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NEWS FLASH: Grad Nite Tickets will be available in May and the event will be from June 10th to June 11th

School Budget Update

By Antonia Cereijido

Staff Writer

Many La Jolla High students will give a sigh of relief knowing that Mr. Shelbourne has created a budget for next year in which no teachers will be laid off, and both the arts and athletic programs will be unscathed. However, there is one catch: the budget is subject to change if the state budget comes up short and there is less money going towards education than previously projected.

At an ASB congress meeting on April 1st, Superintendent Terry Grier and Chief Logistics Officer William Kowba of the San Diego Unified School District addressed many of the congress and student's questions regarding the potential budget cuts.

No matter what the ultimate state budget turns out to be, there will be cuts in the budget next year.

"Education is 40% of the California budget. Government can not avoid making cuts with a problem this big,"

Kowba said.

The big question is not whether there will be cuts, but how much will be cut? This all depends on the budget revisions that will be released some time in May. The California senate has already created a budget, but will tweak it according to the incoming amount of tax money. In normal circumstances the May budget looks better than the previous budget, but this trend may not be a good indicator for this particular year,

"This year is very unusual; not a normal year," Kowba said.

However there is also a glimmer of hope due to President Obama's stimulus package. The package decreases the chances of there being drastic cuts.

Due to this state of uncertainty, the San Diego Unified School District has created two plans. Plan A is an unfortunate, yet still more favorable, option, in which schools will see a decrease in school management staff, such as custodi-

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Teens Walk for a Cure

By Suquoia Geary

Staff Writer

Senior Maggie Walsh, president of Fight for the Cure Club is extremely dedicated to raising money for the American Cancer Society; so dedicated that this Sunday, May 17th La Jolla High School will be hosting the first ever Teens for a Cure Walk-a-Thon on the track and field. Registration begins at 10 AM and the walk and festivities will begin at 11 AM.

"I always wanted to plan a walk-a-thon, and when I finally got on the board for Relay for Life (which is taking place this June at UCSD) I was motivated to begin my efforts," senior Maggie Walsh said.

Though this walk is no easy task to plan, the event is set to be a fun-filled day. San Diego's number one hip hop radio station Z90.3 will be playing music at the walk, and on May 14th a few student representatives will also be promoting the walk on air.

Many other schools in the San Diego Unified School District have been invited to participate, as well as some

of the private schools in the area. There is no registration fee to participate in the event, so it is asked that you recruit the support of your friends and family in the form of sponsorship. All students should have received a sponsorship form in their second period class. These participants forms are available on the website: <http://ljhs.sandi.net/activities/asb/walkathon.html>. Students may bring all sponsorship forms and donations to registration the day of the event. All sponsored participants will receive a free t-shirt!

Maggie is hopeful many students will support the cause and realize that, "It only takes one person to make a difference." The walk-a-thon will be a meaningful event with friends and family.

"I encourage everyone to come -- faculty, students, parents, siblings, friends, and neighbors. The only way to spread awareness in La Jolla is to

bring the whole community together," Walsh said. There will be music and entertainment. There will be food sponsored by Souplantation and other local businesses. There will also be a few select items available for purchase, such as Jamba Juice, which will help to raise money for the American Cancer Society. You shouldn't miss the raffle which will include prizes from businesses all over La Jolla.

It is hopeful that this walk will be an event to improve upon and a special experience that will continue for many years to come. "Together we can celebrate, remember and fight back," Walsh said.



Conserving Water

By Kathy Lunas

Staff Writer

San Diego is known for its amazing beaches and warm weather year round. Yet a shortage of water may affect how tourists and locals alike enjoy the county. San Diego relies heavily on water being irrigated from the Colorado River and Northern California. The supply of water is being pressured by population growth, small snow packs in the mountains, and the very minimal

amount of rain received every year. Now that hotter weather is breaking records all around the county, water usage will go up with everyone trying to stay cool and hydrated.

"The nature of our ecosystem is not of a tropical rainforest so maybe La Jollans should stop landscaping as such. If you want to live over-looking the picturesque cliffs of our community accept that said community is a desert and your multiple acre lawns don't need to be up kept. It does not mat-

ter how many hybrid escalades you drive or nalgenees you own. If you neglect the ecosystem you are an idiot," said junior Rose Kelly.

