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The Bullying Epidemic

By Emily Kuo
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Tyler Clementi was an eighteen-year-old freshman who attended Rutgers University in New Jersey. A gifted violinist, Clementi's body was found in the Hudson River on September 22. He was reported to have committed suicide by jumping off the George Washington Bridge.

The circumstances that caused Clementi's death began on a Sunday evening, three days prior to his suicide. Clementi's roommate, eighteen-year-old Dharun Ravi, agreed to let Clementi have the dorm room to himself for the evening.

Ravi then went into student Molly Wei's dorm room, turned on a webcam, and watched Clementi have a sexual encounter with another man.

On his twitter page, Ravi wrote, "Roommate asked for the room till midnight. I went into Molly's room and turned on my webcam. I saw him making out with a dude. Yay."

The next day, Clementi jumped into the Hudson River.

At Mentor High School near Cleveland, Ohio, four bullied

teens committed suicide.

Sixteen-year-old Sladjana Vidovic was constantly harassed for her thick, Croatian accent. Vidovic killed herself in 2008 by tying a rope around her neck and flinging herself out of her bedroom window.

Eric Mohat, 17, enjoyed wearing pink clothing, and was often seen with a stuffed lemur strapped to his arm. He was bullied so much that one of his tormentors publicly said to him, "Why don't you go home and shoot yourself, no one will miss you." It is exactly what Mohat did.

Jennifer Eyring had a learning disability and was continuously tormented. She died taking an overdose of antidepressant pills, trying to make herself feel better.

These incidences have ignited a public debate as to the role of bullying in causing these and other suicides. Beyond the shock, confusion, and grief that surround such an event, there is an inevitable search for blame and the dual assumption that hate causes bullying and bullying alone causes suicide. However, it is hard to pinpoint criminal intent.



To prevent bullying, schools have taken the initiative to educate their students about these cases; in response San Diego Unified School District created a nondiscrimination policy.

According to the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, "The policy outlines the district's intolerance for bullying and harassment of LGBT students, teachers, and administrators and requires the superintendent to work with community groups to create sensitivity training for district staff."

Bullying appears to not be a large issue at La Jolla High School

"Bullying at La Jolla High is not a problem. I never walk through the hallways and see anybody getting punched and kicked by seniors," freshman Taylor Morhardt said.

The vice principal, Mr. Fairley agrees, "We occasionally get a couple reports of bullying, but not on a daily basis. To report bullying in this school, simply talk to an adult on campus...All students have a right to feel like they are in a safe environment."

For more information about bullying, join the Voices Against Cruelty, Hatred, and Intolerance club, which meets every Tuesday in Room 501.

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Remembering Coach Moya

By Grant Simmington
Staff Writer

Luis Moya, coach of the Viking football team's offensive linemen, was pronounced dead on the morning of Friday October 29. Coach Moya, who had been diabetic for years before his death, died of low blood sugar in his sleep.

During a meeting held before the 7 p.m. Varsity football game at Serra High that Friday, players and fellow coaches alike spoke of the greatness of such a simple yet extraordinary man.

In the fall of 1990, Moya started his freshman year at La Jolla High. He came into high school with problems speaking English and with trouble in many of his classes.

Coach Rey Hernandez says that one of Luis' greatest ac-



complishments was in the classroom. That is not to say however, that his accomplishments on the football field were limited.

In his senior year, Coach Moya played guard on one of three undefeated Viking football teams in the school's history. Moya played the championship game lined up directly across from a future first round NFL

draft pick, and that player made one tackle during the entire game.

Luis was the second of three Moya brothers to have died at an early age. He was the guardian of his brother's son, Sammy Moya. Sammy is another Moya close to the hearts of current Viking coaches

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ASB UPDATE

Hey Vikes!

The long awaited weekend of the homecoming game and dance has sadly passed, but La Jolla High School's ASB has already started planning exciting upcoming events for the rest of the holidays!

Our homecoming was very successful! Congratulations to our homecoming king, Fred Martey and queen, Onezia Berotte as well as the rest of our homecoming court: juniors Mattson Smith and Anna Moyer, sophomores Cesar Lopez and Bianca Cortero, and freshmen Will Salvato and Cienna Miesfeld.

Today, we held a game of Turkey Bowling in the quad during lunchtime to . Thanksgiving Break will last until November 26.

This past month ASB supported breast cancer awareness month and red ribbon week in

order to raise support for these causes. Thank you to everyone who pledged to stay drug and alcohol free, and thanks to everyone who attended the fundraiser Dine for Derek!

Congratulations to all of La Jolla's fall sports teams who have worked so hard and put so much dedication into representing our school so positively the past few months.

We will continue to sell all class and ASB merchandise throughout the year and hold lunchtime activities every Friday in the quad.

I hope you all have an amazing Thanksgiving break.

Sincerely,
Abbi Leib
ASB Commissioner of Public Relations

The La Jolla High School

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PRO & CON

Modern Communication Among Teenagers

By Emmiline Kuo*Staff Writer*

The widespread use of the Internet has created a unique and new way to communicate. Our modern age allows teens to primarily to communicate by texting, emailing, tweeting, and social networking.

“On Facebook, you can stay in contact with people that are distant from you.

We share our life stories and it is much more convenient, free, and faster,” said junior Karen Pitt.

Online, people tend to write short, choppy, terse lines that are purposely misspelled but should allow the receiver to understand the misspellings. They write about trite, con-

many people do just that.

“No one is going to call someone and ask what the math homework was; they would ask on Facebook. It’s easier and more convenient. Plus, it is way less nerve-wrecking” senior Connor McNally said.

While interconnectivity appears to be an extremely useful resource, it has the unintended effect of acting as a surrogate for the more traditional forms of communication that, by their nature, were more personal.

As social creatures, humans have a natural predisposition to interact with others. The Internet has furthered that human tendency.

While communication was once difficult, costly and time-consuming, the Internet, and

By Jordan Linsky*Staff Writer*

It is extremely rare in this day and age to find two teens that address their problems face to face. With new technologies such as Facebook, texting, and twitter, all social elements have been removed from the generation Y.

Communication now consists of receiving text messages that

through a computer screen.

Even talking on the phone has become out of the ordinary. Rarely do people call to organize plans or ask questions. It is as if actually talking is too time consuming. “There’s texting, there’s Facebook, and there’s iChat. Friends hangout, but even talking on the phone is nonexistent,” said senior Alice Schukin.



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Even when friends get the rare opportunity to speak face to face, they barely make eye contact, because their pupils are glued to the tiny screen in their palm.

Young people have slowly started to discount what is socially appropriate. Relationship statuses are changed every day on Facebook. It is nearly impossible to tell if any of them are true or not. A relationship used

PRO

ventional, real-time occurrences or thoughts that in an earlier age would not have warranted communication.

This said, while these techniques of communication may sometimes be trivial, they also open the door for more serious interactions.

Instant communication is extremely detrimental to our modern age when it comes to networking and creating bonds.

With new-age technology, freedom of speech has been taken to a whole new level. People no longer have to desperately seek

Is modern technology beneficial or harmful to communication between youth?

other technologies have largely dissolved these barriers. The ability to communicate with people across the globe

“On Facebook, you can stay in contact with people that are distant from you. We share our life stories and it is much more convenient, free, and faster,

-junior Karen Pitt”

a voice amongst our nation.

Blogging has especially opened up unlimited doors to those who crave the opportunity to express themselves.

“It is a great way to express your opinion,” senior Wendi Deng said.

The Internet allows for cheap and mobile communication allowing people to continuously message anything and everything, not surprisingly,

has become easier than ever.

