needed break, ASB would like to wrap up 2009 with an overview of past and upcoming events. Powder Puff was, as always, an entertaining experience. Congratulations to the junior class on their win.

Thank you to all who contributed to the canned food drive. The final cans will be collected today, and the winning classes will be announced tomorrow, the 18th.

To get more into the holiday spirit, ASB will be holding an ugly-Christmas-sweater contest tomorrow, the 18th, during lunch. Don your finest and come to the lower quad for a chance to win awesome prizes!

Each class is working on fundraisers for the coming year. Seniors are holding new fundraisers each week, and are also busy planning the Senior Parent Dinner.

Juniors have just put on another successful Powder Puff,

and are now gearing up for the next year.

Sophomores have been selling candy grams all week, which will be distributed tomorrow, the 18th, during 4th period. They have also collected design submissions for a Class of 2012 shirt, and would like to congratulate Christian Gimber and Ardis Zhong on their winning designs.

The freshman class will be holding a free Freshman Movie Night in January. They will be selling pizza, soda, and

glow sticks and showing *Transformers 2*. Listen to the bulletin for updates on the date and location.

ASB is implementing a new program, Random Acts of Kindness. If a student sees another student performing a good deed, they are to submit their name to ASB. The helpful student will then be entered into a drawing to win prizes. The first drawing is tomorrow, the 18th, and there will be more throughout the year.

La Jolla High School will be competing in Hurley's Walk

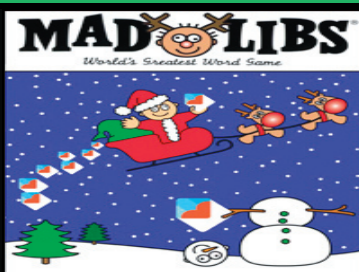
the Walk Competition for the second time. The contest, which consists of student videos uploaded to the Hurley website, is dependent on student support. Listen to bulletin announcements in January to find out how you can help our school win money and recognition!

Have a great break, and we'll see you next year!

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Lack of Positive Reinforcement

A little
recognition can go
a long way

By Iman Hassaine

Staff Writer

Most students appreciate compliments and are flattered by simple praise or acknowledgement. Not only does it make one feel self-sufficient, but one feels as if they have been specially recognized and held in high regard by a higher authority.

When students were in elementary school, awards were given on various occasions.

Certificates for attendance and completion were handed out, and teachers showed admiration for their students.

High school students understand that they are now older and more mature, but some think that teachers' comments are draining.

Students are beginning to realize that most of the feedback from their teachers is negative.

Classes and homework already stress students, but getting papers and essays that are bleeding in red ink tend to overburden a person.

However, are students not preparing for the real world?

In the fast-paced college atmosphere, professors will not

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give out felicitations or pat every student on the back. For example, freshman Sahil Sangani feels the pressure already.

"I know so many people that are already thinking about what college they want to go to; high school, whether we, like it or not is really mapping out our future," Sangani says.

As much as some students would all love some more TLC, now is the time to work the hardest and survive the harsh reality of getting honest and sometimes rough evaluations.

Some teachers admit that they are too busy and have too

mean. In reality, college is not easy and I like to be realistic.

I would never dumb down a person because then they wouldn't even want to try and improve. In general, if a student really wants to do better, my reinforcement is not the main factor; it is really all up to the student."

Junior Elizabeth Wang who is taking several AP classes says, "I know the teachers are tough on the students for a good reason. It is the only way to prepare us for college and what the real world is like. It is to my benefit at the end of the day."

All critique and truths written to students from teachers must not be looked upon harshly, but rather taken to heart as a way to improve for college and for future careers.

As students, all feedback must be looked upon from different aspects to help make improvements.

Even though elementary school is over, that does not mean that students do not want acknowledgment. A little appreciation goes a long way.

Too Young to Understand

By Freda Spencer

Staff Writer

Vandalism is defined as an "action involving deliberate destruction of or damage to public or private property."

While walking home from La Jolla Elementary School on Monday, November 16, two children spotted disturbing images drawn on the sidewalk of Virginia Way. Multiple swastika symbols, the letters "KKK," and the

"SS" symbol were drawn along the street.

The two children were not only offended religiously and socially, but they were scared, too. This caused many questions to arise, including how children could do such things and how they were even able to.

What type of person would perform such an ignorant and hurtful act? How would these children even be able to know of such profanity?