Mayor Jerry Sanders proposed a plan to help improve the water situation. Certain areas of San Diego County will be allowed to use a pre-determined amount of water. The city will not be regulating how people use their water, but rather will be monitoring how much of the water supply is used. If the amount of water used is too excessive, people may experience a disruption in

water service.

Everyone in San Diego will have to do their part to help conserve water and by changing the way people use water they can make a big difference in the community. For example, one way to conserve water is by only washing clothes and dishes when the machines are fully loaded. This can help save approximately one thousand gallons of water a month. Even students at La Jolla High are doing everything they can to help with the water shortages.

"I turn off the water when-

ever I'm brushing my teeth which saves about 2 gallons per minute," said junior Nikki Exerjian.

San Diego is currently in a drought. By helping conserve all sources, the county decreases the dangers of being completely devoid of any water. Locals love San Diego so the citizens must take care of it and maintain the reputation as America's Finest City.

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The New Tween Dora

By Antonia Cerijido
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“Tramp,” “next Lindsay,” “boy-crazy,” and even “preggo-teen,” are all names angry mothers have been calling the new tween-Dora, recently released by Mattel.

The controversy was first initiated when Mattel put out a silhouette of the tween doll, in which it looked as if the new Dora was wearing a short skirt. A full image of the doll has since been released which reveals that Dora is not wearing a skirt, but leggings and a tunic. This calmed down many mothers, but there are still hundreds of angry moms complaining about the new Dora who wears necklaces and has long flowing hair. One mom on “Los Angeles Mom Blog” even went as far as creating a photo shopped image of Dora in which she is pregnant, holding a cigarette, and has a can of beer in the background.

This outbreak of disapproval may be extreme (it is highly doubtful that this new Dora will cause an epidemic of pre-teen pregnancy and al-

coholism); yet, there is cause for objection to Dora’s “new look.” The new Dora no longer lives in the jungle, but in the city. Her new friends (who are not monkeys or backpacks) can be found in an online virtual world in which young girls can, not only solve mysteries, but also earn currency. The new Dora is not a threat against the innocence or purity of young girls, she is a tool for large corporations, like Mattel, to create consumers out of young children.

The new Dora is trendy and likes shopping. Little girls should say good-bye to Dora’s tom-boy appearance and sporty cargo shorts. This change in wardrobe has something to do with social norms and expectations for what girls “should” look like, but has much more to do with money. Little girls, who want glitzy jewelry and princess dresses, create more revenue for toy companies because they want more things.

Mothers are worried that if their daughters start looking up to the older Dora rather than the original pre-school

one they may feel pressure to conform to a certain stereotype,

“I don’t want Olivia (Mrs. Dill’s daughter) to feel like she has to wear a dress. I rather have an alternative who would probably win if she and Diego fought. Everything else is just princess,” La Jolla High teacher Mrs. Dill said.

In addition, the whole idea of putting Dora online can be bad for parents

who want to instill their values upon their children. When children use the Internet, they are having a two-way interaction in which companies can directly influence children. The companies have direct insight into what children re-

act to. As a result of all of this interaction, it is difficult for parents to interject and discuss important concepts like body image and money management with their children.

Tween-Dora is by no means the first product to create an image of girls as glamorous shoppers (ever heard of Barbie?). Nevertheless, it is still sad



Midlife Crisis Dora: *Is this what’s in store?*

to see a tom-boy idol who was happy wearing her short bob hair cut and baggy shirt while exploring the wilderness, grow up to be another teen idol who perpetuates a limiting stereotype of girls all around the nation.

Should US Ships be Armed?

By Kathy Lunas
Staff Writer

Recent attacks by Somali pirates have caused worldwide leaders to question whether or not cargo and merchant ships should be better armed to protect themselves.

Although the rescue of Captain Phillips by veteran Navy Seals was extremely successful, it raises the question on the safety of American ships and how they can be better prepared.

“I think the ships should be better armed. Pirates pose a threat and the crew has a right to protect themselves,” junior Nathan Kamphaus said.