For those growing up with this new communication resource, it is a natural part of their lives.

Though older generations who are less computer and Internet savvy may increasingly feel removed from the younger generations.

In balance, however, it has and will be broadening for teenagers everywhere.

CON

onds to send. Why has communication changed so drastically?

Although technology continues to aid us in a variety of fields, it is overused by today’s youth.

“One day I was going on a run and I saw these little girls, they must have been in fourth grade, and they were texting on their iPhones. Even fourth graders are getting involved in that stuff. It is insane!” sophomore Giovanni Moujaes said.

Major predicaments like cyber bullying were not problems until technology began evolving. A hurtful remark is all too easily sent over a Facebook chat.

If problematic exchanges were face to face, more than half the words typed would not be uttered. Instead of sitting down and working out disputes, resolving conflicts is done

to be a force to reckon with. They were handled extremely carefully and developed over hours of getting to know each other. Texting and Facebook, has young people involved in “relationships” without ever truly knowing each other.

Asking a significant other out no longer takes courage and planning, it simply requires an unlimited text plan and computer access.

In a time where everything around mankind is becoming more advanced and sophisticated, with the help of technology, simple communication between classmates and friends is being forgotten. Closing out of a text message and getting some real “face time” should be what more students aspire to do.

By Jasmine Mobasseri
Opinions Editor

You may think that after an extremely exhausting four periods you have the right to drop that Doritos bag on the ground and walk away, as if it never existed, but you don't. Pretending that a maid follows you around school cleaning up your crumbs and filth is not ok.

Putting the piece of trash that is already in your hand, into one of seventy garbage

There is absolutely no need to litter. Nobody wants to spend their day surrounded by piles of lunches and dodging puddles of spilled chocolate milk.

So the next time you think about just tossing your lunch on the ground, look to your left, walk two steps and put it in the bin. It's just a thought.

By Amanda Menas
Staff Writer

The effects of the Gulf Spill will not be determined for years to come. Now imagine this: oil covering San Diego's beaches. No tourists or seagulls. Everything is quiet.

How could such a catastrophe occur? When the British Petroleum oil rig exploded off the Gulf Coast,

Students remain ignorant and oblivious about the importance of having knowledge about the oil spill. To those at LJHS, the problem seems to have disappeared.

It is possible that oil companies will start drilling here. If the oil rig in Los Angeles were to leak, there would be oil all along San Diego's coast.

Something needs to be done before another spill occurs, one that would effect students at LJHS, making them



In early October, the Obama administration lifted a moratorium on deepwater oil drilling. New permits were to be issued before any drilling continued, but the same thing was said after the Santa Barbara spill.

What are the ramifications of this dilemma for LJHS? The southern coast of North America was effected, but in La Jolla? Many students have said that they were not direct-

Would students let petroleum company's drill here, if it meant money for schools and the state?

Oil companies have shown that they are incapable of updating their techniques. Every back-up off the Gulf Coast failed.

The oil traveled farther than the distance between L.A. and La Jolla in the 86 days of the leak. Yet the government is still not doing enough to keep people updated, they have been saying for years now that being conscience of our environment is important, yet the largest oil spills in history has disappeared from common knowledge.

If the drilling in L.A. doesn't keep a person up at night, then why should drilling in La Jolla?

Results still are not in!

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Environmentalists beware!

By Laura Wells
Staff Writer

Organic bamboo sheets will never save the world. A recent thought process has emerged unsurprisingly in modern American culture. Leave it to Americans to conclude that one can live as extravagantly and wastefully as possible and still be good to Mother Nature, provided that their material possessions are at least remotely eco- friendly.

Stores like Ikea and Whole Foods have successfully turned the “Eco Glutton” lifestyle into one that is desirable, godlike and fashionable.

In fact, Ikea recently learned how to use geothermal energy to heat their own stores! But the irresistible, alluring appeals of streamlined tables and conveniently priced shelving units have a dark side: Ikea's furniture is Swedish. Ikea's closest factory to San Diego is in Danville, Virginia, about 3,000 miles away. That means that all the furniture items in the store, burned through an enormous amount of fuel in order to get to a local Ikea. Few people stop to consider this fact while munching on dollar soft pretzels, browsing through the recycled material curtains.

To determine if one fits into the “Eco Glutton” spectrum, they must ask themselves questions like: “Do I drive my Hybrid car to my friend’s house that is six blocks away?”

Students who argue that they are not responsible for their “Eco Glutton” lifestyle because their parents buy most of the items in the house are wrong. Having a thirty dollar bottle of biodegradable shampoo does not make thirty minute showers acceptable.

As for the recent trend in carrying colorful metal water canisters, drinking out of a reusable can does not exempt one from picking up their trash, although girls will frequently be seen striding off the quad after lunch, cute canisters in tow, leaving behind a pile of rubbish the size of a 1968 Buick.

Seriously, homeless people have been carrying their liquids in metal canisters since the invention of Aqua Velva, and a sense of superiority will always stink more than an abandoned pile of trash.

The point is, a person does not need to spend a lot of money in order to go green. Just stick to the basics: buy products locally, conserve water, and turn off lights and appliances when they are not being used. It's not hard to be easy on the Earth.

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Bombs Away

A La Jolla High School Hi Tide staff writer investigates the oldest rumor that still circulates today: Does our school actually have a bomb shelter?

By Tim Rayner
Staff Writer

The 1950s were a time of unrest and fear. In the “heat” of the Cold War, a mass hysteria swept over the United States as people feared the looming possibility of nuclear attack. The U.S. government was in an arms race with the Soviet Union, preparing for the seemingly imminent World War III.

On the West Coast, especially here in San Diego, Americans prepared for the worst. They built bunkers, dug shelters, began storing provisions and ran air raid drills. “The air raid sirens would go off,” said Mrs. Sandy Coggan Erickson, from La Jolla High class of 1962, “and if you were a student in school, you would duck under your desk.”

Erickson moved to La Jolla from Michigan when she was in elementary school; she attended La Jolla Elementary from 1952 to 1955, and La Jolla High from 1956 to 1962. Currently, she is the treasurer of the Viking Alumni Association.

In January of 1952, the LJHS 500 building (or the “400 Building”, as it was originally named) was just being completed. Underneath the building is “...the custodian’s store room and work shop which is six times as big as the old one, and the gigantic heating system, which burns natural gas and which, alone, costs an estimated \$25,000,” according to the January 18, 1952 issue of

the La Jolla Hi Tide.

Eventually, many students came to know the large basement, which is still there today, as “the Dungeon,” or “the Bomb Shelter”.

But today, sadly, not many students know of this interesting part of LJHS history.

An October 2007 article of the Hi Tide, titled, Legends of the Jewel, briefly mentions the Dungeon, but only confirming its existence. But the question arises, was the basement originally intended to be used as a bomb shelter, in the case of a nuclear attack, or was it just a storage room?

“It very well could have been [a bomb shelter],” says Mrs. Erickson. “I don’t think it could have housed the entire student body [which was around 1,200 in 1962], but they certainly used it to store provisions in case anyone even survived a nuclear attack. But no one said anything about it when I was there.”

In 1991, the Soviet Union, under Mikhail Gorbachev, finally dissipated, and the Cold War had ended, along with the fear of nuclear attack. The need for a bomb shelter no longer existed, and the Dungeon adopted its current primary purpose: a storage room, boiler room, and a custodian’s lounge, complete with couches and a large television.

But there are still clues of its intended purpose.

One is the construction; the basement, which is roughly 25 by 150 feet, is surrounded by poured-in-place concrete,

which is nearly indestructible, earthquake-proof, and fallout-resistant. The second clue is a restroom located in the northernmost corner.