The swastikas, although they made the correct impression, appeared to be misshapen and the vandalism in general looked nothing short of sloppy.

The misshapen swastikas symbolize ignorance at its finest. The perpetrators, most likely children, are spreading ideas and symbols with meanings that they most likely have little or no knowledge of.

Whichever way these children were able to attain this information, they should be learning better ways.

Young children should not be exposed to such blatant racism.

The swastika is known worldwide as a symbol

for Nazism and hate. Why should a child even be aware of such a symbol?

In an attempt to express an idea, or simply to test the boundaries of freedom of speech, the perpetrators succeeded in nothing more than presenting mindless vandalism.

They disturbed innocent young children, and polluted our community with the negative feelings that the images symbolize. And whoever tainted these children should be ashamed.

It is unsettling and humiliating to live in the same community as people corrupting the minds of children ignorant and cruel as whoever did the drawings.

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Losing Our Human Cognition

A society ruled by technology

By Iman Hassaine
Staff Writer

People all around the world are blessed with technology that would have been considered unimaginable merely a century ago.

In the current cyber world, anybody is capable of learning virtually anything from anywhere and to the strangest facts. The digital world truly is conquering society and people are not able to live without their cell phones and other gadgets.

Obviously, the effects can be seen in both negative and positive aspects, and of course technology has improved the world, but are certain components of this influential technology excessive?

Take the iPhone for example; this phone is useful in many ways and several students and staff on the La Jolla High School campus own one.

Not only does a person have the option of surfing the internet from wherever they want, but they also have all their music, photos, and games in the palm of their hand.

This piece of technology unlocks many doors, for better and for worse. Although the

iPhone alone cannot change the world, it is slowly deteriorating some human’s academic and logical abilities, since the gadget is capable of doing so many things.

With countless applications available to any average person, the iPhone is taking away people’s capacity of figuring things out on their own.

The applications for the phone offer anything from language translators to restaurant finders, and now even GPS.

This GPS application offers voice navigation to anyone, and is pretty convenient for driving or for when you are walking down the street.

Applications like these are becoming so imperative to people, that most people lack any sense of direction or location. What did people do before these gadgets?

The application was looked

upon with mixed feelings by some LJHS students.

Junior Jennifer Block says, “I guess it is handy to have and it can be really helpful when you are on the road, but most of the time I try to figure things out by myself.”

Also, senior Leny Behar, another iPhone owner says, “I am genuinely excited to see such

a useful program come about and it can be useful to use in situations like road trips.”

Is there anything the iPhone cannot do for people nowadays? No, and the iPhone and other smart phones are creating a real threat to humanity.

As humans are becoming more reliable on these new advances in technology, what is actually happening to a person’s brain and memory?

Since humans constantly depend on devices like phones and computers, people no

longer have to look through a phone book or remember people’s phone numbers, and the average human’s memory, brain, and mind set is mutating. Doctors fear a human change that will occur with the increase of technology; with side effects such as: increased tolerance for stress, and shorter attention spans. People are turning into robots.

With time progressing, more jobs are becoming centered on computers and other forms of technology.

Although this is unavoidable, must humans be so attached?

As beneficial as the technology is to humans, everyone must be careful that it is not dumbing them down. People expect everything to be completed for them through the internet currently, and they do not even bother thinking about things first.

Using logic has gone out the window since it is so much easier to just type in a location or question and get it answered quickly and accurately.

As one can still enjoy all the opportunities available from these devices, it is essential to remember the person’s brain that worked hard to create that technology for us to use.

You’re Not Different

You’re just weird

By Jasmine Mobasseri
Staff Writer

The greatest thing about being “indie” is that it clearly establishes a higher intellect and uniqueness. Being indie means everyone else obviously lacks zest and meaning to life.

In order to truly embrace the indie persona, one must follow very original steps:

First of all, someone that is indie cannot shop at the malls.

All shopping must be done in nameless “vintage” shops. Also, wearing clothes that are “in fashion” is a definite no.

No true indie wants to be caught wearing anything that is new or anything that somebody else in the world might own.

Clothes sold at well-known stores are obviously unoriginal and tacky. Being indie also allows one to make his or her own clothing, just for the peace of mind that nobody else will have it.

Accessorizing with useless (yet eccentric) items is an absolute must (i.e.; an old Polaroid camera with no film or perhaps a rusty license plate).