While many would agree that American crewmembers should carry weapons, some officials disagree. They state that bringing aboard weapons would actually escalate the pirates to more violent and forceful measures. After the rescue of Captain Phillips, Somali pirates captured three more ships and launched an attack

on the ship that was carrying Captain Phillips to safety. The crew was safely able to foil the attack by barricading themselves in the engine room. Yet the triple attack forces leaders to try and find a solution to future attacks.



“Giving American crews weaponry would provoke the pirates to attain guns which are easily assessable in Somalia. American crews also lack the training that Navy Seals acquire from the military,” junior Rose Kelly said.

Somalia is a ravaged country with a sinking economy and the people are in despair. It is unfortunate that pirate lords have been able to take over because of the weakened government. People usually turn to piracy because there is no other source of income and

they need a way survive. This has led to many ships being captured along with many hostages from all over the world including France, the Philippines, and England.

“The only way to achieve long-term stability in Somalia

is by implementing political and economic stability, but whether or not it is any American president’s administration’s place to enforce these necessities reforms is a completely and equally complex debate,” Kelly said.

The Gulf of Aden off the coast of Somalia is a large, oceanic space that is extremely difficult to defend. When pirates attacked the *Alabama*, it took the navy almost five hours to reach the crew.

The situation could have been dire, with the crew being unable to defend themselves many men would have died. The president has many options to consider, from providing more navy ships to defend the waters, to having air carriers launch fighter planes against the pirates. Many people, not only in the United States but also all over the world, are lobbying for the arming of merchant ships.

Do it Right on Prom Night

By Suquoia Geary
Staff Writer

Sex. It is the number one thing on teenagers' minds. When to do it? How to do it? Who to do it with? These are many of the questions teenagers ask, but the bottom line is that many high school students are going to have sex. The question is, should schools promote the students being safe when doing so?

"Sex on prom is almost inevitable, the school shouldn't promote it but people are going to do it regardless so they might as well be safe about it," one student said.

Girls wonder when they may be ready for sex, and guys wonder when they will be able to get it. Still, the age old tradition of "giving the gift of sex to your boyfriend" on prom night has not been forgotten.

With the rising number of teen pregnancies each year,

one cannot help but wonder what the adults in these teens' lives can do to help. Typically teens get pregnant due to ignorance when they are lacking knowledge in sex education, coupled with the fact that many teens do not know how to talk to their parents about sex.

As prom rolls around, the school is faced with some problems. Knowing that many teens are going to have sex, it seems that the responsible thing for any school to do is promote safe sex. However, this is not always the case.

"High school students are going to have sex whether the

school chooses to address the issue or not," another student said.

At schools all across the

only. These administrations refuse to recognize the fact that high school students have sex, but ignoring the issue will not make it go away.

A student from San Pasqual High School shared her story about being denied any permission by the administration to hang signs promoting sex. The schools reasoning? Abstinence only was going to be their policy. The students fought back and hung signs instead. Their reasoning? Ignoring the issue will not make kids stop, and someone needed to tell them to be safe.

As young girls walk around pregnant with their "prom babies," many students are angered by the fact that they are not allowed to talk about safe sex on prom.

School should be a place of knowledge, knowledge that goes beyond just the textbook. Nobody is suggesting that the school promote sex, but rather acknowledge that some students will do it and when they do so they should be educated and safe.

"Since school teaches students everything else, they might as well teach them something that could stop them from doing something they may regret," an anonymous student said.

By promoting safe sex, the students can feel educated, and those who choose to "gift their boyfriend" on prom can live safe knowing that their little gift won't forever be their burden.



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Cheating Website

By Jessica Wood and Aida Saam
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La Jolla High School's reputation as a school committed to academic excellence has held strong throughout the years. Over time, as the competitiveness has steadily grown, students have found the pressures of high school overwhelming. The combination of overwrought high school students and a competitive environment, has led to a large problem at La Jolla High: Cheating.

