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BENCHES for FREEDOM

Students' messages on senior benches spark freedom of speech controversy



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By **Wilson Mokiao** and
Yume Hoshijima

Staff Writer & Contributor

The senior benches at La Jolla High School have always been an important message board for student life. Be it birthday wishes or ASB election slogans, students come at night with cans of spray paint to leave messages that will be read by their peers the next morning.

The benches, being a public venue for expressing student sentiments, hold a special place at La Jolla High School. However, in a recent turn of events, the administration at La Jolla High School has taken to moderating the bench's messages.

On the night of February 15, 2011, Yasamin Elahi and a fellow Persian club member painted the senior benches with

the slogan "Freedom for Iran."

By the time students arrived at school the following morning, the message had been covered with white paint.

On the night of February 17, 2011, two other students at La Jolla High School, painted the senior benches with the messages "Freedom for Iran and LJHS" and "Ed. Code 48907," in reference to the California State Code provision that delineates California secondary school students' free speech rights. The next morning, the administration had once again white washed the message.

California Education Code 48907 states that California students may express themselves freely at school unless speech is "obscene, libelous, or slanderous." Both messages appeared clear, free of harsh language

and accusations.

There is some question as to whether La Jolla High School administration's actions may be in violation of the first amendment to the constitution.

The United States Supreme Court has decided in cases such as: *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School* (1969), *Bethel School District v. Fraser* (1986), and *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier* (1988), that the free speech of students is not to be impeded or moderated by the school system in question.

The Supreme Court has generally held that if speech is expressed in a "public forum" (Hazelwood), speech is protected unless such speech is lewd, indecent, undermines the educational mission of the school,

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Walking for Water

Participate in a walk on **March 20** from **10 a.m. to noon** to raise money for water wells in Tanzania.

By **Freda Spencer**
A & E Editor

What: San Diego Walk for Water, a 5K walk to help alleviate the world water crisis.

When: March 20 at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Where: Tecolote Shores, 1600 East Mission Bay Drive.

Who: High School students from around San Diego have been planning the walk, and all San Diegans, especially students, are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Why: Today, one-third of the Earth's population is living in a "water-stressed" country. In these countries, simply obtaining water is a struggle for mil-

lions of people. Often times, women and children must go to great lengths by carrying water three to six miles from polluted water sources to their homes. Participants in the walk symbolically carry water jugs, just as these women and children must, as an educational experience and a reminder of the difficulties some must go to in order to obtain water.

Registration for this event is only \$10, (or \$25 for a family of 4) which will go to the building of water wells in Tanzania. A FREE Walk for Water t-shirt comes with registration.

For updates and more information, check out the "San Diego Walk for Water 2011" event on Facebook.



Photo Courtesy of Wendy Nettleton

Seniors For the Win! : The Class of 2011 enjoys victory against the faculty in last Friday's annual Seniors vs. Faculty basketball game.

ASB UPDATE

From the President's Desk

Hey Vikings!

The long awaited ASB Ball is finally here! Tickets will be on sale all this week for \$35 on Monday and Tuesday and for \$40 on Wednesday through Friday. The ball will be held at Paradise Point Resort and Spa in Mission Bay on Saturday, March 12th from 8:00 to 11:00. Be sure to read the dress code and behavior policies in your bid and don't forget your photo ID!

Senior vs. Faculty Basketball was a great success! Congrats to the seniors for their exciting win! The senior class raised over \$2000, which will go directly towards Class of 2011 dues. The senior class sent out cap and gown measurement forms

last week. If you have not filled out your cap and gown form in your Econ, Gov, or PoliSci class please come to the ASB room (304) ASAP! The Senior Letter with all important information and dates will be sent out the first week in April.

Classes have also begun planning for Airband, which will be held on Thursday, April 14 5:00 and 7:30. The theme is (YouTube: Broadcast LJHS). Class Councils will be holding committee meetings for all those interested in participating in Airband and will publicize dates in the bulletin and online.

Juniors are hard at work planning a rummage sale and parent dinner. Juniors have been planning a lot of fundraisers at lunch

and made a lot of money by holding basketball snack shacks.

Sophomores held a candy gram sale for Valentine's Day and are also planning a lot of lunchtime fundraisers so keep listening to the bulletin for those dates.

Commissioner of Student Affairs, Ryan Mann, worked with PTA to plan E-Waste, an electronic waste recycling program held on February 19, which raised a lot of money for our school!

Congratulations to all of our winter sports teams who made it to CIF! We are so proud of you!

Sincerely,
Victoria Frager
ASB President

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What's Next for LJHS?

TEACHERS OF THE FUTURE.

Where will our school be in 50 years? Nobody knows who will be taking over our classrooms and running the campus. Perhaps every whiteboard will be replaced with Promethean boards. Or maybe students will ditch the pens and paper and invest in laptops. Could teachers be replaced with robots? No, probably not. But regardless, the possibilities are endless and nobody knows where the future will take us. Times are changing and advanced technology is already forcing its way into each class. One can only imagine where we will be and how much our world will change. With that, students of La Jolla High are asked to predict, what exactly is next for LJHS?



Promethean Boards

Lighting the flame of learning, or just burning away the budget?

By **Tim Rayner**
Staff Writer

I had just gotten settled at my desk when the teacher came out looking like she had just seen a ghost. The class quieted down.

We watched as she sighed and began to explain some state-issued budget cuts that were going to seriously affect our school.

Awesome. Just what we need: more cuts.

However, a week passed, and nothing happened. No lay-offs, no desk shortages, no more bad news.

But the next Monday, I walked into my third period class, and what met my eyes was astonishing.

It was large, dark, and foreboding. It had a label that said, "Promethean" and a sign saying, "DO NOT TOUCH OR MOVE."

The large, robotic screen stood there ominously; not even the teacher knew how to use it.

But one question was floating around in the air: where did we get the money for these clearly costly boards?

According to the SDUSD website and the Budget and Policy Priorities, this year alone, our district has cut over \$120 million, as part of a larger statewide budget cut of roughly \$1.5 billion.

In short, things are looking bleak for us.

And now, walk into any English or math classroom, and there stands a huge Promethean board with hundreds of endless wires coming out the back.

It would seem as if this is the school's own poor financial decision, but the conspiracy goes deeper; the Promethean boards are part of the "i21 Interactive Classroom System,"

on campus and increases our inventory of technology," media teacher, Ms. Renda said.

Each one of these boards costs a minimum \$5,300. This year, our school has been issued one of these boards for each English classroom, along with the rest of the i21 system, which includes a laptop for each teacher, a cart of 32 netbooks, a full audio/video system (with surround

"It is a special experience working with these Promethean boards...I feel like I am living the future," said Abbott.

But not all teachers are "working" with the provided technology.

In my opinion, the district is paying millions of dollars for useless technology in every classroom. It is a waste of useful money that often ends up going unused simply because of lack of training, or a teacher's inability to find any use for it.

In many classes, such as in Mrs. Zink's math classes, the Promethean board is nothing but a \$5,300 projector screen. All of this technology is compulsory for each English and Math classroom, but teachers may either be scared to use it, or simply not ever need to use it.

Is our district trying too hard to keep classrooms updated with the latest in technological equipment? Is it suddenly necessary to have new state of the art technology in order to learn?