But the third clue is perhaps the most peculiar; at the southernmost end of the basement, possibly below the cafeteria, is a small rectangular opening, about two feet wide and four feet long. Not many people have been beyond this threshold, mainly due to what is on the other side: pitch black.

Beyond the opening is a small room, which is approximately 10’ x 15’, with a four foot high ceiling. Upon entrance, visibility and mobility are extremely impaired, due to lack of light. There are a few stacks of boxes against the back wall, but the room is otherwise a gaping void.

On the left wall, there is a similar opening, leading to a long, empty, dark room, roughly 10’ x 45’. End to end, there are three of these long rooms, eventually ending in a short room, about 10’ x 5’, with pipes lining the ceiling, ample standing room, and what appears to be a sealed-off entrance. What lies beyond remains a mystery.

There are many theories about the bomb shelter, some true, and some false. Principal Shelburne said that there was a separate tunnel which led to the weight room, which was being used as a shooting range for the Army R.O. T.C. students at the time. The tunnel accidentally collapsed during renovation in the seventies.

There was a rumor circulating that the tunnels led all the way to Muirlands. Although the existing tunnels do lead in that direction, this is untrue because the tunnels were dug sometime between 1948 and 1952, at least four years before Muirlands was built, in 1956.

The Dungeon still holds many mysteries. In the case of attack, would the surviving

students have all shuffled into the darkness of the shelter? How long could they have survived down there? Was there actually a tunnel leading to the weight room? What was beyond that sealed-off entrance? The answers to these questions have been forgotten through time, which is one of the things that make the Dungeon all the more mysterious.



Photos courtesy of Quinn Miller

Did You Know?: LJHS’s bomb shelter is under the 500 building, pictured above.

BOUTIQUES BY THE BEACH

By Bree Jones
Staff Writer

Too lazy to go to the mall? Now you don’t have to travel far to find cute clothes. In downtown La Jolla, there are several boutiques that have everything from casual clothes to dresses to flashy watches. Designed for quick and easy shopping, once you visit one of these boutiques you will never want to go to the mall again.

Francesca’s Collections

If you like Forever 21 clothing or accessories, then you will love Francesca’s Collection on Prospect Street. Francesca’s is a very chic boutique featuring an array of clothing, ranging from pretty floral dresses to funky cargo jeans to the simple cami.

“I really like Francesca’s because I love jewelry and they have a really great selection,” sophomore Emily Laurence said.

The website Francescascollections.com even has a section where you can look at their new fall pieces, already put into outfits for a little inspiration. While Francesca’s is a bit on the expensive side, their clothing and accessories are well worth the few extra dollars spent.

LF

If you like Bebe clothing, then you will love LF Boutique on Girard Avenue. LF is a little boutique with a theme for each season. For fall their theme is called Earth Spirit, which is a very Indian-meets-hippie-meets-grunge chic inspired clothing line.

“I love being able to find unique pieces of clothes that I can not find anywhere else,” freshman Zoe Ross said.

Their website features the new clothing line, plus limited edition pieces featuring Jeffrey Campbell that can only be found in stores. LF’s clothing is very expensive, but splurging a little is definitely worth your while.

Beach Bungalow

If you like Pacific Sunwear or Sun Diego, then you will love Beach Bungalow on Prospect Street. The name speaks for itself; Beach is a cute, little surf boutique and is perfect for someone who wants a chic version of the typical surf look.

“My girlfriend really enjoys bright colors and loves jewelry with a beach theme, so Beach is my favorite place to get her clothes and jewelry,” junior Connor Lee said.

Not only do they have cute beach clothing, but if you are looking for a fancy dress for a dance or a friend’s birthday dinner, Beach offers a wide variety. Beach is moderately priced and whether you are looking for a cute sundress, sandals, or a fancier outfit to wear at night, Beach will not disappoint.

Guess Who

By Grant Simington
Staff Writer

I moved to San Diego from Oregon a few days before the first day of school. I decided I wanted something new in my life, so I left the town I was born and bred to come to California and start over. For a few weeks, I actually lived alone while my family made the final arrangements for the move down.

I am a senior, but on my first day I definitely felt just as out of place as the freshman. I have a lot of Freshman classes as well, because the standards in Oregon are very different than they are here.

I am very involved around campus. I like to play tennis

and sail; I am on both of those teams at school.

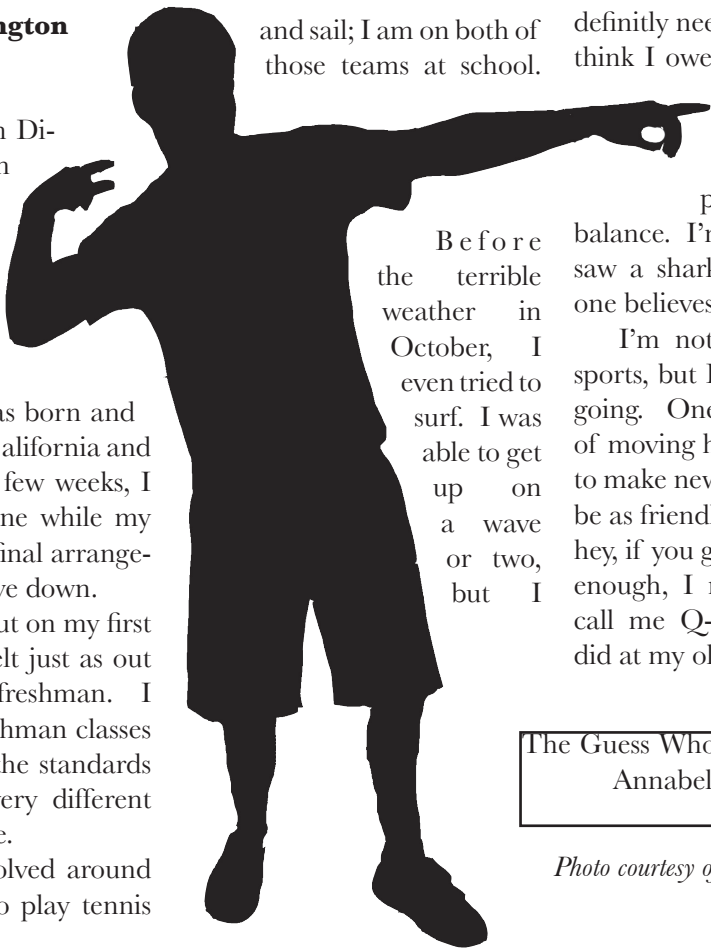
definitely need more practice. I think I owe it all to my Mojo bracelet from Futuretech, because it's supposed to help me balance. I'm pretty sure I also saw a shark that day, but no one believes me.

I'm not only amazing at sports, but I am also very outgoing. One of the best parts of moving here was being able to make new friends, so I try to be as friendly as possible. And hey, if you get to know me well enough, I might just let you call me Q-dog like everyone did at my old school.

Before the terrible weather in October, I even tried to surf. I was able to get up on a wave or two, but I

The Guess Who of last issue was Annabelle Linney.

Photo courtesy of Kianna Anvari



WHEN I WAS SEVENTEEN: JUDITH HUBBARD

By Sara Ashcraft
Staff Writer

Traveling back in time from Mr. Bankert's teen years, Ms. Hubbard shares the wild things she did when she was seventeen.

HT: In what year were you 17?

JH: In the 1960's, the hippie generation, right during the Vietnam War, which of course made us free spirited and completely anti-war.

HT: Did you have an idol when you were younger?

JH: O gosh yes, Bob Dylan.