High School students have the ominous clouds of GPA's, SAT's, AP's and CST's hanging over their heads. With La Jolla's crop of intelligent students, the competition of being at the top of the academic hierarchy has become vast. With the voice in the back of everyone's mind telling them to be the best, many have turned to cheating as a way to achieve this goal. As a result, the curve in many classrooms has been skewed.

Students, who once thought cheating to be morally wrong, are now

relying on it in order to remain competitive with their classmates. "I never would have cheated in the first place if everyone else weren't cheating. I just hated that I was studying for hours and getting a B and people who hadn't studied at all were getting A's. I feel bad about it but unless everyone else stops I don't plan on stopping either," an anonymous junior said. The La Jolla High School faculty and administration has become aware of this rising problem and has taken precautionary measures in hopes that they can put a stop to cheating.

Two and a half years ago the Governance Committee began talking about student's ethics. From this discussion, the issue of cheating was brought up. The committee believed that most students thought that cheating was wrong. But they also believed that when the pressure rises, students throw their ethics out the door and replace it with "situational ethics" that rationalize their bad behavior. In an attempt to control cheating, the committee has established "The cheating website".

Anyone who has been on the La Jolla High webpage (ljhs.sandi.net) recently cannot have missed the addition to the home page. Directly under the "Welcome to La Jolla High School!" written and underlined in red is "Click here to Report cheating". If you click on this link you are led to another link that says, "Anonymous Cheating Incident Report Form". Here you can tell the class and period in which cheating occurred, when it occurred, whether or not there was a substitute when the

cheating occurred, the method of cheating, if it has happened before, and the reason you have reported the case. This issue has been highly controversial on our campus for the past couple of weeks. Several students worry that this makes our school look bad.

"I think having this on our school website makes it seem like our school is full of cheaters! It makes us look bad. I do not really think this will help our school; it is already a very controversial issue and seems to be only supported by the administration. Not all stu-

dents are cheaters and I do not believe we have that many kids who cheat to take such dramatic steps," an anonymous sophomore student said.

Instead of taking such dramatic steps, our school could handle this situation in a number of ways. Announcements on the school bulletin reminding students of the consequences for cheating will help students to think twice before cheating. Our school can handle cheating, but an anonymous cheating form may not be the right way to do so.



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Weird Laws

By Amy Liew
Staff Writer

The purpose of the law is to keep peace, bring justice, order, and balance to communities or states. However, there are some laws that are absolutely ridiculous and useless. The following laws are perfect examples of uselessness.

Say it was a nice hot day in the country side of Indiana, and the best way to cool off is with a nice, cold, refreshing beverage.

There is a liquor store down the street that sells all types of drinks, but too bad they are not allowed to sell cold soft drinks according to the law guru.

After long hours of hard work people fall asleep with their shoes on. In 49 states it is perfectly legal sleep with your shoes on. In North Dakota, however, it is considered breaking the law.

The young lovers in San Antonio suffer a great deal from

a law that has prevented them from showing affection. For some people it would be quite simple to flirt or respond to the opposite sex verbally. Others, however, have to deal with a law that states it is illegal “for both sexes to flirt or respond to flirtation

using eyes and or hands,” according to the law guru. Even dreams are crushed in Boston when newlyweds cannot have their Kodak

moment because they are not allowed to kiss in front of a church.

To make this law easier to enforce, there is also a law in Massachusetts stating that a man that must carry a rifle to church on Sunday.

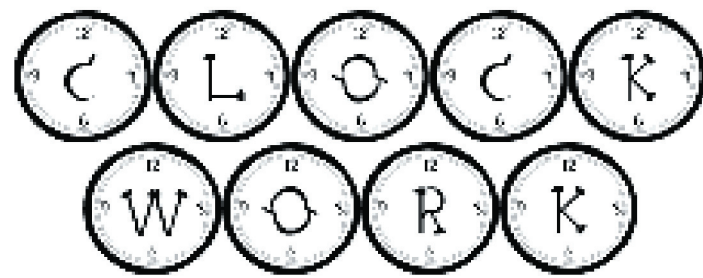
There is always at least one family member that snores when they sleep. If they do, be sure to close the door and windows before they sleep in Massachusetts. The law states that “snoring is prohibited un-

less all bedroom windows are closed and securely locked”, which allows people in the house to have a better nights’ sleep.