We were doing just fine before these monstrosities started showing up in our classrooms. What difference does it make to have all of the bells and whistles, when the money we spend on them could go to more necessary development?

Am I the only one who thinks this is a poor use of our limited budget?

"The i21 Interactive Classroom System is a statement of the government's tangents of wasteful spending," said junior Richard Sharpe.

which has been issued to every school in our district. SDUSD gets its funding from Proposition S, a program designed to fund renovation and repair our schools. This proposition is funded by the district's bonds. If the funding does not come from this source, funding comes from the state, which is, in turn, funded by our taxpayer dollars.

"The i21 systems have allowed us to have more wireless laptops for students to use here

sound), a set of microphones, wireless internet and a student response system. This extravagant spending adds up to a hefty total making quite a dent in classroom budgets.

"The i21 Interactive Classroom System is a statement of the government's tangents of wasteful spending," said junior Richard Sharpe.

On the other hand, sophomore Chance Abbott has a more positive attitude.

Rants

Bieber Fever

By Wendy Nettleton
Staff Writer

Justin Bieber, the sixteen-year old pop sensation from a small town in Canada of 32,000, taught himself at a young age to the play the drums, guitar, trumpet and piano.

However, even though he is now a huge sensation, people find reason to hate and criticize him for sounding and looking too young for his age and his image.

Those that are anti-mainstream music automatically hate Justin Bieber, which is not fair. Not enjoying a certain type of music should not drive a person to hate someone associated to it.

Of course, he is more successful because of how he looks and dresses, but who cares? Honestly, his hair is amazing and he wears his pants and shirts just like many guys do at this school, so these “Bieber-skeptics” need to stop saying how he has stupid hair and dresses like he is 12. People are just jealous of his success and need to accept that he is simply talented, popular and good looking.

Rancid Restrooms

By Jordon Linsky
Staff Writer

No matter how hard students try to avoid them, everyone, at some point or another, has had to experience the bathrooms at La Jolla High. On the unfortunate instance in which students are forced to use the school facilities, they are greeted by the lovely sight of tile floors grimier and dirty than the local dump, and toilets that carry infectious diseases yet to be discovered.

After being forced to use the disgusting toilets, there is rarely any soap to try to cleanse any virus that may have been picked up from simply touching a stall.

As for your mental state, therapy may be needed after inhaling the bathroom air for more than thirty seconds.

Next time there is a few extra bucks, how about fixing up the bathrooms, or at least some hand sanitizer so that students can rest easy knowing that 99.9% of the germs they just received from our bathrooms have been killed.



Overlooked Benefits of Community College

By Alex McMahon
Staff Writer

Why work oneself to the top of the Coronado Bridge trying to get into a four-year UC school right out of high school? Yes, it is still important to do well in school, but there is a detour into UC schools that simply requires that one tries their best without needing to worry what grade their best gives them. This alternative is called “community college.” It may

not be the most extravagant and well-decorated option, replete with fraternities and sororities, but it may easily be the smarter choice.

One reason behind this theory has to do with the so-called Greek Row. Some may find certain benefits in belonging to a fraternity or sorority, such as camaraderie, friendship, and student support. However, they can easily drag one down. It does not take much for one

to get caught up in the parties and craziness of the Greek life. Such activities can leave one morally bankrupt and behind in his or her classes.

Bankruptcy is a parent’s worst nightmare when sending their children to college. Money is one of the largest issues considered when one is college-searching. The cost of attending a community college is significantly less than attending a UC school. In fact, a UC school costs over twice as much than community college. Students and parents spend around \$29,400 on average at a UC school on tuition, supplies, and so forth compared to a mere \$12,384 spent on attending community college.

This cost is lowered still, \$9,984, if one continues to live with their parents, as many students do. Simply attending community college for two years before transferring can save a person up to \$38,832, based upon numbers from californiacolleges.edu and basic calculations. How easy is transferring though?

Transferring is much simpler than the usual application process of filling out applications, writing essays for multiple schools, and relentlessly praying. Seven UC schools, UC Davis, Irvine, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz, offer a Transfer Acceptance Guarantee (TAG), with only Santa Barbara limiting what majors one can transfer in to. In general, the in-state transfer acceptance rate is 80 percent. The average acceptance rate for all UC schools is 54 percent as of 2009.

Requirements are few. They are probably only as demanding as one’s base goals that he sets for himself: 60 semester units of transferable credits, a 2.4 grade point average (GPA), and fulfillment of the general education requirements.

Many of the UC schools recommend, and this author agrees, that one take lower-division preparation for any major one wishes to declare.

Modern Hollywood

Where the stars no longer shine

By Catherine Sulpizio
Staff Writer

Recently, there seems to be a startling trend in the drug use of celebrities. And amazingly enough, it is not the actual drug use that is particularly disturbing. Instead, there has been a complete role reversal between the press and the stars.

The media no longer has to dirty their hands digging for dirt, the celebrities of today simply hand it to them on a silver platter. Gone are the days when paparazzi hunted with dogged persistence for that lurid tidbit of gossip that would send America into a scandalized tizzy and the mortified celebrity into seclusion.

It is now an era where that aforementioned celebrity is no longer a victim to bad publicity but a martyr, giving up unnecessary information, whether it is about sex, drugs, or family life, freely in the name of integrity.

Miley Cyrus’ latest slew of pictures have just hit the internet. However, this time she’s traded

her push-up bra for a bong. As if this is not enough publicity for the Cyrus clan, her father, Billy Ray Cyrus is releasing a tell-all interview with GQ, where he will blame Hannah Montana for the family downfall and more than just allude to his daughter’s problems.

Recently, Lady Gaga confessed on 60 Minutes to smoking “a lot of pot and

pened to discretion in Hollywood? Though the need for gossip is an insatiable weakness for a good portion of America, does it make it ok for the celebrities to simply offer their private lives to the press and public? It is a sad place that celebrities have come to where they truly believe honesty is always the best policy.

Genuineness always

“When celebrities are stripped down to their most sellable, juiciest secrets, their complexity is lost.”

whiskey” to stir up her creative juices while writing. “What artists do wrong is they lie. And I don’t lie... [My fans] know who I am,” Gaga said. Earlier this year in a Vanity Fair interview, the recovering cocaine addict admitted to playing with fire and claims to still using it “a couple times a year.”

Charlie Sheen just told The Dan Patrick Show that crack-cocaine is ok if you can “manage it socially.” Obviously that was the clincher for him.

So what exactly has hap-

seems to be lacking in Beverly Hills, but unflinching transparency is in no short demand.

Through social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, and MySpace, society has bridged the gap between private and public life.

And this is not necessarily a good thing. Before the age of Facebook stalking and Formspring questions, celebrities were an enigma until people personally got to know them.

Cupcake War

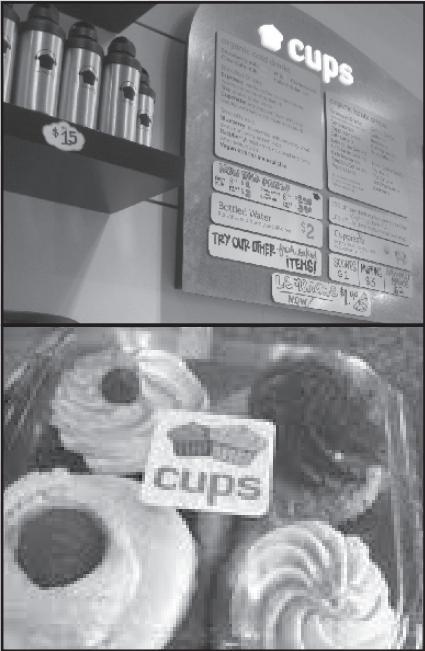
By Emily Kuo
Staff Writer

Can't decide where to pick up a sweet treat after school? The HiTide visited the two most popular cupcake places in La Jolla to help you make your choice.