HT: What kind of music were you into?

JH: Mostly folk music, anything from Bob Dylan to Peter Paul and Mary, later I was really into The Doors and Rolling Stones, things like that.

HT: What is your greatest memory?

JH: When I was in high school, I really believed I was going to become a well known folk singer, so I used to

sing folk music every Friday at a private school in Schuylerville, New York. It was a prep school for boys, and I was the entertainment, so I really thought I had a future in the music industry.

HT: Did you attend Woodstock?

JH: I did go to Woodstock, even though we didn't have tickets, so we just hopped right over the fence. My favorite performer was Country Joe and the Fish, but everyone was just absolutely amazing. The music was so good, but the atmosphere just added to the feeling. It was a free spirited event that suited us all pretty well back then.

HT: Did your taste in music change at all during those years?

JH: Yes I gradually moved into Neil Young and Crosby, Stills and Nash, and then, of course, who could forget The Beatles.

HT: Were you ever in a band, or did you just perform solo?

JH: I wasn't really in a band, but I was asked to sing in a show at my high school. I said I would do it if my friends could perform with me, because we would constantly sit around and sing, but we never took the energy to create a group. After I graduated high school I joined a few clubs, because I actually wanted to pursue a music career, and I played the guitar a little bit on top of that.

HT: So did you ever meet any of your favorite singers or bands?

JH: Well my friends and I knew Bob Dylan had a house in Woodstock, New York so we rode around one day looking for it, and we actually found it!



Rockin' Out: Hubbard and her friends perform at their school (second from left).

Turkey Take Two

Recipes For your Leftover Thanksgiving Day Food

By Jordan Linsky
Staff Writer

Ever wonder what to do with all the leftover food from Thanksgiving? Now there is no excuse for throwing away uneaten food after the holidays pass, try these delicious recipes!

Turkey Club Pizza

Ingredients:

- * 1/2 Yeast Crust Recipe or 1 Boboli pizza crust
- * 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- * 1/2 tsp. dried basil leaves
- * 1/2 tsp. dried thyme leaves
- * 1/8 tsp. pepper
- * 2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- * 2 cups cubed cooked turkey
- * 1-1/2 cups shredded Muenster cheese
- * 6 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- * 2 tomatoes, chopped and seeded
- * 1-1/4 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- * 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Make crust and bake. Let cool. No need to prebake Boboli crust. Then, in a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, basil, thyme, pepper, and mustard, mix well. Stir in turkey, then spread crust with this mixture. Top with remaining ingredients in order. Bake at 425 degrees for 10-15 minutes until crust is golden brown and cheese is melted.



Cranberry Pancakes

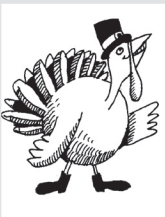
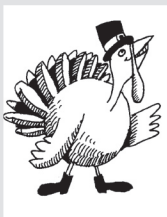
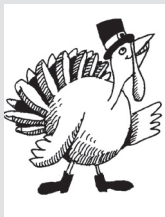
Ingredients:

- * 3/4 cup Quick Cranberry Sauce
- * 2 cups pancake batter

Directions:

First, reheat cranberry sauce with about 1 tablespoon water. Drain berries, reserving syrup. For each pancake, ladle 1/4 cup batter onto a hot griddle; sprinkle with 1 tablespoon berries. Flip pancake when it releases easily from pan; continue cooking until golden brown.

Serve with butter, if desired, and reserved syrup. Enjoy!



GIRLS ARE FROM VENUS BOYS ARE FROM MARS

By Jasmine Mobasseri
Opinions Editor

Why Does He...

1. Q: Feel the need to have an aura of cheap cologne surrounding him?

A: First of all, it's not cheap. Axe is about \$14. That's a movie ticket. Second, not all of us use an entire can in one use. Third, would you rather us smell like sweat and manliness?

2. Q: Ignore our texts, then respond back at 3am?

A: We don't feel the need to have our phone attached to our noses. Besides, we have a lot of important things to do; things no girl would understand, like winning the Superbowl. Ok not the real one, the Madden one but still, what Superbowl have you won?

3. Q: Think that saying, "Tap that" and "Hit that" is ok?

A: It's not. But we say it anyway.

4. Q: Spend their time incessantly talking about video games and sports?

A: Why do girls spend their time talking about their back stabbing friend and their chipping nail polish?

5. Q: Take everything so lightly?

A: There is nothing wrong with not taking everything to heart. We are in high school, what is there to genuinely take seriously?

6. Q: Never seem to know when something is wrong?

A: Maybe because deciphering female's emotions is somewhat like searching for the lost city of Atlantis.

Boys

vs.

Girls

Why Does She...

1. Q: Send one-word text messages?

A: If you are planning to have a full blown conversation, call. Texting is so impersonal and tedious. Also, if you ever ask us out over text, just reject yourself.

2. Q: Feel the need to act fake when you first get to know her?

A: We don't mean to act fake, but guys are so hard to impress and they judge so quickly that we have to grasp their attention right away before they lose interest.

3. Q: Always play head games and toy with our emotions?

A: Head games is a strong word...we can't read boy's minds so when they act like they like us one day, then show no interest the next, we have to hide our emotions too. Plus, when did it become a crime to change our mind?

4. Q: Talk so badly about other girls?

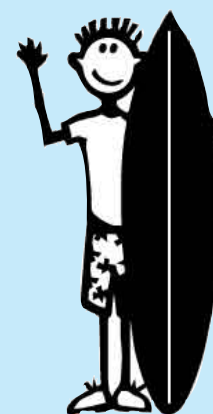
A: Boys will never get it, girls are cruel.

5. Q: Obsess about what she looks like?

A: Unfortunately, we like to look good and maintain ourselves and it happens to take a lot of time and effort.

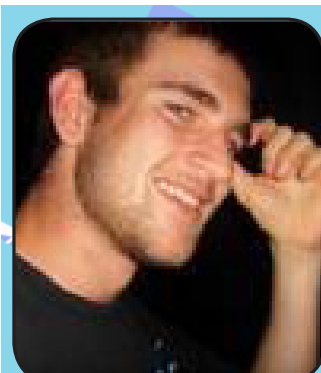
6. Q: Talk so much?

A: It's the boys that don't talk enough. If we weren't talking, a phone conversation would be breathing and the occasional cough.



Same Situation With a Different Reaction

By Heren Alanis
Staff Writer



Pack for Weekend

"A duffle bag full of clothes," junior Eric Dawson said.



Cheated On
"I would break up with her and be upset, and I'd kick a chair," sophomore Andrew Lautmon said.



Lose Your Phone

"I don't know what I would do. I would be lost without it," senior Marco Becerril said.



Wake Up Late
"I would rock a pair of sweatpants and some tie-dye and crusie to school," senior Kirk Lee said.



Break-up Over Text

"I would just ignore her from that point on," junior Vincent Cheng said.



Hair is Made Fun of

"I'd give them a round house to the face," senior Alex Destasio said.



Pack for Weekend

"I would pack six shirts, ten shorts, and a lot more," sophomore Sarah Deverman said.



Lose Your Phone

"I would look everywhere for it, and if it was really gone I would use my old one," junior Daphane Cottrell said.



Break-up Over Text

"I would probably text the news to everyone in my contact list," senior Paulina Magallanos said.



Cheated On
"Don't get even; get even better. You should be smart enough to walk away," senior Callan Parra said.



Wake Up Late

"T-shirt time! And Jeans," junior Mercedes Palacios said.



Hair is Made Fun of

"Would you rather I wear a bump it?" junior Jenny Pye said.