Secondly, every indie knows that people who enjoy listening to rap and anything on the Top 40 charts are just vapid and are tasteless. Music that is popular is unacceptable. Once they become popular, it is a must to delete all songs off iTunes to find new, unheard-of bands. It is obviously conforming when people listen to generic, boring songs, right?

Lastly, because being indie is so unique and individualistic, the indies can only be allowed to hang out with their own kind.

Being indie and being forced to talk to those who are “average” is extremely agitating. An indie should spend their time making their own music and speaking only of philosophy with other indie children.

Becoming indie cannot happen over night. It is a pilgrimage which requires a lot of practice and patience. It can be as difficult as achieving Nirvana, enlightenment, or perfection.

There’s Another Break?

It must be another Christian holiday

By Ashley Wei
Staff Writer

Students across the country are looking forward to two-week winter vacations, a welcome break from school and homework.

Others, however, are wondering why school breaks seem to revolve around the dates of Christian holidays, seen in both winter and spring breaks.

Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, occurs during winter break, and his crucifixion and resurrection on Easter also come to pass during school vacations.

The holidays revolve around two major events in the life of Christianity’s central figure.

Students argue that this fact encroaches on the nation’s policies of religious toleration and separation of church and state, as stated in the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution, as non-Christian holidays are not given days off as well.

Is this unfair to members of other religions or cultures, because schools contain such a diverse student body?

“We need to respect everyone’s religions and we should have days off for all the other cultures’ holidays,” said junior Zoe Wescoe.

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But it is important to realize that holidays have become widely commercialized in today’s world. Christmas and Easter are often celebrated whether one believes in the background of the holiday or not.

Proof of this is seen in the

promotion of Christmas gift shopping, and in the rise of Santa Claus as a main icon during the season.

Many students participate

in secret Santa gift exchanges, or purchase presents for their friends.

None of these activities relates to the Christian celebration of Christ’s birth. Easter has also become a non-religious holiday, with the integration of egg hunts, the Eas-

ter bunny, and marshmallow peeps.

Christian or not, a vast majority of students celebrate the two holidays.

Winter break does not solely exist for those that celebrate Christmas; the Jewish holiday Hanukkah, as well as the pan-African Kwanzaa, also fall during these two weeks.

“I think that it’s always important to make sure that church and state are separate. But really, nowadays with all these widespread religions, I don’t believe Christianity’s the purpose [for the dates of the breaks] anymore,” sophomore Shay Weller said.

Holidays are seasonal for a majority nowadays; most students celebrate whether they are religious or not.

If the school system did indeed choose to recognize and observe each major holiday for every religion and culture, school days would decrease to a point where no learning would occur.

For now, students should continue to enjoy the days that they have off.

Clubs That Care:

How clubs give back during the holidays

By Christina Kirby
Staff Writer

The many clubs of La Jolla High have a variety of events planned for the holidays. From charity works to fun activities, there are tons of ways to get into the holiday spirit.

A lot of clubs are deciding to give back to the community and participate in different charity events. One such club is Hand Up, which is a group that helps out San Diego by helping to feed the hungry. During the holiday season, they plan to be a part of an Embrace-A-Family program. A family in need will send them a wish list for any items, such as food or clothing, and Hand Up will fulfill the list.

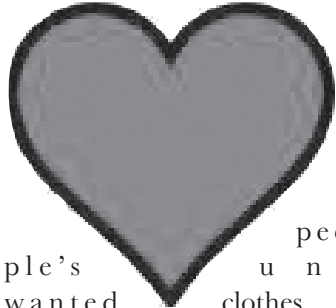
Fight for the Cure is also planning on participating in this activity. This club will also be making holiday cards for kids at Children's Hospital.

"I love the holidays; it is a great time to get involved and help make someone's day better. Especially during the season for giving, helping people less fortunate is very reward-

ing," president of Fight for the Cure Brea Smith said.

Club Connexion also has a special event planned during December. This club does activities with mentally challenged and disabled kids, and has a fun bowling night planned.

Other charitable activities include Wakeboarding Club's plans to organize a drive to do-



ple's u n - wanted clothes to the Amvets, an organization that benefits American veterans.

Mormon club is going to feed the homeless at Father Joe's. They also are planning on baking bread to make care packages to deliver to elderly households and at the same time sing to them.