If robbers plan to rob a bank in Louisiana, they better think twice about the types of weapons they plan to use. “It is illegal to rob a bank and then shoot at the teller with a water pistol.” During the holiday season, Christmas lights are put up to show holiday spirit. However, when holidays like Christmas and New Years pass, people get lazy and they do not put their lights away. If the people of San Diego County still have their Christmas lights hanging after February 2nd, they can be fined up to \$250.

There are some laws that state it is illegal to have sexual relations with a porcupine,

dominoes may not be played on Sunday, and “it is illegal to wash or scrub sinks no matter how dirty they get.” All of these laws have only one purpose, and that is to prevent people without common sense from acting absurdly.



Sophomore Benjamin Ghelerter built this beautiful clock in woodshop. Great job!



MARINERS FASHION SHOW

By Jacqueline Berracasa
Staff Writer

Every year the all-girls Mariners club puts on a fashion show at the Parker Auditorium. This is the club’s main event of the year. It has always been a great success,

but it is a mystery to many why the Mariners host this charity fashion show. The fashion show is



Fashion Around the World: The Mariners host their annual charity fashion show.

a fundraiser for the Melanie Jones Scholarships, which allows one female from La Jolla High to attend college at no cost.

“The fashion show is Mariners’ main purpose. It funds the Melanee Jones Scholarships, which helps a female at LJHS go to college,” senior

Torrey Francis said.

Every year the Mariners work for several months to plan where to get the clothes, which teachers and men are going to participate, and what the dance routine is going to be. Ms Savoia was the club advisor this year and seemed to really enjoyed it.

“It was a great show. I didn’t have to do anything. The girls did it all themselves,” Savoia said.

Generously enough, stores all around La Jolla lend the clothes to the club for this event at no cost. The girls practiced twice a week for several months prior to the event learning the dances and coordinating with the emcees. The club president seems to think it has all paid off.

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Red, White, and FIERCE: The Fashion of MRS. OBAMA

By Kelly Lin
Staff Writer

After eight long years of enduring the wretched pantsuits and Amish 2.0 dresses of the Bush administration, fashion is finally getting a reprieve in the chic and affordable styles of America’s newest first lady, Michelle Obama. From the beginning of the campaign trail, Michelle wowed support-

continued her commitment to the fashion world, livening up the White House with her bright color palates and clothing styles that champion the everyday woman. Her official portrait at the White House is a perfect example of Michelle’s devotion to the modern woman. Styled in a classic black racerback gown by Michael Kors, Michelle looks positively stunning.. and

said. Change is truly in the air at the White House and Mrs. Obama’s fashion statements prove that it is not just in the politics. In addition to wearing clothes that support the normal woman, Mrs. Obama also takes pride in wearing the clothes of lesser known designers like Tracy Feith and Jason Wu, who designed her stunning white Inauguration Ball

ample can be seen during her visit with the President and first lady of France. Michelle donned a Thakoon Pixelated Floral Silk Jacquard coat, but in reality it looked more like a couch comforter. It was not exactly the best choice for the “First Lady of Fierceness.” While fashion choices should never be prioritized over finance or foreign policy, Michelle Obama is showing



ers with her bold yet practical fashion sense. While Cindy McCain and the Palin gang splurged on exorbitant pieces, sometimes totaling up to \$330,000, Michelle styled her family in appropriate and affordable ready-to-wear outfits from J-Crew, where no piece of clothing costs over \$1,000. Since her move to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Michelle has

sleeveless! Some were quick to criticize the First Lady for being too casual in her attire, but at the same time many embraced this bold move as a symbol of reform. “I think her clothes are definitely appropriate, especially when you take into consideration her busy lifestyle and the current economic recession,” sophomore Christina Levya

Gown. Interest in Mrs. Obama’s fashion selections has been so vocal that entire websites such as www.mrs-o.org have been set up dedicated entirely to the topic. While Mrs. Obama has definitely jumped onto the current fashion scene with her chic style, her record has not always been perfect. One ex-

women all over the nation, who doubt that Gap can be associated with glam and Target with tasteful, “YES IT CAN!” Michelle’s fearless fashion choices and boldness of color can only mean that these next four years will be exciting not only for the nation, but for the world of fashion.