CUPS

- Founded in November 2009
- Location: Downtown La Jolla (7857 Girard Avenue).
- Hours: Sunday-Thursday 9am-9pm, Friday-Saturday 9am-10pm.
- Price: \$2 mini cupcake, \$4 big cupcake.
- Menu: Over 100 cupcake flavors (13 flavors a day that rotate daily), scones, muffins, truffle bites, coffee, tea, flavored milk, Pupcups (dog treats). Also features special dietary needs including gluten-free, vegan, dairy-free, and low glycemic index varieties.
- Host culinary program (cooking classes that are hands-on): "Fabulous Fondant," "Vegan Baking," "Kids' Chef School," "Valentine's Day Sweets".
- Received the Three-Star Certified Green Restaurants Certification - the first awarded in San Diego for earth-friendly use of sustainable materials:

- the bar countertop is entirely made out of broken glass, walls are entirely made out of compressed paper, and the outdoor plants are even edible
- Utilizes Organic Ingredients: All natural and seasonal flavors grown from local farms to support farmers, community, and the earth. Nothing bought from mass-produced/large supplier places. Flavors change according to seasons to feature local fruits and berries. No hormones, pesticides, powder or ready-made mixes in the cupcakes.
 - Makes over 1,000 cupcakes a day.
 - "When you go to Cups, you get to try things you otherwise would not be able to. The little dry frosting shots are great. There is a fun group of people and a nice atmosphere." senior Victoria Frager said.



SPRINKLES

- Chain founded in Beverly Hills. The La Jolla branch first opened in January of 2011.
- Location: North La Jolla (8855 Villa La Jolla Drive).
- Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-7pm, Sunday 10am-6pm.
- Price: \$3.50 per cupcake (one size), \$39 for a dozen.

- vatives, or artificial flavors.
- Makes over 1,000 cupcakes a day.
 - Most popular flavor: Red Velvet.
 - "Sprinkles has amazing cupcakes. The frosting is evenly distributed and is moist. At Sprinkles you have to wait in line, but the anticipation pays off. I do not mind paying \$3.50 for Sprinkles. I have only been

“ You have to wait in line, but the anticipation pays off. ”

- Menu: Over 26 cupcake flavors, coffee, and dog treats.
- Small store-front. No available indoor seating, has common outdoor seating. Generally crowded.
- Sustainability: boxes, plates, napkins, shopping bags made from recycled materials.
- Utilizes natural ingredients: No trans fats, preservatives, or artificial flavors.

- there twice, but I am planning to come back." freshman Jack Busch said.
- "I love the vanilla and coconut flavored ones at Sprinkles. I go there once a week if I am in the area." freshman Svetlana Novikova said.
 - "Sprinkles is the best because the red velvet cupcakes are the bomb.com" senior Bobby Hill said.

Photos courtesy of Emily Kuo

“ There is a fun group of people with a nice atmosphere. ”

Guess Who



A senior confesses her guilty pleasures

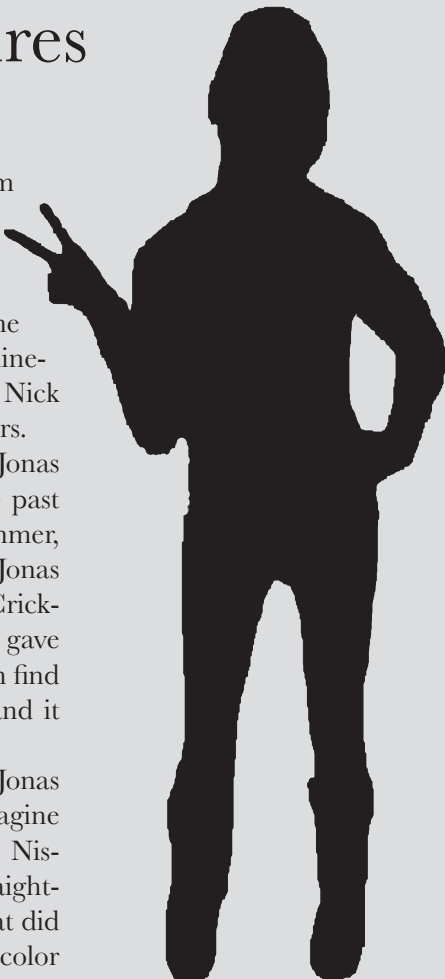
By Wendy Nettleton
Staff Writer

Hey La Jolla! I am so excited to be heading off to college next year! That's right, I am a senior and this is my last year at LJHS before I go off to study broadcast journalism in college. Speaking about broad-

with whatever you need. When I am not working, you can find me hanging out with my friends, eating, or on Facebook (I am a total Facebook junkie). If my diet could consist of Flamin' Hot Cheetos

zhilton.com, oceanup.com and even the television show Chelsea Lately on E! Entertainment Channel. This moment of fame is credited to my adrenaline-pumped encounter with Nick Jonas of the Jonas Brothers. I have been to 18 Jonas Brothers' events over the past four years. This past summer, I jumped on stage at the Jonas Brothers' concert at the Cricket Amphitheatre and gave Nick Jonas a hug! You can find the video on YouTube, and it has over 100,000 views.

Besides my love for the Jonas Brothers, I could not imagine life without my iPhone, Nissan Sentra and hair straightener. For those of you that did not know, blue is the best color



in the world and my favorite movies are the Harry Potter series. I am obsessed with Harry Potter, and I even dressed up on Harry Potter Day at our school. For my favorite TV show, I cannot decide between Degassi and Jersey Shore. Who can get enough of Snooki? But, have you seen Drew's smile? It is to die for. If you need extra help trying to figure out who I am, I have blonde hair and blue eyes. Helpful right? Guess Who!

Photo courtesy of Kianna Anvari

The Guess Who from the last issue was Trevor Menders

“ I have been to 18 Jonas Brothers' events over the past four years. ”

cast journalism, you may have seen me as an anchor on the school bulletin this year. I am currently working at the clothing store, Hollister Co. as a "floor model," or better known as one of those people who greet you and help you

and burritos from now on, I would be perfectly happy with that. Some of you may know me because I am basically a celebrity. No big deal. But really, I have been mentioned on entertainment sources such as pere-

HELPING HAITI

A La Jolla High Activist Takes a Stand

By Wendy Nettleton
Staff Writer

Recently, junior Anna Moyer went through an experience that completely changed her view on life. Moyer had the opportunity to go to Haiti to witness what her cousin, Jenna, did in a Haitian clinic. She stayed with a man named Ebed, who started his own clinic and wanted to open up a medical based trade school. Jenna and a colleague decided to sponsor four students to attend the school. Moyer’s cousin asked her to go and immediately jumped at the chance.