Best YET club, which stands for Youth Education Town, has

an annual Christmas party for at-risk-youth at the YET Center in City Heights. Because the Center lost funding, Best YET club provides parties and events for the underprivileged kids. At the Christmas party, they make gingerbread houses, decorate cookies, and do other crafts. To fund the party, \$2 wish bracelets are sold at the La Jolla Farmers Market.

"It's a great club to be involved in. Members get to work hands on with the kids, and get to see the difference they make," club president Melissa Pouk said.

Another charitable club that has special plans for the holidays is Interact Club. They are participating in the San Diego Holiday Food and Toy Drive. This includes collecting food and toys, then sorting and organizing the hundreds of donations, and finally walking the families through the donations to create their own "gift basket."

La Jolla High clubs offer many ways to get involved and help out this holiday season.

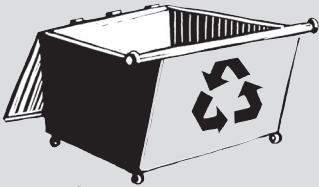
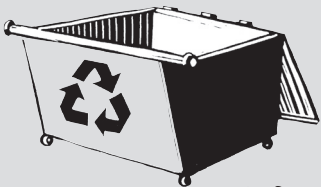
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Won't you guide my 9 tonight?
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As they 10 out with glee:
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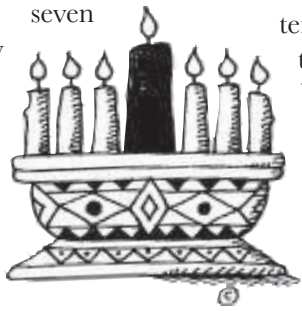
Holiday Celebrations

By Sarah Devermann
Staff Writer

Putting up a Christmas tree, lighting a menorah, or watching a big ball drop in Times Square are common traditions performed in America around this time of year. Besides all the common holiday celebrations, ones that are less known and unusual are also practiced around the world.

Kwanzaa

One less known holiday is Kwanzaa. This is a celebration that's frequently discussed, but is its meaning really known? Kwanzaa is an African-American cultural reaffirmation celebration. This seven day holiday is not religious and starts December 26, the day after Christmas. Each



day of Kwanzaa something is pledged, such as building and developing communities or maintaining unity in the community. On New Year's Eve, there is a big feast called the Kwanzaa Karamu.

Spain

Spaniards celebrate New Year's Eve in a different way: with grapes. After their late night dinner, Spaniards bring out a grape dessert. With each toll of the midnight bells, people in Spain eat one grape. With twelve grapes in all, this tradition is meant to give the grape eaters good luck during the new year. Just five days after New Year's in Spain, the Three Wise Men bring gifts to children. The gifts are brought January 6 instead of Santa Claus bringing them Christmas night. This is the date that the Wise Men gave

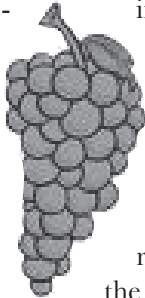


gifts to Jesus. The tradition of the Three Wise Men is also practiced in Mexico.

Columbia

Down in South America, Columbia rings in the New Year in a whole different way. A dummy is made out of old clothing from each family member and is stuffed with straw and fireworks.

Each person writes something such as a fault or bad luck that they wish to get rid of in starting the new year. At midnight the dummy is set on fire and is burnt until nothing remains. When the ashes are left, people know that all of the faults and bad luck of the old year are gone.



Venezuela

Wearing yellow underwear in Venezuela is another strange holiday tradition. People who want love must wear yellow underwear on New Year's Eve. Also, when toasting at midnight, people who want money carry around a large bill in their wallets.

Amish

For Amish people, Christmas is the most important holiday celebrated. While the Amish do practice some similar traditions to other Christian religions, their Christmas celebration is longer; they have two days of Christmas. The first day, December 25, is reserved for scripture readings, meditation, fasting, and religious activities. The second day, December 26, is meant for celebrating the season. This day, also known

as the Second Christmas, is the day when gifts are given. Although the Amish only have two days of Christmas, the festivities last a lot longer, going in to February.

Not only do different countries have their own traditions, households do too.

"The warmth and joy that the holiday season delivers each year contains some of my most cherished traditions, such as making sushi for New Years, or attempting to make a gingerbread house...and failing," freshman Zoe Kleinfeld said.

This time of year is a time that most everyone enjoys. It does not



whether Hanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, or New Years is celebrated, there is no doubt that the holiday spirit is in the air.