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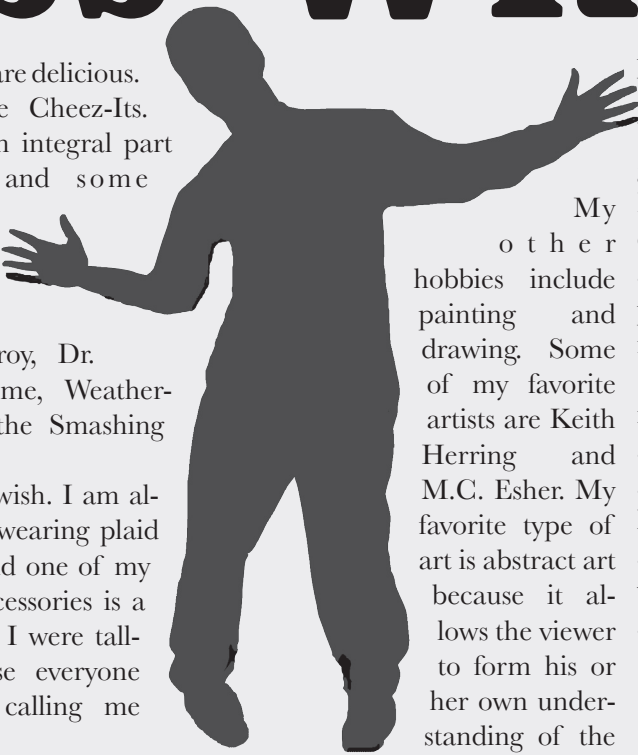
Guess Who



By Tania Mashkoory
Staff Writer

Hey everyone! I am a junior boy who is 5’8” and 125 pounds. This is my first year back at La Jolla High after going to charter school. My favorite sport is lacrosse and I play on the varsity team for La Jolla High. My favorite colors are green and blue. My best friend goes to La Jolla and is a 6’5” Persian kid. Mr. Bickley is my favorite teacher because he has a mustache and a memory like a steel trap. My favorite food is a Mexican burrito from Ortega’s be-

cause they are delicious. I also love Cheez-Its. Music is an integral part of my life and some of my favorite artists are The Fall of Troy, Dr. Dre, Sublime, Weatherbox, and the Smashing Pumpkins. I am Jewish. I am always seen wearing plaid clothing and one of my favorite accessories is a hat. I wish I were taller because everyone is always calling me Shorty.



piece. I used to drive a black S.U.V. but the driver’s side rear door got taken off when a La Jolla High School bus hit my parked car. Right now I am working at Golden Spoon where I am pretty gnarly at swirling the frozen yogurt. One of my favorite movies is Fight Club. I have a brother and sister who are both vets and are studying to become lawyers. I like to laugh as well as make people laugh, and I value my friends and family above everything else.

Photo courtesy of Haley Cottrell

FMyLife

Stories courtesy of fmylife.com

Today I got my passport in the mail. They got my birthdate wrong. Then I got my birth certificate that I sent in with the application; turns out my parents have been celebrating my birthday on the wrong day for 16 years. FML.

Today I saw an elderly man fall at a crosswalk, so I jumped off my bike to help. As I helped him across, the light turned green. At that point, I noticed my phone had fallen out of my pocket in the street and was run over by several cars. Then I watched across the six lane street as someone stole my bike. FML.

Today, I went to meet my girlfriend’s parents for the first time. I accidentally drove past their house the first time, but I saw the whole family outside waiting to meet me. I pulled a U-turn and heard a thud. The whole family watched me run over their dog. FML.

Today I heard my mother and sister talking so I stopped to eavesdrop. I recently enlisted in the Marines, and they were talking about what they would do with the money if I died. FML.

Today one of my teachers asked me to babysit her kids Saturday night. She didn’t forget that it was Prom night; she was going to chaperone it. My teacher assumed that I wasn’t asked to Prom...I wasn’t. FML.