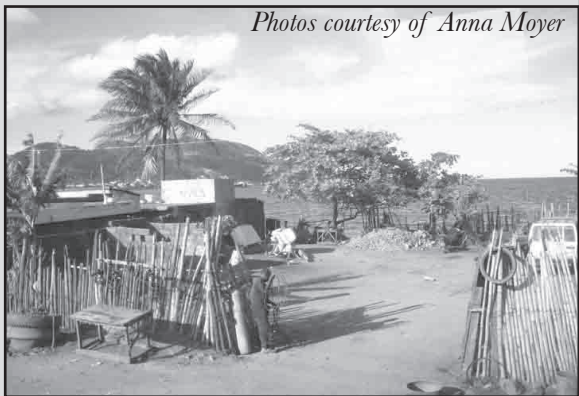
“As much as I tried to prepare myself for what was to come and what I was going to see, it was nothing compared to the real thing,” said Moyer.

Extreme poverty and turmoil have left this country in horrid condition. From the massive earthquake that struck just over a year ago to the recent cholera outbreak, Haiti has been wrought with disaster. Moyer feared that because she would be in constant danger from what the media had projected about Haiti. But to her surprise, she felt welcomed and not threatened at all.

“I fell in love with the country, its natural beauty, the people, and the kids. The pure excitement and happiness on their faces made it all worthwhile. Even driving through the town and seeing all the kids running out onto the street yelling, “Blancs! Blancs!” with their huge smiles when I waved to them was incredible,” said Moyer.

Moyer says one of the best parts of the trip is when she went to an orphanage and handed out Beanie Baby toys to the kids there. But with all these great memories comes immense sadness. Currently in Haiti, only one third of the children make it past five years old. Moyer says that one of the most crushing things was knowing that a good number of the kids that they helped would not survive much longer.

Seeing people that struggling to find food and a place to sleep on a daily basis made her realize that she wants to do more for this country and aid as many people as she can. Moyer also realized how lucky she is to be living in the United States. She knows that there is no way she will ever be able to understand what it is like to constantly be in the fight for survival, but she does know that it has “opened her eyes in the best way,” and she is going to do everything in her power to help the Haitian people.



Before the Devastation: On the left is a picture of Haiti before the earthquake, and on the right is the aftermath.

WHEN I WAS SEVENTEEN:

TOM ATWELL

By Jake Foerster
Staff Writer

Known around campus as the super muscular World History and AP Euro teacher, and head water polo coach; Mr. Atwell has entertained students with his stories for years. With many students curious about his past, the HiTide sat down to discuss what life was like when he was seventeen.

HT: What did you drive when you were seventeen?

TA: I drove a Volkswagen Squareback.

HT: What were some important historical moments you remember when you were seventeen?

TA: Well, there was the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan. Bob Marley also died at that time.

HT: What was your most memorable moment during



Photo courtesy of Kianna Anvari

HiTide: Where did you grow up?

Tom Atwell: I grew up in Pasadena, California.

HT: What high school did you go to?

TA: I went to John Muir High School.

HT: Were you involved with any activities at your high school?

TA: I played water polo, I swam, was on the debate team, and in some plays.

HT: What was your favorite sport during high school?

TA: My favorite sport was water polo.

high school?

TA: That would be my senior prank, which was where I put a golf cart on top of the cafeteria roof.

HT: What was your favorite thing to do after school?

TA: I liked to surf and train.

HT: Did you do anything to earn some extra money?

TA: I worked at a Taco Bell for two years.

HT: If you could change one thing that you did when you were seventeen, what would it be?

TA: I would have trained harder.



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LJHS ENTREPRENEURS

Average Students who earn money while maintaining high academic standards

7 out of 10
high school students want
to own their own business.

Most people who start their
own business are more edu-
cated than their parents.

43% of women own
their own business.

In 2008 over **2,000**
people became an en-
trepreneur every day.

ALEX

T-shirt Designer

and Future Music Producer



Just over a year ago Alex Ramos came up with the idea to start selling shirts when he was bored one day. He can be seen wearing one of his own shirts featuring a clenched fist encircled by angel wings. The original image was hand drawn by Ramos' friend after Ramos explained the basic concept to him, and then it was scanned into a computer. Ramos finds his inspiration in a markedly different source than most people: the Scripture. "I wanted to do something serious, something that matters, not something everyone else is doing." He markets primarily through Facebook and word-of-mouth, charging twenty-five dollars per shirt. Business is in the early days, and Ramos expresses the desire to get more sales in the future as his name spreads. Meanwhile, many of his designs can be seen worn by his sister, junior Norma Ramos, and some of their church and family friends. While managing a baby business, Ramos has also dabbled in producing music for his friend, Daniel Lopez, a senior at Montgomery High. Monarch, as he is known, is a rapper trying to get discovered. Ramos uses his YouTube channel, as a medium for displaying his and Monarch's talents, which he hopes will help him break into the music video industry.

JACK

Active Blogger

and Shoe Reseller

Most people do not realize that reselling old products can be a good marketing opportunity. When Jack Ready visited New York City five years ago, he saw entrepreneurial potential where most people would have missed it. "There were all of these sneaker boutiques and I knew there was something to it." Five years later buying and reselling vintage basketball shoes has become a rocketing business for him. In January, his company earned \$900 and made a \$400

profit. This project is not an average dull job, and Ready relishes the perks of being his own boss, namely the freedom it allows. Ready buys basketball shoes, primarily Air Jordans, and resells them himself on his blog, "Jack is Bloggin'". "My best sale ever was this original pair of Air Jordans from 1985. I bought them from a collector for \$350 and sold them for \$700." In the future, he looks to involve himself in more than just basketball shoes. The vintage market has a significant

demand for female shoes, which Jack admits he is looking into. Beyond just selling shoes, Ready has a passion for artistic endeavors, focusing on 'street' inspired art with the medium of markers and pens, as well as featuring his personal photography on his blog. When Ready isn't selling shoes for the basketball court, he hits the volleyball court, where he plays the libero position.



If you could own your
own business, what
would it be?

“A business that deals
with travel, in order to re-
store old buildings.”

- Anna Olevsky

“A preteen club, because I
believe in party hard, party
young.”

- London Nelms

“Candy store, be-
cause who doesn't love
candy?”

- Chantal Gish

“I would run a repair shop,
because there will always be
stuff that needs fixing.”

- Tristan Saeed

TAYLOR

Fashion Photographer

and Trendy Blogger



Anyone looking through Taylor Carpenter's Facebook photo-blog, Apprécier, would note that anyone of her pictures would not look out of place in Vogue magazine. With a true passion for original style and a dedication to meticulous detail, it is no wonder her photos come out so spectacularly. "I've

always loved photography, to me it's a way to capture the beauty that we so often pass by." Carpenter began taking pictures sophomore year of high school. She would snap pictures of friends during impromptu shoots for Facebook and edit them herself using Photoshop. When people started to take notice of her friends' glitzy profile pictures, she began setting up photo shoots and charged for her work.

Carpenter has always had an entrepreneurial gene, starting her first company in first grade selling bracelets. Of course it did not last, but

it sowed the seeds for Carpenter's dream to own her own business. She relishes the freedom her business allows, with no set schedule or pressures of deadlines and hours. In her shoots, Carpenter often incorporates fashion from different eras.