By Wendy Nettleton
Staff Writer

NICHOLAS KUSHNIR

"What are your plans this weekend?"



"We should do something together this weekend because I think I am falling for you."

"It is a guy thing."



"It is not my fault, do not blame it on me."

JONAS LUM

At some point in your life, you may come upon a boy or girl who does not exactly say what he or she means. This could be the difference from getting dumped or scoring a date. Both boys and girls have their own way of conveying a certain message by trying to be polite or subtle. A few La Jolla High students, both boys and girls, give examples of what they mean so next time you do not have to be left in the dark.

She says this...but she really means...

SAVANNAH YOUNGS

"Ha-ha-ha."



"You are not funny."

"You have to learn to communicate better with me."



"Please, just start agreeing with me from now on."

HALEY RICHARDS

Fairwell Mrs. Conway

By Wendy Neddleton
Staff Writer

Recently, many students at La Jolla High School received new schedules due to a change in the faculty. Paula Conway, who taught English 1/2, English 3/4, Advanced English 3/4, and ESL (English Second Language) and continues to coach the field hockey team at La Jolla; has resigned her teaching job and has accepted the position as Manager of Olympic and Athlete Development.

Her responsibilities as manager involve conducting the USA Field Hockey's Futures Program, a clinic where high-schoolers from around the country come to learn from the best of the best in the field hockey community.

Conway will still be able to live in San Diego and she considers her situation a win-win. She wins because now she can work from home and spend more time with her adorable

toddler, Lola. Conway, who has been involved in the field hockey community since she was young and even coached at the college level, finally gets to have a full time job as an

quired to reduce the teaching staff.

Conway says that she is going to miss the people the most. With her new job, she will now be able to travel and further

been a coach at La Jolla for three years, has had a huge impact on the field hockey girls. Conway is still going to finish out this winning season and will most likely continue

leaving because she has had such an influence on us. She has an awesome personality because she is so competitive and shows a real dedication to field hockey. I love it," junior Ashlyn Warny said.

Many students at La Jolla have seen the ripple effect of this condition by their changing schedules. Some of the English teachers had to pick up an extra class which caused their original classes to be shifted around. Conway's students all had to change their schedules and now have to start over with a new English teacher.

"I really enjoyed having her [Conway] as a teacher and it's going to take time to adjust to my new class," sophomore Danielle Jarvis said.

Although she felt so fortunate to be teaching at LJHS and loved teaching all of her students, she is going to enjoy her new and is going to get to spend more time with her family and the sport she enjoys-- field hockey.



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Featured: La Jolla High School's varsity field hockey team picture at Wind n' Sea.

administrator in USA Field Hockey. Another win is for La Jolla High. LJHS has been short on money due to budget cuts and was going to have to cut a teacher soon. Now that Conway has left to pursue her new job, LJHS is no longer re-

develop her organizational skills as well as be able to make the changes she feels necessary to better her team.

This change has affected many students, mostly in academic schedule changes and field hockey. Conway, who has

to coach at La Jolla. She believes that she has the "best of both worlds" because she loves to coach her girls and build a strong program and also gets to work within USA Field Hockey.

"I'm glad that coach is not

Running Down the Competition

By Bella Spies
Staff Writer

"Cross Country is a mens fall team sport. It is usually a five thousand meter (3.1 miles) race. The object is to have the lowest score, like in golf, and scoring is decided by your place of finish. The top five runners from each team score. So if your team finishes in places one, two, three, four, five, thirty-first, twenty-seventh, and fiftieth, the team score would be fifteen because if you add the first five scores it equals fifteen. The thirty-first, twenty-seventh, and fiftieth don't count.

You can run ten runners for your team in a varsity race," sophomore Daniel Hamilton



said, while describing Cross Country.

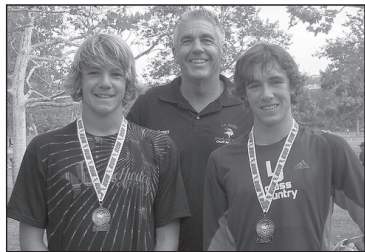
Cross Country is becoming more and more popular every season. Many runners from La Jolla's Track and Field team, join the Cross Country team to

see how they do when it comes to running.

"I hadn't signed up for any fall sports, so I did it to get sixth period PE originally," senior Alex Eve said about joining the Cross Country team.

The Boys Cross Country team practices six or seven days a week.

"We run five miles with a break between each one," said sophomore Spencer Kennedy, while describing a typical practice. Cross Country is a sport



that takes just as much mental strength as it does physical strength.

"You have to bring an intensity to practice everyday in order to finish runs," senior Eve explained. A workout can be anywhere from running five intervals of one thousand meters to running ten miles.

When running Cross Country, it is important that all members are well acclimated to different types of terrain.

"Typically as a team we run

intervals of either two miles, one mile, or one thousand meters on the bike path behind the fire station," said sophomore Daniel Hamilton,

Cross Country is a difficult and challenging sport and requires a lot of dedication.

"The commitment level is



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huge, because it's day in and day out pain," Kennedy said, "You have to be ready for that [pain] everyday." The Varsity runners have a very high commitment level, running six days a week at least. In order for the team to be successful later in the year, the best runners on the team have to place Cross Country first on their list of priorities. As a member of the team, you are required to be able to finish every run, without walking or sitting.

Having a good attitude is equally important. The accomplishments of an athlete are dependent on their level of fitness as a runner; the better they are, the higher the expectations.

Sport of the Month

~ Tarp Surfing

By Taylor Jetter
Staff Writer

There is a new way to surf without having to deal with the cold Pacific water. All you need is a blue tarp, a skateboard, and some sort of balance. It's called "tarp surfing."

Tarp Surfing originated on the east coast by a few guys who got to bored when the Atlantic was not providing any waves. The sport eventually became very popular and made its way over to the west coast where it has taken California by storm.

"Tarp surfing looks like so much fun! I want to try it out so I could get a feel for what surfing is really like," Dakota Scoppettuolo said.

Tarp surfing gives the rider the feeling that they are surfing a barrel wave and making it out of the tube.

The rider is on a skateboard while someone else picks up the tarp at one end and pulls it over to the other corner making a tube for a few seconds, just enough time for someone to make it out on a skateboard.

"It's so cool. You actually feel like your surfing a wave. The bigger the tarp, the bigger the

wave. I think everyone should try it at least once," freshman Brandon Hornback said.

Tarp surfing is loved by one man in particular. His name is Bobby DuCharme. DuCharme used to be a world-famous surfer, but a serious injury while surfing in a competition left him paralyzed from the neck down. He was one of the people on this Earth who lived and breathed for the sport. He was devastated once he found out that he would never surf again. One wave wrecked the rest of his life.

But then he was introduced to tarp surfing. Tarp surfing made him feel like his was back in the water. He rides through the tarp in his electric wheelchair and smiles to himself remembering the days when he was riding the waves.

Tarp surfing continues to spread throughout the world. For those without an ocean in their backyard, it's the closest thing there is to getting in the water. For others, it is a form of entertainment for when the waves are flat.

There is no getting wet, no messing up your hair, and no getting wumped by waves. Tarp surfing is the way to go.

COMMITTED TO SUCCESS



By Sara Ashcraft

Staff Writer

Water polo has become increasingly popular at La Jolla High School as more and more boys continue to play. Not only has our water polo team drawn in fans, but it has also created huge hype and rivalries with other competitive schools.

Many of the boys who began playing water polo during middle school have continued to play all throughout high school.

Water polo is one of the few sports at LJHS that has practice year round, even over the summer break. During the actual water polo season, the boys are required to come to morning practices, without exception.