Today, the girl I’ve loved for the past two years finally expressed her innermost feelings for me. After a brief make out session, she asked me to “never leave her side.” When I got home, my mom told me that my dad got a new job. I’m moving to the other side of the globe in two weeks. FML.

Today, I was shopping in the mall. A cute store worker kept checking me out, so after I picked a few things I went up to her and started flirting. After a few seconds, she cut me off and said, “Actually I was watching you because you look like someone who would shoplift.” FML.

We've found two eligible singles
to participate in the debut of...

Sonia Nuhic

By Aida Saam

Staff Writer

High Tide: Where did you grow up?

Sonia Nuhic: I was born in Germany and lived there for six years then moved to San Diego and lived here for five years. We left San Diego and moved to New York where I lived for five years and now I moved back here to San Diego. I have grown up all over the place.

HT: Do you play any sports?

SN: I played on the Varsity basketball team during the winter.

HT: What is your idea of a perfect date?

SN: I do not really like the whole 'dinner and a movie' date, I like to be outdoors more. I would like to do something fun where we can talk and get to know each other, like ice-skating. Or if we both had something in common, like music, it would be fun to go to a concert together. Something that we would both enjoy.

HT: What is your favorite thing to eat?

SN: I am absolutely in love with In-n-Out burger. I go there all the time because we did not have it when I lived in New York or Germany. It is definitely one of the best parts about California.

HT: What do you look for in a guy?

SN: A sense of humor is the first thing I look for in a guy. Sometimes I just want to have fun and relax, so I do not want somebody who is very serious. He also has to be nice and respectful. I like good smiles, good hair, and inviting eyes.

HT: What do you like to do on the weekends?

SN: I am really low-key. When I am not doing homework I love going to the beach or my pool. Anything I do with my friends is pretty much fun.

HT: How would you describe your style?

SN: It really depends on my mood and how much time I have to get ready in the morning. School is pretty casual but I like to try and look a little nice too. So casual and comfortable yet chic is probably my style.

HT: If you could go to any concert whose would it be?

SN: I am into all kinds of music, so I would go to any concert.

HT: If you could go anywhere in the world where would it be?

SN: I would go to Africa or somewhere really exotic because I would probably never really get the chance to go.

HT: Do you think it is important to get along with the family of a guy you are dating?

SN: Of course! I think how people act with family members is really important and shows a lot about how respectful they are. It is really important that everybody gets along.

HT: Is it important for him to get along with your family?

SN: Definitely. I am very close with my family and I would hope the guy is too. I mean I would not let my parents dictate my relationship but their approval and opinions are still very important.

HT: What are three adjectives that describe who you are?

SN: I would say caring, funny and awkward. Yeah, I am pretty awkward.



LJHS Bachelor and Bachelorette

Are You Ready for Love?

Be ready to pencil some love into your planner. Don't erase the option of a Spring Fling quite yet!

1. You wake in the morning and...
 - a. Tune into your favorite show
 - b. Log onto to facebook to check out the hot gossip
 - c. Meet your friends for a late brunch
 - d. Check your phone for a recent texts or missed calls

2. Your ideal Friday night outfit is...
 - a. A pair of jeans and a casual t-shirt
 - b. Your newest item of clothing
 - c. A simple and modest outfit
 - d. The most comfortable sweats you have

3. Your nights consists of...
 - a. Party hopping all night long
 - b. Spending the night with your best friend, the Wii
 - c. Mingling at a school sporting event
 - d. Going out for frozen yogurt

4. At school you eat lunch...
 - a. On the grassy hill of the quad
 - b. In a classroom
 - c. Walking around campus
 - d. At new place everyday

5. You have most fun eating...
 - a. At Corvette Diner
 - b. At Jose's Bar and Grill
 - c. Boxes of Domino's Pizza
 - d. Chinese Take-out

6. Your favorite T.V. show is...
 - a. Friends
 - b. Gossip Girl
 - c. Rock of Love with Bret Michaels
 - d. CSI

Ad up your score! 1. A=1 B=2 C=3 D=4 2. A=3 B=2 C=4 D=1 3. A=2 B=1 C=4 D=3 4. A=3 B=1 C=4 D=2 5. A=4 B=2 C=3 D=1 6. A=3 B=4 C=2 D=1

If you scored between 1-6 you are single and lovin' it, if you scored between 7-12 you are desperate for some lovin', if you scored between 13-18 you are looking for friendship, and if you scored between 19-24 you are ready to test out a Spring fling!