Currently Carpenter is contemplating starting a small fashion newsletter that would incorporate cutting edge fashion along with writing pieces. "I have a lot of ideas, I just want to keep going with them." In her free time she gains more photo experience by interning at Nordstrom and Studio M about once a month.

CONNOR & AUSTIN

Rising YouTube Stars

BurkeLife, a YouTube channel, has just over 3,000 subscribers. It follows brothers freshman Connor and junior Austin Burke through their daily routines.

Connor Burke is the creator of ConnorBurkeLife, a spin-off of his family's original YouTube channel, BurkeLife. Burke was originally drawn to having his own business because of the flexibility and creativity it allowed.

With YouTube as his blank slate, Burke could experiment with unconventional formats and new topics without someone else's editing. He hopes to become a partner as soon as his channel gets more momentum, which would allow him even more creative ownership. "We get so many letters from

people just saying how much they appreciate our family and how lucky we are. We get them from people in jail, people with divorced parents, anyone. They just like seeing a happy family." Burke senses the impact his videos have on audiences, which is why he takes the time to individually respond to all of the viewers' many comments. With all the painstaking work that comes with his YouTube channel, Burke still makes time to hang out with his friends and work on his graffiti inspired art.



2011 CHAMPS

Men's varsity wrestling

By Grant Simington
Staff Writer

La Jolla High School men's varsity wrestling team is the best in the county and has just won 3rd place in the CIF tournament.

The La Jolla High School wrestling team made history this year.

The Vikings had never in the school's 89 year history won a western league title in wrestling. On Wednesday, February 2, 2011 the Viking wrestlers clinched the school's first ever banner in the sport.

Wrestling is a team sport played on an individual basis. There are two formats in which a wrestling meet takes place.

The first is tournament style, in which multiple schools enter wrestlers in each of the weight classes. Each wrestler may compete in many matches throughout the tournament until the best of all wrestlers entered is found.

The second variation is a dual meet. In a dual meet, two schools meet and one wrestler from each school wrestles at a time. Teams score points based on the wins achieved

by an individual. At the end of the meet, whichever school has the most points is claimed the victor.

The Vikings defeated the league rival Saint Augustine Saints in a dual meet to confirm their league victory. In fact, the Vikings swept the entire league in all dual meets. Mission Bay forfeited and the Vikings defeated Saint Augustine, UC, Cathedral, and Madison.

"We[the wrestling team] beat everyone[in league] easily this

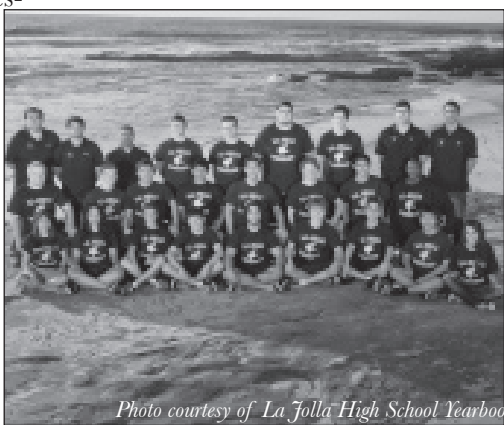


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year," said senior captain Kirk Lee.

Senior Quinn Strauser wrestles varsity in the 152 or below weight class. He has been on the team for all four years and enjoys wrestling very much.

Strauser proclaims that, "The success and family feeling on the team" are his favor-

ite parts of being on the team. Quinn placed 5th in the Holtville tournament earlier in the season and hopes to do even better in CIF.

All of the Varsity wrestlers participated in the CIF tournament. Four Vikings; Quinn Strauser, Kirk Lee, Matt Vasquez, and Peter Dantchev placed first in CIF.

Eric Gomez and Timothy Cundiff each took third and Harry Wilson and Ben Abramowitz each placed 6th. All of these placings earned LJHS 3rd overall in CIF.

Masters is the level after CIF that serves as the gateway to State competition. Usually two or three wrestlers from La Jolla will make Masters, but this year the team brought six Vikings past CIF. Gomez and Vasquez were the only to place however, and each placed 6th.

As the Vikings fight hard for individual prominence, the team comes to stand as one of the best in the county.

If the Viking team does as well as it hopes this year, they might set precedence for future Viking dominance in the sport.

Sport of the Month

Rugby

By Bree Jones
Staff Writer

Rugby has been played for hundreds of years all over the world. But one may ask "what is rugby?"

Many people have heard of the sport rugby and most think it is a lot like football, but the two sports are nothing alike.

The players in rugby are only allowed to tackle the player with the ball. Rugby is international, whereas football is primarily played in America.

In rugby, players do not wear pads, there are fewer rules, and there is much more brutality. Football is a stop-and-go sport, while rugby players are constantly moving.

Since rugby players do not wear any pads, oftentimes the players can become seriously injured. Common injuries include broken ribs, concussions, and even snapped collarbones. While most people stereotype rugby as a "male" sport, many women also enjoy playing.

Junior Connor Lee has been

playing rugby for four years and he loves the sport.

"I love rugby because it is more than a sport, it is a lifestyle. Teammates become like brothers because rugby is like a war zone where everyone is considered family," junior Connor Lee said.

Rugby requires a lot of guts and strength. It is a sport of intimidation, and before games, players perform an intimidation dance known as Haka.

"My favorite thing about rugby is the 'scrum.' A scrum is when five players from each team huddle around each other and they are all standing over the ball. It is extremely fun and it gets you really pumped up. It is also a good chance to intimidate the other team and show them that you should not be messed with," Lee said.

Rugby is a dangerous sport, and those who play realize they put themselves in danger, but they welcome the pain as long as it brings glory and victory to their team.

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Winter Sport's

Teams break new boundaries and make history

By Grant Simington
Staff Writer

Boys Soccer – The boys soccer team finished the season third in league and got the 7th seed out of 12 in the division 3 CIF bracket. On Tuesday, February 22, they defeated Central Union High School 2-0 at home and advanced. On Friday, February 25, the boys defeated second seed San Diego Southwest on the road to advance to the semifinals against UC.

Girls Soccer – The lady Vikings finished the season third in the league after a heart-breaking tie to Cathedral in the final game of the season. The girls were the second seed in the division 3 playoffs and won their first game 5-0 on Saturday, February 26 at home to advance to the semifinals against Our Lady of Peace.