Senior Alex Dunwoody, who has played for the La Jolla High School water polo team for four years, talks about the hard work and endurance water polo entails.

"We have morning practice because we need to be in the best shape we can be in. Any advantage over other teams is



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Featured: La Jolla High School water polo team come together to celebrate a victory.

helpful," Dunwoody said.

Some might ask "why water polo?" since it requires so much work, but this sport breeds a group of tight knit friends and

builds character.

"Water polo is a great, fun sport and the people that play with me on the team are my best friends," Dunwoody said.

Practices are so long and difficult that those who participate obviously build an unbreakable bond. The team members care for each other and enjoy

the intense sport they play.

The dedication for this sport creates rivalry among various schools, and La Jolla's hard work shows through, considering we are one of the better high school teams in San Diego.

The competition between rival schools creates a mass following for water polo, and at special games, our students will paint "LJHS Water Polo" across their stomachs.

This competitiveness also creates a family feeling, making this sport even more unique.

Water polo is unlike any other sport. The boys who play water polo understand the commitment and hard work that is necessary in creating a successful team.

Many wonder why this sport is year round when other sports aren't, "It requires more work and endurance than most sports, but there are still plenty of kids that have time to play other sports" says Dunwoody.

Make sure to support your La Jolla High School water polo team!

BRING IT ON

LJ CHEER TAKES SPIRIT TO A NEW LEVEL

By Quinn Miller

Staff Writer

The first cheerleader was a University of Minnesota student named Johnny Campbell. On November 2, 1998 he led the crowd at a college football game in cheering "Rah, Rah, Rah! Ski-u-mah, Hoo-Ra! Hoo-Rah! Varsity! Varsity, Minn-e-So-Tah!"

From that one cheer evolved the sport of cheerleading. Exclusively male until 1923, women started to get involved because of the limited availability of women's sports and men being drafted for war. It was also around this time that

gymnastics, megaphones, and tumbling began to become incorporated in cheers.

Today, the sport has evolved to the point where almost every high school has its own squad. La Jolla High is no exception, with both Varsity and Junior Varsity teams that can be seen cheering on the football team every game.

However, in recent years the cheer teams at La Jolla High have endured some criticism from the student body. Many students believed that the cheerleaders were not performing to the best of their

abilities, and were not exhibiting enough school spirit.

"I remember the cheerleading squad during my freshman and sophomore year as not being that capable of doing that many stunts," junior Tara Ravanbach recalls.

This 2010-11 school year the squads are out to reclaim their good reputation. Their routine at the Blast-Off and Homecoming pep rallies ended in loud cheers and applause.

The team is hard at work mastering more complicated maneuvers.

"We've already gotten down

basket tosses and lifts," says sophomore Tennesse Deakman, a member of the Varsity cheer team.

The improvement to the La Jolla High Cheer team can be attributed to their new coach, Ashley Monzon, and ex-Chargers cheerleader.

"The team wasn't disciplined last year," says Monzon, "but I've passed a lot of new rules and I've already seen a lot of improvements. They surprise me every day."

"[Monzon] is a really good coach, she gets us into shape," Deakman says.

Liability was also a reason why the team did not flourish last year. Without a real coach to supervise the practices, the squad was not allowed to attempt anything that could be potentially dangerous.

But with Monzon as coach, the cheer team is hard at work mastering an impressive array of lifts and jumps to showcase school spirit at pep rallies and sporting events.

"We're working on stunts for upcoming games right now," says Monzon, "It's going to be something [the school's] never seen before."

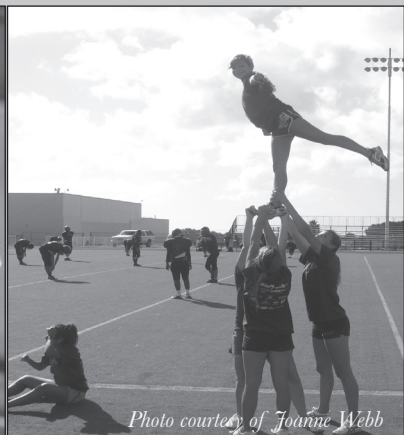


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and players. Wednesdays were commonly known as “Sammy Wednesdays” at practice because the coach liked to bring his nephew.

Coach Hernandez, who has known Moya for much longer than any of the current Viking players, gave a speech on Friday to commemorate his life. Hernandez said that Moya’s strongest qualities consisted of hard work, perseverance, and spirit. He never knew Coach Moya to give up and quit, and Moya never complained about the troubles in his life.

As a Viking football player myself, I speak for the entire team in saying that Moya was well-liked and looked up to. He was a perfect role model for us and we loved and cherished him dearly. We hope that each of you will remember and respect such a remarkable La Jolla Viking.

election Results



By Jake Foerster
Staff Writer

Tuesday, November 3, Jerry Brown was elected into office as the governor of California. The former attorney general who once held office a generation ago now faces the challenge of putting an end to a recession and massive job losses. Arnold Schwarzenegger will complete his term before Brown takes the position.

“Jerry has demonstrated his commitment to the people of California throughout a lifetime of public service,” said Governor Schwarzenegger.

Brown was California’s 34th governor and will now return as the state’s 39th governor with the promise to elevate education to a top priority.

San Diego voters rejected Proposition D, which proposed a sales tax increase. If it had been approved, it would raise \$102 million annually for five years and help end budget cuts in schools and libraries.

Proposition J was also defeated. Prop J intended to raise money to relieve school districts from many budget cuts by raising \$50 million from property taxes. But school districts in California are now expecting major budget cuts, program cuts, and teacher layoffs. Kingergartens may have to revert to half-day schedules, and school classroom sizes will continue to increase.

Because of these results, California is looking at big changes that will affect every taxpayer.

So You Think You Know...The Tea Party

By Alex McMahon
Staff Writer

Misconceptions:

The Tea Party is its own political entity.

“It’s, like, a new third party



TEA: Members seek lower taxes.

thing or whatever, right?” said an anonymous student.

All those affiliated with the Tea Party are unintelligent, racist, composed entirely of those considered “white,” and do not have a clear idea about what they are talking about.

“The Tea Party is the greatest collection of idiots, fiends, and dolts this nation has ever encountered and is an embarrassment to the country at large,” sophomore Patrick Eisen said.

Truth:

The Tea Party is the name of a segment of the Republican Party based on their specific conservative views. It could be called a “sub-party” of the general Republican Party.

Protests in 2009 sparked the beginnings for the Tea Party.

“The Tea Party is the greatest collection of idiots, fiends, and dolts.”

These protests were mainly in response to recent moves made by the federal government, namely the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, the “bailout”, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the stimulus package, and the various health care reform bills.

The Tea Party’s name is derived from the Boston Tea Party of 1773 when colonists were physically acting out by dumping British tea into the Boston Harbor in order to get their message of “no taxation without representation” out to the British government of the time.

Basic platform ideologies for the Tea Party are viable. The

views focus on stronger state governments and a smaller federal government. Tea Party members advocate lowering taxes, more frugal government spending, as well as lowering the national debt and federal budget deficit.

“The Tea Party is a grassroots

political movement focused on scaling back government,” senior Roger Li said.

Those associating themselves with the Tea Party reference

the United States Constitution to support their cries for more powerful state governments at the expense of federal government power.

The misconception that Tea Party members are buffoons stems from those often identified as the leaders of the movement, or those who get the most attention. Sarah Palin and Glenn Beck are often identified as the leaders, both of whom have bad reputations, but they are not the only “members”.