Guess Who

By Aida Saam
Staff Writer

I am just a city boy who was born and raised in South Detroit- yes, like the Journey song; I moved to San Diego when I was about eight years old to live with my grandparents. Both my mom and dad still live in Detroit, and I miss them all the time. My mommy is my idol and she is an amazing role model.



I went to Muirlands Middle school and my friends liked to call me "crime dog." It was an inside joke with my friends and is now a nickname of mine.

I am 5'8" and have dark brown hair, but it is very short and I always wear hats. I am now a junior, but I cannot wait to become a senior!

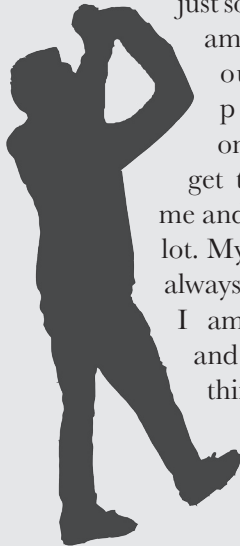
English has to be my favorite subject at school, even though I do not really like school at all. I enjoy chilling with my friends and going to the mall. My friends and I love listening to hip hop and rap and we all love to dance. I played football,

basketball, and track last year, but I am not sure if I am going to play all three again this year.

I have a beautiful girlfriend who plays volleyball and is a junior; so, sorry ladies, I am unavailable. At lunch I usually sit by the 900 building with her; it is our time to catch each other up on how our days are going and relax a little bit.

My favorite color is purple. I literally wear something purple every day. I know that sounds weird and feminine, but I think I can pull it off. I have the freshest style around La Jolla High. I match my outfits pretty well, but you will never catch me wearing those nasty crock shoes.

My favorite place to eat is California Pizza Kitchen; it is just so good! I am a pretty outgoing person once you get to know me and I talk a lot. My friends always tell me I am funny, and I like to think that I am. I have a good sense of humor and I like meeting new people.



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Club Spotlight

By Brittney Schrift
Staff Writer

Are you Jewish? If so, be a part of the Jewish club. Not Jewish? Still join. La Jolla High School's Jewish club is for people of all religions to come together and raise awareness of what is going on in the Jewish community.

"Our club members are mostly non-Jews due to our unfortunately limited number of Jewish students that attend our school. However, we are gaining appreciation throughout the school," club president Rick Saxe said.

The club aims to abolish anti-Semitic sentiments. They raise money through various types of fund-raising and in turn give it to the Jewish World Watch, a global organization that focuses on helping Darfur.

The club meets every Monday in Mr. Atwell's room (306) and they always have delicious food. The club likes to plan fun activities that teenagers will enjoy. On November 18 they had a party bus ride to a Shabbat

dinner. Saxe says they are in the process of planning many more fun and exciting events, and they are even working on a top secret performance for this year's Air Band. Although the club is mostly composed of sophomores, they welcome all grades to come and partici-

most of the members were not of that faith. But more importantly, she told me that the club was really fun and informative. So I joined, and I am glad that I did," sophomore and club member Jenny Pye said.

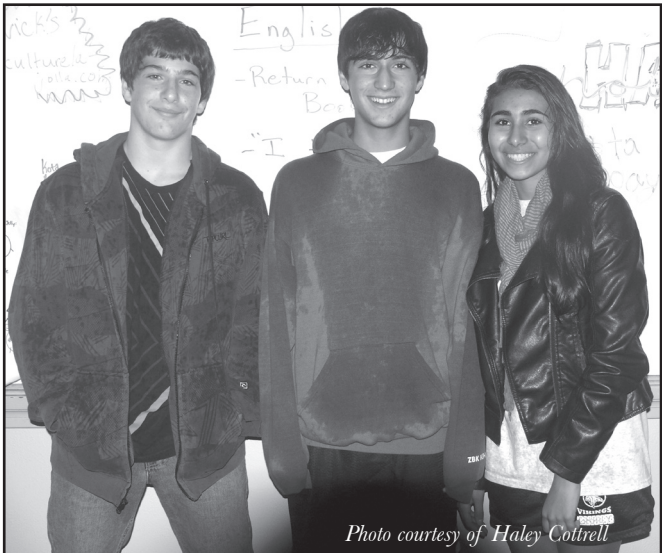
Saxe's sister, Raquel, created the club in 2006 and it has been gaining popularity ever since.

"My sister started it a few years back; I have now taken it over, and am hoping to achieve my goal of making it even bigger and raising more money until my departure in 2012," Saxe said.