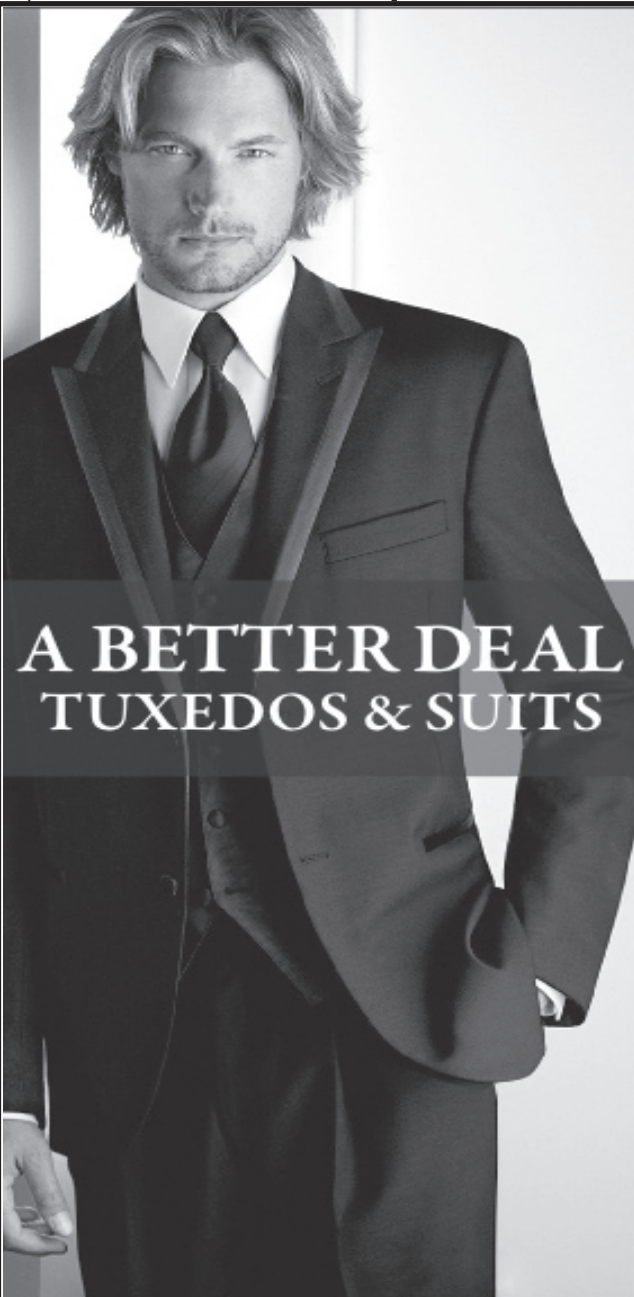
Boys Basketball - The

boys received the 10th seed in the division 3 CIF tournament and defeated San Diego Southwest 41-38 on February 23. In the second round, the boys lost to Mission Bay at Mission Bay on Saturday, February 26th.

Girls Water Polo - The Lady Vikes of Coggan Aquatic Complex have been lighting up the pool this water polo season. The girls won the first ever water polo tournament in school history.

On Wednesday, February 23, the girls defeated Cathedral Catholic at home, and also became the first La Jolla High School water polo team ever to make it to a final game. The girls were also the first female team ever to beat Coronado in the regular season.

And even though the final game of the Lady Vikings' great season ended with a 10-6 loss to community rival Bishops in the CIF finals, they made sure to play one of the best games yet. Go Lady Vikes!



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San Diego State Aztecs

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By Grant Simington
Staff Writer

Most everyone at La Jolla High School has heard about the San Diego State Aztecs men's basketball team's unprecedented success this season.

"The Aztecs games are really fun to watch," says freshman Thomas Marsh.

The Aztecs currently have a 27-2 record and are ranked 9th in the country. The Aztecs' only two losses came against in late BYU Cougars in late Jan-

uary as well as last week. Despite the losses, the Aztecs are still ranked higher than many historic powerhouse teams such as the University of Connecticut and Syracuse University.

The Aztecs were hopeful of going undefeated for most of the year. However, the Aztecs play in the Mountain West conference, in which a team has never managed to finish a season undefeated. Road games are very difficult to play in the Mountain West because of elevation differences. BYU

and New Mexico for instance, have home courts at over a mile in elevation.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association runs a 64 team tournament for qualified college basketball teams every year. Teams that win conference tournaments at the end of the year are automatically qualified, so the tournament must give them a seed. The rest of the spots are filled by the top qualified teams in basketball.

Currently as the 9th best team in the country, the Aztecs are the favorites to win the Mountain West tournament for the automatic bid. The nice thing about having such a highly ranked team is that the Aztecs don't need to win to get in.

The NCAA tournament consists of four brackets seeded with the best team being the



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1 seed, and worst being the 16 seed. The Aztecs will likely be a number 2 or 3 seed in one of the four brackets.

The Aztecs have never won a game in the NCAA tournament. In its previous six appearances, the school has never advanced past its first game. As a likely two seed this year however, history is on the Aztecs' side. No two seed has ever lost its first game to a 15 seed. Even in the second game, the Aztecs will be overwhelming favorites to beat the ten or seven seed.

According to senior Jimmy Meyrott, "the Aztecs should do really well in the [NCAA] tournament this year because they have superstar talent and are really good at offensive rebounding."

Many people have a favorite college team that they like to root for, but nothing is as exciting as the hometown team doing as well as the Aztecs have this year. For sports fans, the attitude of a city can completely change due to the success of a major sports team. GO AZTECS!



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STANDOUT ATHLETE

Danica Ver Steeg

Junior athlete takes on two major sports at LJHS

By Jordan Linsky
Staff Writer

Not many football teams can line up their varsity squad and truthfully call one of their teammates a girl. In Danica Ver Steeg's case, being called a girl is not an insult, rather the truth. Standing at five-foot



two, Danica is the only girl on the La Jolla High School football team.

Ver Steeg holds two La Jolla High football records. One for being the first girl to score a touchdown in a game, and another for being the first girl member on the varsity squad.

When the topic of high school football is brought to the attention of eighth grade students at Muirlands, the information is directed towards the boys. However, Ver Steeg knew exactly what she wanted to do when she heard about high school football. Danica has been a member of the La Jolla High football team since freshmen year.

"Freshmen year, there was a lot of name calling but once the guys noticed I do the



same work outs they do and stuck with it, they respected me more," junior Danica Ver Steeg said.

Being a member of the family, she has always endured the same amount of pain and work as the rest of the boys. There is no "girl workout" for Ver Steeg; hell week and other training sessions is for all teammates to experience the physi-

cal pain, regardless of gender.

"I love my team. All the guys on it are the best, they are so fun," Ver Steeg stated.

Danica Ver Steeg is not only a committed football player, but she is also a member of La Jolla High's women's junior varsity soccer. Danica is able to apply her tough football nature to the soccer field.

"No one gets around Danica, she is our defensive wall," sophomore Kaitlyn McCall stated, "and if anyone does slip by her, she is fast enough to drop back and fight for that ball."

Besides her physical abilities, Ver Steeg has a winner's attitude on and off the field; showing up to practices and encouraging her teammates at all times. She is a respected

teammate in football and soccer, and an excellent addition to both families.

Practice makes perfect, and this determined athlete never quits. Failure is not an option for Ver Steeg, she plays her hardest. Danica Ver Steeg is a true La Jolla High Viking.



Danica

Photos courtesy of Danica Ver Steeg

Surviving Math

Students left scrambling when informed that notecards were banned on finals.