Politicians supported by the Tea Party get the most attention because they do and say bizarre things, such as O’Donnell’s famed statement, “I dabbled in witchcraft,”. These statements give the Tea Party a negative connotation.



Tea Supporters: Cheering on candidate Christine O'Donnell on her campaign.

Toasted Skin Syndrome

By Christine Han
Staff Writer

Many people think nothing of working on a laptop computer that is sitting on their lap. However, recent studies have indicated that this practice should be reconsidered.

According to medical reports, having it on one’s lap for a substantial amount of time can lead to “toasted skin syndrome,” an abnormal looking blotchy skin condition caused by long-term heat exposure. Two doctors from the University Hospital Basel in Switzerland, who found

this condition, said it may even lead to skin cancer, depending on how severe the damage is.

Recently, a twelve-year-old boy developed a sponge-patterned skin discoloration on his left thigh after playing computer games a few hours every day for several months.

Another case involved a Virginia law student who had the same problem in 2007. This case was one of ten laptop related cases reported in medical journals in the past six years. The doctor who treated the student discovered that she had spent approximately six hours a

day working with her computer resting on her lap.

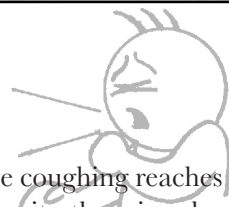
Not only do laptops cause toasted skin syndrome, but the overuse of heating pads and other heat sources that are not hot enough to cause burns can also lead to the syndrome. According to reports, a boy claimed he had thigh burns from using a heating pad to treat a soccer injury.

What laptops do to a person’s skin is generally harmless but can cause serious and permanent skin damage and darkening. Researchers have not mentioned any confirmed skin cancer case relating to laptop

use yet, but to remain safe, placing a carrying case or other heat shield under the laptop is essential. However, avoid using a pillow or blanket as a barrier since these can make the temperature increase further, possibly starting a fire and causing internal damage to the laptop.

“It’s adequate for us to be aware of these dangers because everyone puts their laptops on their laps at some point. This pretty much freaks me out,” junior Eliana Pransky said. “Good thing I have a desktop.”

Beware of the Cough



By Bella Spies
Staff Writer

Pertussis, commonly referred to as Whooping Cough, is quickly becoming this year’s most common and contagious illness. With over 5,000 confirmed cases in California, 631 cases in San Diego alone, Pertussis is spreading rapidly with no sign of declining.

Pertussis is a highly contagious bacterial disease which resembles the common cold. The severe symptoms of the cough starts about ten to twelve

days after exposure.

The difference between the common cold and Pertussis is in the coughing itself; the coughing tends to occur in long, violent spells. At the end of a cough there is often a “whoop” noise; this is the sound of the patient trying to breathe.

“It was pretty much just a cough that caused me to throw up,” said sophomore Tyler Nieman. Nieman was one of the victims of the cough.

The disease is spread through

coughing and sneezing, when tiny droplets containing the bacteria move through the air. Pertussis tends to last about six weeks. It can affect people of all ages, but it is seen mostly in adolescents and adults.

The sooner patients are treated, the better. There are many antibiotics that can help alleviate symptoms. Most cases are diagnosed too late for these antibiotics to be effective, though these medicines can still help reduce a patient’s ability to spread the disease.

Once the coughing reaches a certain severity, there is only so much that can be done to help the patient.

The best and easiest way to treat Pertussis is by taking the necessary steps to protect yourself from contracting the disease. There are vaccinations you can get to protect yourself, such as the DTaP vaccine. Washing your hands often and covering your mouth when you cough and sneeze can help protect you and others from the cough.

The Drama Department
Presents:

From Up Here

By Mae Goodjohn
Staff Writer

Come support your fellow students in the newest school play “From Up Here” written by Liz Flahive. This performance stars “...a boy who brings a gun to school and now has to deal with the consequences,” stage crew Hannah Orr said.

Lauren Nordholm, props manager says, “It’s about an ordinary family life after the son brings a gun to school.”

The main role, Kenny, is played by Alex McMahon a junior at La Jolla High school.

Katheryne Penny, an

“The best part though, is making new friends,”

experienced actress, plays the character Grace Barret, who is the mother of Kenny. Penny has been in seven school performances over the years and explains “From Up Here” is not the traditional play that people tend to think of.

“I can tell when a play is going to be good,” Penny states, “and this is one of those plays... it’s a modern, family setting and nothing like this has ever been done at La Jolla High. It even has some great humor.”

Everyone in the drama department is incredibly excited for this monumental performance.

“I love getting to know people and just putting myself out there to express my love for theatre. The best part though, is making new friends,” Orr said.

The tightly knit theater crew all share one common passion: acting. Their love for the stage is sure to be apparent in this upcoming production.

Support the drama department by attending “From Up Here” starting November 17 to November 20.

“You need three things in the theater - the play, the actors and the audience, - and each must give something.”

GAMING GALORE

By Grant Simington
Staff Writer

The videogame industry made close to 20 billion dollars in sales in 2009, which was down approximately \$1 billion from the all time high set in 2008. Apart from that loss, which experts have estimated is the world economy finally catching up to the entertainment business, the industry is one of the fastest growing in the world. Much of this industry is built around teens and young adults. Madden, FIFA, Call of Duty, and Halo dominate the videogame industry. Sports games like Madden and FIFA and shooting games like Call of Duty and Halo appeal very strongly to teenagers.

Madden 11 comes out as a bestseller in the states every year. What is it that makes a game about the national football league so enticing to people across the country year in and year out? The only

real difference from one year’s copy of Madden to the next is in player ratings and updated rosters. That is which players

are good and which teams they play for.

“The new year of Madden isn’t always worth \$60 but every once in a while you need to get it to keep your rosters up to date,” said junior Bobby Schuman.

Most other sports games, including the international bestselling FIFA 11, as well as others such as MLB 2K10, and NBA 11, are all the same. Each series comes out with a new game every year, and every year they sell millions of copies. Every once in a

while however, a sports game will come out with a feature that everyone wants. One of the biggest features was online access.

For instance, history teacher Mr. Tellers says that NHL 11 is “the best sports game out there, even for people who don’t like hockey. Put me between the pipes [the metal posts of a hockey goal] and I’m unstoppable.” He plays goalie in his online league.

Apart from sports games, first person shooters, or FPS for short, are another dominating force in the videogame industry. In this division of the market, Halo Reach is currently the most played. It is the newest of the Halo series in which a single character, known as Master Chief, travels to different parts of the galaxy, including Earth to fight multiple forms of aliens.

Despite the popularity of Halo Reach, gamers are waiting on another FPS. Call

of Duty: Black Ops just recently came out on November 9. So far its gameplay has made a big splash in the video-game world. The game has totally revolutionized the multiplayer world of videogaming. Everything is customizable to each player’s liking and there are many more game modes than in previous online armories.

The creator, Activision, has fixed all the problems Black Op’s predecessors have encountered, the most notable being online glitches. The gameplay is smooth and the online worlds are beautifully designed. This FPS is sure to set a high bar for all games to come.

Videogame production today has become a sort of art form. Gamers are becoming more and more demanding and producers have to become more and more creative. Yet somehow, huge titles like these seem to always find a way to sell copies.