The club has raised money for the Jewish World Watch by selling things that

students want to buy, such as the special bracelets they sold at the Homecoming football game. The members had a great time working the stand and raised money for their favorite cause.

Saxe, Graily, and Vice President Ben Abramowitz encourage Viking students of every grade and religion to attend a meeting and get a taste of the Jewish culture.



Jewish pride: Vice President Ben Abramowitz, President Rick Saxe, and Secretary/Treasurer Emily Graily spread Hanukkah cheer.

pate.

Perhaps most importantly, the Jewish club welcomes all LJHS students, whether religious or not, to come and learn about the Jewish faith.

"I was apprehensive at first to join the Jewish club because it is not my religion, but my friend Emily Graily, who is the Secretary and Treasurer (and not Jewish), informed me that

HOLIDAY WRAP UP

'Tis The Reason To Read This Season

Timeless Traditions

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Senior Tali Gires goes on vacation during Hanukkah with her family. While staying in a hotel, Gires does not bring decorations, so she makes them at the hotel and tapes them around her hotel room. Gires likes this tradition because the decorations are based on whatever supplies the hotel provides.



Every thanksgiving morning Courtney Volger does the 5k walk in Downtown San Diego with her mom and sister. The walk supports breast cancer research. They also do a gingerbread house party at their house with all of their closest family and friends the week before Christmas.

On Christmas Eve sophomore Jd Neri and her family pass a candle around to each other. While they pass the candle around, every family member says what they are thankful for.



Freshman Fatima Sultan and her family go to a New Year's party every year. The party is with the same group of families each year. Each family takes a turn in hosting the party. Sultan enjoys watching the ball drop and dancing at the party.

Sweet Memories

The holidays are right around the corner. Santa's ho ho ho-ing, dreidels are spinning, and kinara's are being lit. From Christmas to Hanukkah to Kwanza, we all have our own special memories that are kept dear to our hearts. But, sometimes it may be a memory so strange and so crazy, we wish that very memory could permanently be erased from our hearts and just remain as an event of our unfortunate past.

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One year senior Christa Wirkus and her family were lighting the Menorah the way they do every year on Hanukkah nights. Christa's mother was reciting the prayer and all of a sudden out of nowhere her dog Marley who is a chocolate lab jumped onto the table trying to snatch a latka and knocked over the Menorah! Marley's tail caught on fire and her mother frantically grabbed a bowl of water and missed Marley and caused her and her new dress to get soaking wet. "My dress was ruined, but Marley's tail managed to recover a few months later" senior Christa Wirkus said.

The most memorable Christmas for freshman Clay Jones was the year the snake got let loose. On Christmas day, his family got together to exchange gifts. Jones' uncle bought his son a pet snake. A few hours later, it became apparent that the snake had escaped. Jones' grandma found it in her purse and nearly fainted.