By Jordan Linsky
Staff Writer

On January 25, the day before midterms started, La Jolla High School students enrolled in math classes were informed that they would no longer be permitted to use note cards on their math finals. After teachers told students that notes were allowed at the beginning of the year, the news was shocking. “It was totally lame. It ruined my chances of getting a good grade on the final. Math is a hard subject to memorize and if you need notes then you should be allowed to use them,” junior Elisa Brooks said. In previous years note cards were acceptable as guides for midterms and finals. Some teachers allowed their students to use full pieces of paper on the vital exams before the rule was put in effect. Midterms consist of questions covering all the information learned from chapter one up until the day of the test. Many tests cover up to chapter seven. With the no notes rule given to students the day before exams started, the pressure was on as students rushed to memorize

formulas, postulates, and many other rules, which otherwise would have been written down on a note sheet. “Midterms are a ton of chapters, I don’t know how we were expected to learn all the rules and equations that we hadn’t seen since September,” sophomore Bobby Antoniadis said. Years ago there was a policy that banned notes on tests in math classes with the exception of geometry classes. Over the years, teachers forgot the rule and allowed the use of notes on tests. In December 2010, the rule was reinstated in order to remind teachers to keep all math classes equal. After midterms, teachers held a conference to discuss the situation. They settled on the agreement that the use of notes would be up to each individual teacher. However, if notes are allowed on a test, they must be on a three by five index card and ,for finals, on an eight by eleven piece of paper. Math teacher Ms. Vu stated, “Note cards do not help. There are one or two individual cases where they are beneficial. Note cards give you a blanket. You either know the material or you don’t.” The topic of allowing notes on tests has now been carefully worked out. If allowed by their teacher, students can relax and look forward to using notes again on their finals in June.

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The Next Morning: A senior bench after being painted over by administration.

purports to represent the viewpoint of the school, or is potentially sensitive – a very similar wording to Ed. Code 48907. The administration responded to these events by notifying the students that the senior benches are “reserved for positive messages about La Jolla High School and its students” via a memo to faculty and by announcing that an alternative “political bulletin board” exists on campus. There are those students who argue that the senior benches have a special role at La Jolla High School, and a “political bulletin board” cannot be considered equal to the senior benches. No public announcement by the school or its administration as to the limitations of the benches or the bulletin boards was made prior to school term.

The La Jolla High School administration’s standard of “positive messages” has been criticized for being a highly subjective and arbitrary standard. In the past, La Jolla High School students have posted messages about presidential elections, Iranian democracy, and even sexually explicit messages without drawing school intervention. Seniors claim to have painted the benches to support those fighting for democracy in Iran. They are struggling to overthrow a government which limits freedoms of speech and the press. The ironic parallel present in this situation was not overlooked by the local or national media; as the La Jolla High bench controversy had a short lived, but explosive, lifespan on the national stage.

The e-Book Takeover

Comparing two of today’s leading e-readers

By Emily Kuo
Staff Writer

Books have always been considered the pillars of education. The days when students drag heavy textbooks to classes may soon be gone as students can now obtain the same reading material on sleek and modern devices known as electronic books or, e-books. Since 2001, publishers have started to producing digital, electronic forms called e-books. Before, publishers were reluctant to engage in this new technological format, but soon became comfortable with the technology and realized that the rise of e-books was inevitable. Today, there are several options on the market. Two devices have evolved to dominate the market at this time. These higher-end and portable devices trends, Apple’s iPad and the Amazon Kindle DX, may revolutionize how students learn and study. “I am reading The Great Gatsby on the iPad right now for English class. While I was out of town last week, I even did an English assignment on it, and my teacher said I can just email it to her [straight from the Notes App] to turn it in,” said junior Maddi Felix. Someday, books printed on paper may become obsolete due to the many advancements in the e-book movement, but for now e-books will remain an alternate form of education. “Computers, iPads, kindles, and other forms of technology have already started to replace textbooks. It is just a matter of time before every college student and even high school students will be using virtual textbooks. I would like that because it cuts down paper usage greatly,” said senior Ben Aldrich. Both the iPad and the Kindle DX have their own strengths and weaknesses. The more expensive iPad is a multi-purpose tool, not only as an e-reader, but

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also as an internet browser and multimedia device. “The iPad is this massive machine that you can do so much on such as playing games and using apps. However, its large size can be annoying and the screen does not work well in the sun. Also, it is more expensive by a considerable amount,” said freshman Ian Beed. Compared to the iPad, the Kindle is cheaper and primarily designed for e-reading. It is lighter and has a longer battery life. “The Kindle is easier on your eyes. It is very portable and you can order books from anywhere in the United States. The books are all very cheap since you do not have to pay for the expense of printing the novel. It is not quite as easy to quickly flip through the pages,” said sophomore Dana Becker.

Becker has been the owner of the second generation Kindle for eleven months. Another user of the Kindle, freshman Marissa Gibson, prefers it for reading, but said there is still room for improvement. “I use my Kindle more for independent reading than in school. The screen on the Kindle looks more like an actual book and much thinner, but I like how the iPad can show color. If I could change the Kindle, I would want it to show the page numbers. Without the actual page numbers, it makes it difficult to share and talk about something such as in class,” said Gibson. Not much has changed since Johannes Gutenberg’s evolutionary idea of the printing press around 1450. Until now. Could this be the beginning of the end for the printed word?

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Thoroughly Modern Millie

A thoroughly entertaining musical coming to La Jolla High

By Hannah Orr
Staff Writer

The LJHS Drama Department proudly presents the popular musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, directed by Ann Boutelle, with choreography by Brittany Milove (LJHS class of 2007).

Based on the 1967 film of the same name, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* tells the story of Mille Dillmount, a small-town girl who comes to New York City to marry for money,



a modern goal in 1922, when women were beginning to enter the workforce in greater numbers. Millie adopts the

flapper lifestyle but gets into trouble when she checks into a hotel owned by the leader of a Chinese white slavery ring. Complex plot developments ensue, but, suffice to say, love is found and secrets are revealed. The musical's style is comic, and features songs such as "Forget About the Boy" and "The Speed Test" which recieved grand reviews at the recent "Stars in Our Eyes" fundraiser held in the Parker Auditorium and sponsored by the Rotary Club.

A Movie Worthy of

Royal Reviews:

The King's Speech

By Tim Rayner
Staff Writer

It was nominated for 12 Oscars, including "Best Motion Picture of the Year" and "Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role: Colin Firth." It won Best Picute, along with a host of other awards, such as a Golden Globe and four British Independent Film awards. It received an 88% Metascore, making it the highest rated film currently on the charts at www.metacritic.com. Everyone is talking about *The King's Speech*.

Directed by Tom Hooper, *The King's Speech* is a fantastic film about the struggles of England's Prince Albert "Bertie," the Duke of York, who dealt with a speech impediment and, by a sudden resignation by his brother, King Edward VIII, became King George VI, and reign over the U.K. during World War II.

Lead actor Colin Firth does an outstanding job of portraying Bertie's struggles, which include dealing with his speech impediment and the intense pressure of being a king. His performance as the disabled king was spot-on; it was not flashy, nor exaggerated, and yet not underplayed. Firth's outstanding acting makes him deserving of the "Best Lead Actor" Academy Award.

Senior Austin Wang commented, "Colin Firth portrays his character astonishingly as he tries and fails to keep society from noticing his speech impediment."

Nominated For "Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role," Geoffrey Rush plays Bertie's speech therapist, Lionel Logue, whose unorthodox methods prove to be the only alleviation for the King's stutter. Rush's extraordinary performance in this film gives it its raw feel, which is one of the many reasons this movie is so highly acclaimed.

The King's Speech is truly an impressive film which puts the viewer right into the hardships of the stammering King. Its simplicity and wit, balanced with dramatic undertones, makes it deserving of every award it won, and a must-see for all.

Capturing the Moment

Photographers at La Jolla High School:
Trent Stevens and Ryan Sutton

By Bella Spies
Staff Writer



Photography is a popular and fun hobby for students at La Jolla High. However a select few have taken there passion for photography to the next level and have created small businesses out of it.