Concert Calendar

Musical events in the near future that are worth putting on your calendar now

By Bree Jones
Staff Writer

November

On the 19th:

Pepper, Fishbone, Pour Habit- House of Blues

Bruno Mars- UCSD Price Center

Someone Still Loves You- UCSD The Loft

Eisley- Soma

On the 20th:

Tribal Seeds- Soma

On the 26th :

Trans-Siberian Orchestra- Valley View Casino

Darkest Hour- Soma

On the 27th:

Attack Attack!- Soma

Soulfly- House of Blues

On the 28th :

Pretty Lights, Free the Robots, Gramatik- House of Blues

December

On the 2th:

Dead Kennedys- House of Blues

Brokencyde and Millionaires- Soma

On the 3rd:

As Blood Runs Black- Soma

On the 5th:

Midori- Balboa Theatre

Passion Pit- Soma

On the 7th:

Belanova- House of Blues

On the 10th:

Delta Spirit, Darker My Love, The Fling- House of Blues

Save the Date

January 23:

Guster- House of Blues

February 19:

Social Distortion- House of Blues

March 29:

Lady Gaga- Vicjas Arena

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

By Tim Rayner

Staff Writer



Neveready

ensemble, NEVEREADY. Formed in January of 2010, the band is revered for their energetic live performances and large dance pits in the audience.

The band is composed of junior Declan Halloran (drums), seniors Christian Clark (guitar), Sam Bradhurst (vocals, guitar), and Jay Sanchioli (bass), as well as LJHS 2010 graduates Patrick Hallahan (tenor saxophone) and James Wigle (Baritone Saxophone). Band members also include Vista HS 2010 graduates Keyan Jefari (trumpet) and Adam Vickers (trombone).

The group has already played major San Diego venues such as SOMA Mainstage and Epicentre, as well as a few fund raisers and, most recently, the Splash Bash at CFAC.

“Our purpose,” says junior Declan Halloran, “is to bring people together through music, kind of like what the Specials did back in the ‘80s.”

Their next show is unannounced at the moment; however, NEVEREADY is currently

working on their self-titled debut promo album, as well as training the substitutes for their two saxophonists, (Patrick Hallahan and James Wigle) who are currently off at college.

Blazing onto the scene in February of 2010, The Intellectuals is an all-sophomore punk/alternative rock group comprised of guitarists Corey Swisher and Chase Johnsen, bassist Ben Bradhurst, and drummer Tommy Graham.

With a style derived from classic British punk and modern rock elements, they have already established quite a presence, making it to the finals and finishing fourth place at the Battle of the Beez at Queen Bee’s in North Park.

“We are just four friends getting together and making music because it’s what we love and enjoy. Apart from practicing regularly, we hope to be performing at Bella Roma in La Jolla this month, but there aren’t any final plans yet,” sophomore Ben Bradhurst said.

The La Jolla High Jazz Band, under Mr. Fiedler, is creating anticipation among the students. This year, the Jazz Band has made an interesting twist on their traditional style of playing only jazz classics.

“Jazz band isn’t only about playing jazz,” said senior Jay Sanchioli. “We’re playing multiple styles of music; anything from rock to ska to blues, to jazz, really. We’re starting to incorporate other songs into our playing, and not just taking songs from the book, but also taking well-known songs and transforming them.”

The Intellectuals

Young musicians are still signing up for the jazz band. The numbers keep on rising, which means this will be an interesting and exciting year.

Since the 1960s, the La Jolla Madrigals have serenaded generation upon generation of Vikings. Showing amazing talent in singing beautiful harmonies, the Madrigals have performed at many large events, such as the 2006 Pacific Life Holiday Bowl.

Currently amassing an impressive 22 members under Mrs. Henderson, the Madrigals are some of the finest singers at La Jolla High. They sing the Alma Mater, Pledge of Allegiance, and National Anthem at pep rallies on campus and even perform annually at the KUSI Songs of the Holiday Season Special.

“I’ve been doing Madrigals for a year,” says sophomore Bridget Aiello, “and it’s been a lot of fun so far.”

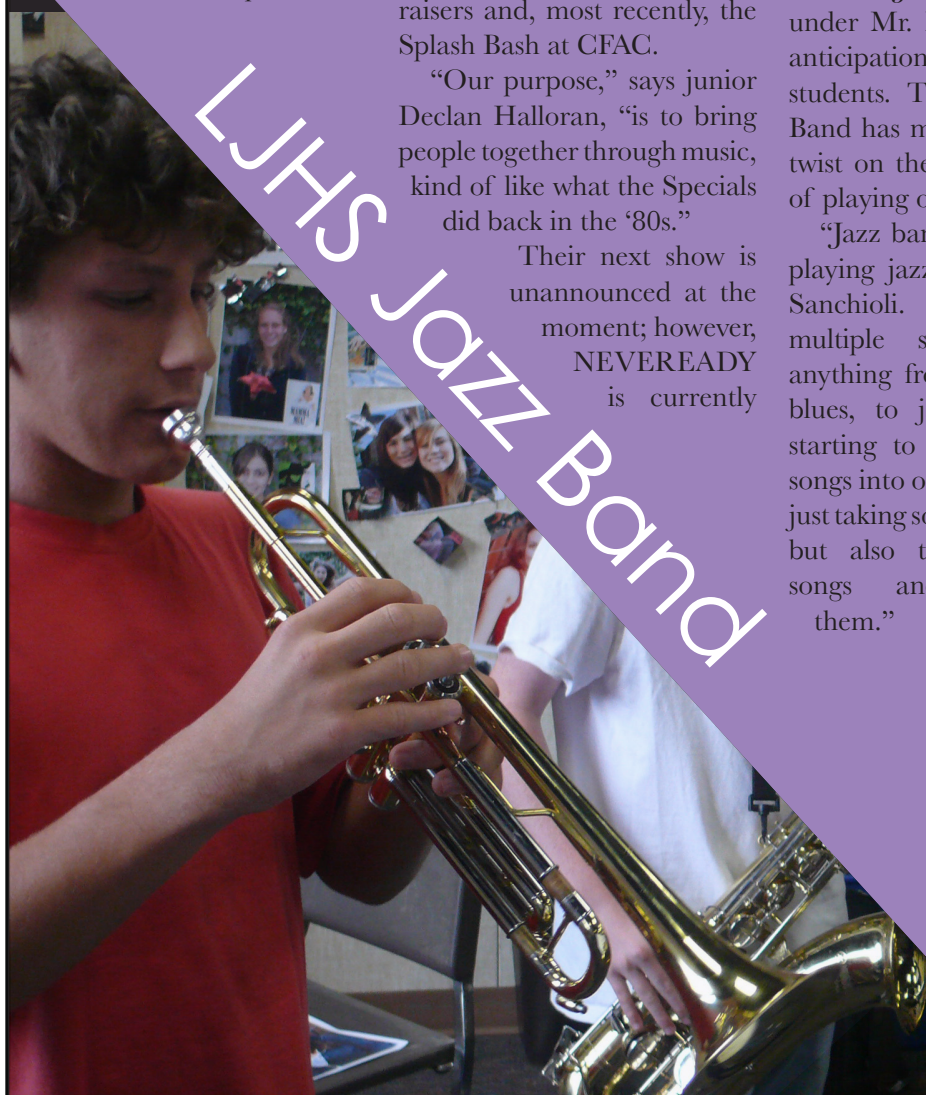
Currently the Madrigals are hard at work practicing for their performance at the LJHS Holiday Concert on December 14, so be sure

not to miss it.

For more information on these bands, please visit: www.myspace.com/neveready, www.myspace.com/theintellectualsmusic, or <http://ljhsmadrigals.weebly.com/>. Also look for them on Facebook.

Most high schools have at least one student band, and LJHS is no exception. In fact, musical talent is not very difficult to find here at La Jolla High. Right now, there are four major student bands creating quite a buzz among the student body.

Perhaps one of the most unique and exciting of these bands is the 8-part ska



LJHS Jazz Band



LJHS Madrigals