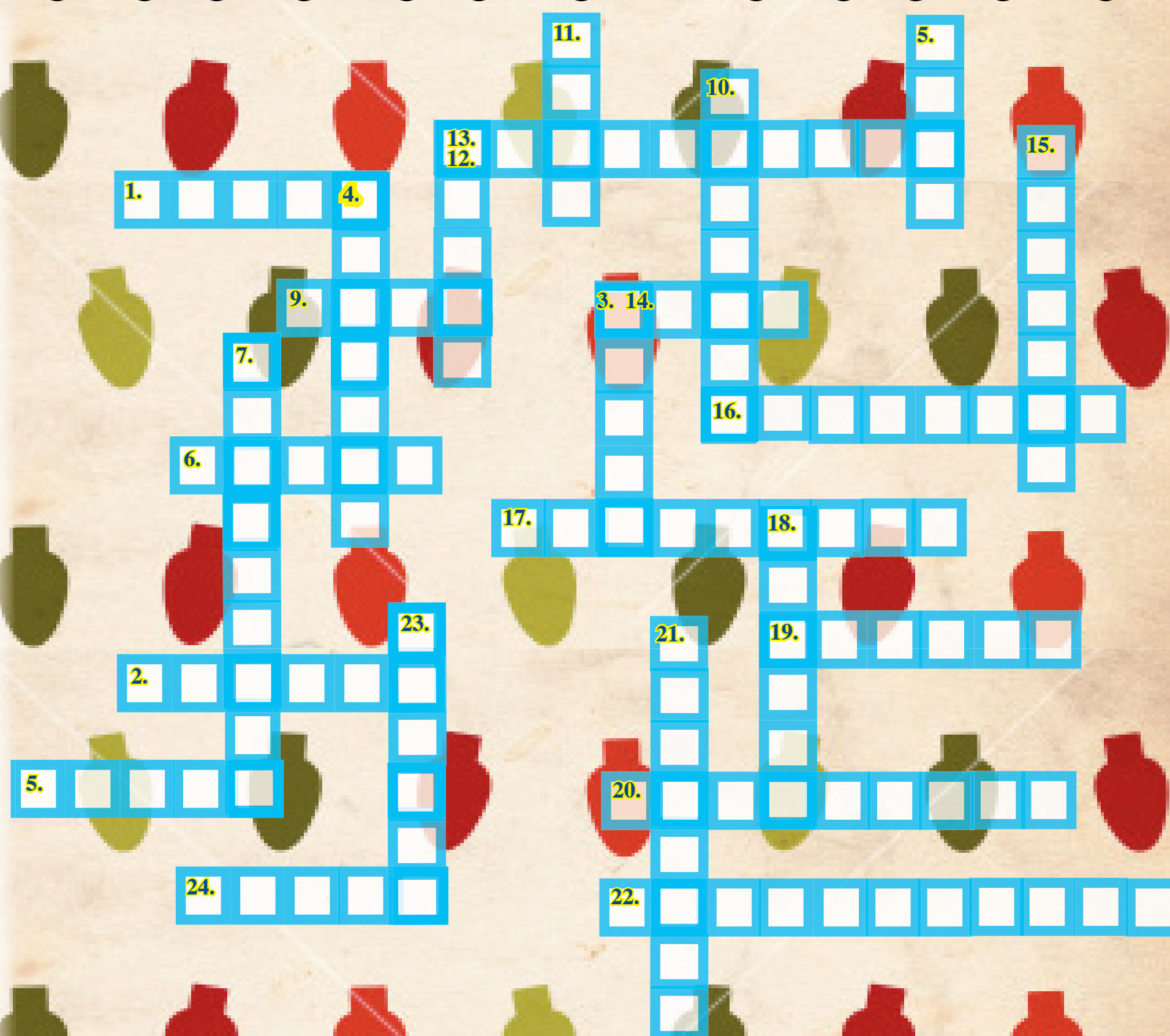
Many families fear a disaster in the kitchen during the holidays. Senior Kimball Wing remembers one year when the desserts did not turn out so sweet. His grandma was in the kitchen making pies, with the help of some cousins. No one realized until after six pies were made that there had been a terrible mistake: one of the cousins had used salt instead of sugar. All six, salty pies had to be thrown away.

Junior Meagan Moreland was able to experience a perfect, white Christmas last year. Every year she spends Winter Vacations in Sun Valley, Idaho, and last year on Christmas Day, she woke to snow falling and three feet of snow on the ground.

"It is really fun to be able to play in the snow and enjoy the cold during a few days of winter. It adds to the Christmas feeling when there is snow on the ground," Moreland said.

W I N T E R Y W O R D S

1. Hanukkah _____ for eight days.
2. What is lit on Kwanzaa?
3. What is Santa's last name?
4. What do you spin on Hanukkah?
5. Chocolate money is called...
6. Who is the fifth reindeer in the song?
7. What do you usually stuff on Christmas?
8. Who is the main Maccabee?
9. How many candles are on the menorah?
10. What is the tall candle called?
11. What is Santa's favorite drink?
12. On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me, two turtle...
13. Oh the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so...
14. Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made you out of...
15. Red, black, and green are the colors of which holiday?
16. Put on your yarmulke, it's time for...
17. What do you kiss under?
18. What is a traditional holiday drink?
19. Who stole Christmas?
20. What is a typical Hanukkah snack?
21. What is Santa's favorite snack?
22. What is a popular holiday cookie?
23. Potato pancakes are also known as...
24. Silver...



1. Latkes 2. Kinara 3. Claus 4. Dreidel 5. Gelt 6. Comet 7. Stockings 8. Judah 9. Nine 10. Shamaah 11. Milk 12. Doves 13. Delightful 14. Clay 15. Kwanzaa 16. Hanukkah 17. Mistletoe 18. Eggnog 19. Grinch 20. Doughnuts 21. Cookies 22. Gingerbread 23. Latkes 24. Bells