Dad's old dive camera in 8th grade and swam out to take pictures of my friends surfing.

Ryan Sutton: I just got a camera for Christmas one year and started shooting pictures with my friends. I got really into it and my pictures got better to the point where people were buying them. It was cool how fast it took off.

LJHT: What's your favorite thing to take pictures of?

TS: Lately my favorite thing to shoot is long exposure night shots at the beach. But hands down my favorite thing to shoot a super hollow shorebreak barrel. Preferably no seaweed.

RS: My favorite shots are usually at night with long exposures. You can do really cool stuff with lights.

LJHT: What type of camera do you use?

TS: I recently updated my equipment to a Canon 7d from a Canon 20d. In most of my shots I am shooting with the Tokina 10-17 mm fisheye

and Canon Exll Flash.

RS: I shoot with a Nikon D90.

LJHT: How did you get started with your business? Do you take photos at any events or sell your pictures?

TS: Freshman year I got in touch with the surf team coach and asked if I could take

media program at school and began shooting pictures for all the pep rallies and other school events. I then changed from shooting for my website LJsurfphoto.com to shooting under my own name Trent Stevens photography. Now I am still continuing to shoot all my previous mediums and also



Photo curtesy Trent Stevens



Photo curtesy Ryan Sutton

La Jolla High Tide: How did you get started with photography?

Trent Stevens: Photography has always been in my life, mainly because my Dad is the Owner of a local photo lab, La Jolla Photo and Imaging. I began to take photos as a hobby, though, when I found my

photos for the team. From that moment on I was hooked, and eventually founded ljsurfphoto.com. I started shooting sessions at an hourly rate and continued shooting for the surf team and my friends. I have gotten my photos published on multiple websites and displayed for sale in Bird Rock Surf Shop. Sophomore year I entered the

take pictures at events, shows, and parties.

RS: Well, I race motocross so I go out to the track a lot. The owners of Horizon MX Park just asked me to shoot a race series there so I made a website where I sold my photos. It really has started to take off and it's a cool way to make money.



Photo curtesy Trent Stevens

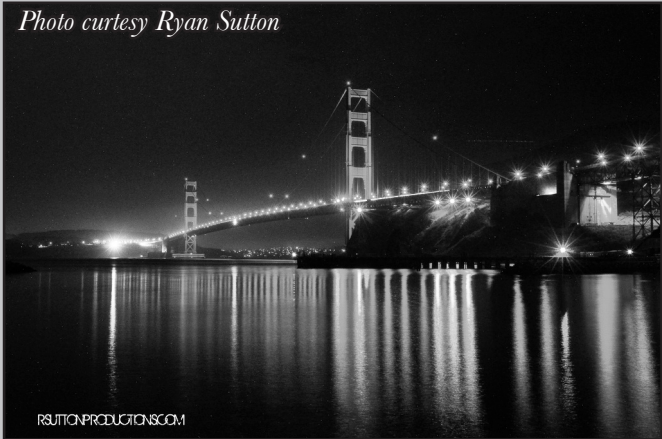


Photo curtesy Ryan Sutton



By Bree Jones
Staff Writer

Over the years American fashion has changed dramatically and has even repeated itself several decades after it was first popular. From the flappers of the 20s, to the hippies of the 60s, to the yoga pants of today, everything we consider “fashion” has changed a great deal in the last 90 years.

The 20s and 30s were filled with elegant, short, and sequined flapper dresses for women, and and business attire for most men. Women prided themselves with being elegant and showing their status through their clothing.

In the 40s and 50s, fashion changed dramatically when women and men became more daring in their clothing. The rebellious youth favored pencil skirts and tight shirts for women, and leather jackets with jeans and a white t-shirt for men. These decades also introduced pin-up girls and some of the first bikinis.

The 60s and 70s had a very diverse fashion scene, which included hippie styles and the punk rock trends. The 60s featured more of the “love and peace” fashion scene that had Birkenstock sandals, peace signs, and clothing

made of hemp. As women became more independent, they started wearing jeans like men and even burned their bras to protest against being the “typical” girl from previous decades. In the 70s, punk became very popular. Facial piercing, ripped clothing, and dyed hair became the norm in this era. Anarchy and violence were encouraged by the younger masses and the youth took this to heart and showed their protest to government through their clothing, which greatly consisted of ripped trash bags, “creepers” shoes, and tight leather pants with safety pins.

The 80s and 90s took certain elements of the punk movement during the 70s and made it more colorful. Being different was looked down upon by the older generation, but praised by the youth.

Instead of being dark and violent, teens in the 80s were as colorful as possible. Leg warmers, hair scrunches, and abstract designs were huge, as was dying hair in colorful hues, such as pink, blue, and green. The 90s also had elements of the punk scene and even some of the 80s. Goth and grunge also started to become popular. The Goth scene involved

dark colors and looking at all things, whether dead or alive, as beautiful. They showed this through their clothing with skulls and reversed religious symbols. Grunge was filled with oversized clothing, usually ripped and found at thrift stores.

The 21st century took fashion from every decade and made it into its own. Teens today channel their favorite decade through their clothing and fashion from previous decades. Old styles are reemerging into modern day fashion to create a style that is unique and new.

Trends of the Past

FASHION scene

Trends of Today

Celeb Way


With sunny spring days just around the corner and fashion shows barely behind us, it is hard to believe that coquettish, youthful fashion could be weighed down by something as boring as the economy. And indeed, the recession’s impact on fashion has been positive, breeding fashion on the runway that is actually (gasp!) wearable. Over the last three seasons, there has been a marked decrease in clothing prices on the runway. Last fall prices have already fallen by at least 20% according to Women’s Wear Daily. Simon Collins, Dean of Fashion at Parsons notes, “There is a much more intelligent approach to the merchandising of the lines. There is the same level of creativity, but perhaps a little less window dressing and a bit more of a focus on sellable items.”

This season looks like it could feature some of the most wearable trends yet; here is the low down on the big trends.


LJ Way

By Catherine Sulpizio
Staff Writer


Jessica Alba




Sheer Genius: Think of sheer shirts as the mature sister of the flirty little crop top. They allow more than just a peek of skin for sexiness, but a filmy sheath keeps it versatile, allowing the wearer more opportunities to wear it than just on a beach. Just as cute, and even more daring, are the maxi dress versions of these confections: minidresses with trailing wisps of gauze.



Erin Wasson



Pajama Day: The battle between fashion and comfort is finally reaching a compromise. There will be lots of fluid silhouettes that to the untrained eye may seem shapeless but find their contours through subtle nips and changes in texture. Try loose tapered pants in a silky material with a gauzy white tee shirt or a tank dress with a thin, oversized sweater.




Kate Bosworth



Mix n’ Match: More of a continuation than an addition, this spring will bring more of the well planned whimsy we have seen that fashionably breaks every style rule in the book. Beyond just pairing varying fabrics, it also means combining different trends like a floral jacket with ripped jeans and accessorized with a bold cocktail ring and motorcycle boots.



Sienna Miller



High Times: Jeans are finally departing from the now ubiquitous skinny jean in the form of wider legs and higher waistlines a la Jackie from That 70’s Show. They transition well, being cute enough with converse and a white tee for school and chic enough for high heels and a bandeau for a trendy restaurant.