Cameron Ravanbach

By Cassie Brazier

Staff Writer

High Tide: How tall are you?

Cameron Ravenbach: I am about 6'2. Being tall has its ups and downs. For example, it's good for sports and stuff, but dancing, mostly with shorter girls, is kinda tough.

HT: What color are your eyes?

CR: Brown. Well, when the sun hits my face at exactly 48 degrees from the west, my eyes are almost hazel but in reality they are just medium brown, nothing really special.

HT: What sports do you play?

CR: I play water polo in the fall and swim in the spring. I am the Varsity goalie and also swim on the varsity team where I specialize in the back-stroke.

HT: What is your favorite subject in school?

CR: I like math because I am good at it. This year I'm in math 150.

HT: What is your least favorite subject?

CR: English and I have more of a love/hate relationship. When I spend time with her and earn that A I love her, but when I blow her off and try some last minute studying she gives me a bad grade and I hate her.

HT: What is your favorite thing to do in your spare time?

CR: It's basically a tie between surfing, playing Fifa, and partying... legally of course.

HT: What is your favorite band?

CR: It would have to be the Red Hot Chili Peppers. I've basically been listening to the Red Hot Chili Peppers since the sixth grade and haven't gotten sick of them yet. They are just a classic band with a variety of fans, which I'm one of.

HT: What is your favorite food?

CR: Anything Mexican, particularly El Campeon from Rigo's.

HT: What is your favorite type of movie?

CR: I like comedy the best. Some of my favorite movies are Zoolander, Old School, Superbad, and Forgetting Sarah Marshall.

HT: What is your perfect date?

CR: It would probably be at the strip club. Just kidding. Actually, we would probably go to a Vikings Basketball game, go out to dinner, probably Rigo's. Then we would go to the beach with a bunch of blankets and just cuddle.

HT: What do you look for in a girl?

CR: She has to be athletic, have a good smile, and be very cute. I also prefer straight hair on a girl. She also needs to be a good dancer! My girl needs to be funny, outgoing, smart, and secure. A girl without these traits would not be able to handle my crazy life of Fifa and Rigoberto burritos.

HT: Do you prefer hook ups or having a relationship?

CR: I like relationships better although sometimes high school relationships are pretty ridiculous. I like relationships more because I would rather get to know the girl better and develop a relationship rather than get with her once and never see her again; it's too shallow.



John Walsh

I played varsity basketball for the past two years and varsity volleyball since freshman year. My perfect date would be going to the beach and eating Ortega's.



Ravean Kretowicz



My perfect date would be a starlit picnic at the zoo that ends with snuggling with a snuggie, a gold one to be exact. I am kind of like a toasted marshmallow with a hard exterior and soft on the inside.

The HighTide staff chose these bachelors and bachelorettes to compete for Sonia and Cameron's hearts. After reading the competitor's quotes, Cameron and Sonja made their decisions based solely on their answers.



Anjali Thota



I am really involved in ASB and that is by far my favorite class. I love all foods and will eat literally anything. I love to laugh, so my favorite type of movie is, for sure, a comedy.

Emily Meyers

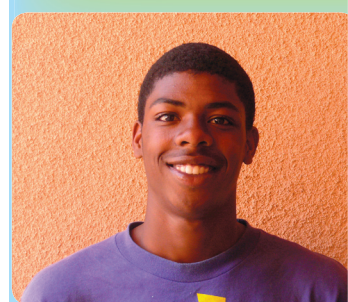


I am a freshman and play on the varsity water polo team and swim team. My guy has to be taller than me and have a killer smile.

Jamie Kunz



I love to surf, party, and just hang out with family and friends. My man has to get along with my family, too, because I couldn't live without them; I value their opinion.



Kyle McEriff

The first thing I notice on a girl is her eyes. I want a girl who is funny but she has to know when to be serious too.