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La Jolla's Wacky Weather

By Amy Liew
Business Manager

This year summer in San Diego was filled with darkness and gloom. From tourists to residents, people from different parts of the county experienced one of the coolest summers since 1916.

In May and June, cold water off the coast usually creates a layer of fog that spreads a mile inland, known as the "June Gloom".

However, during the summer of 2010, the "June Gloom" did not disappear until mid-August. Some students enjoyed the change in weather, but for others it came as a huge disappointment.

"It was nice that I did not die of heat this summer, but the weather made my summer days seem dull. The gray and gloomy beach weather was horrible," senior Pasha Rahbari said.

Students in San Diego County experienced such a cool summer because of La Niña. La Niña occurs during a natural periodic climate change which can lead to a decrease in rainfall.

The average rainfall in San Diego County may drop, but precipitation can increase in other parts of the nation or even throughout the world. Due to the lack of rain, both the Sierra and Colorado River will put a strain on San Diego's water re-



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Unexpected Weather: San Diego experiences its the coldest summer in 94 years because of La Niña.

sources.

When the sun finally appeared out of the clouds, students in La Jolla used it to their advantage.

"When summer finally came for a few days, I took the opportunity to go the beach. I spent the rest of my summer hanging out with friends at my house," sophomore Maria Banvelos said.

Scientists and members of the science community cannot confirm if there is a link between global warming and La Niña. A high pressure system created in the Pacific Ocean pumped air from the Arctic to the coast of California, which led to a decrease in summer temperatures.

The cooler temperatures might have kept people indoors,

but there were other ways to cope with the cooler summer.

"The cold summer was a prompt to bring your own sunshine to other people," senior

Max MacMillan said.

Unexpected weather conditions did not cease with the return to school. Last week, temperatures increased from the mid 70s to 110 degrees fahrenheit in La Jolla on Monday.

Last Thursday, La Jolla's sunny skies gave way to clouds and rainfall. More than 800 lightning strikes were recorded that day as thunderstorms swept the county; this was due to the flow of unstable tropical air from the southeast.

California and Nevada residents are also expecting to experience a colder winter this year due to La Niña.

The U.S Climate Prediction Center is unsure how long La Niña will last because it is difficult to determine how strong it is. Students may have another cold summer in store for them.



Lightning Strike : On September 30, San Diego skies were host to lightning and thunder.

October ASB Update

Hey Vikings!

The first month of school is finally over and ASB is working hard to make the rest of your year a fun-filled and memorable one.

Homecoming is just around the corner, starting off with the game against Madison High School on Friday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. The "Board Games" themed homecoming dance will follow on November 13.

Lunchtime activities will continue to be held every Friday by the quad. ASB hopes

to see you there participating in our games and winning points for your class. Don't forget to wear school colors every Friday! All of our class officers will be holding fundraisers to raise money for their grades in order to lower senior dues.

Congratulations to our new freshmen class officers, Lolo Frager, who is taking charge as freshmen class president, Will Salvato as freshman vice president, and Madeline Green as secretary and treasurer.

All juniors that are interested in getting community service

hours and raising money for their class can apply for poll work on November 2. Applications are located in room 304.

Halloween is only a few days away and ASB is holding a costume contest on Thursday, October 29 on the quad, so dress up in your best costume for a chance to win prizes!

With over 50 clubs meeting at our school, don't hesitate to get involved and join clubs fitting your interests. Also, don't forget to join your class council meetings.

Class shirts will be available

for the next few weeks, so if you would like to represent your class pick one up for purchase.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact our ASB president Victoria Frager at Victoria-frager@hotmail.com

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AP Classes Determine Your Destiny Or Do They?

By Kianna Anvari*Opinions Editor*

Most students enter high school with the impression that AP classes are the gateway to college admissions. The AP system brainwashes students, telling them that college success relies on taking as many advanced courses as possible, but is it really worth it?

In the past, college acceptance was so competitive that AP classes were highly recommended. Nowadays, colleges do not seem to be as impressed with such advanced academic courses.

Although they know that these classes are challenging, many universities feel that AP's do not match the level of an actual college course.

"I think that students shouldn't be intimidated by AP classes, especially since most people have to take the same courses in college," junior Kayla Fadda said.

A main reason for taking an AP course is that it helps raise one's GPA. A problem with this is that students

with high GPA fever usually sign up for multiple AP classes. This can result in high stress levels and poor grades.

"I took four AP's my junior year and they caused me nothing but stress," senior Allison Mogin said. "I think

that if they take enough, they will get to skip numerous semesters of college. In reality, skipping that many semesters due to AP classes in high school is very rare. Today colleges are only accepting a few AP test scores per person, which would make it

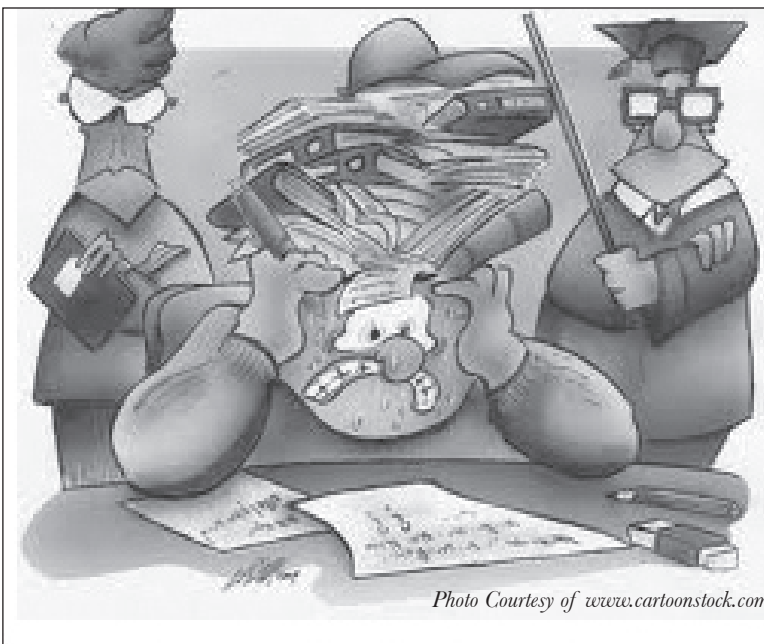
the fact that AP tests are no longer required might relate to the drop in significance of AP courses to colleges.

"I think it's strange that we are no longer required to take the AP test," junior Mattson Smith said. "This shows that colleges might not view AP courses as strictly as they did before."

So is it all worth it? Though AP courses do teach students to learn college level study habits, they do not set the path for one's destiny, as some may believe.

The AP system haunts students from day one of high school. Students are under the impression that AP classes are the main factor in college acceptance or rejection.

Because of this, most students take the same AP classes and usually get around the same grade. This is a main reason why colleges have been trying to get to know students aside from their numbers, because those are virtually identical to every other applicant.

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that the college demand for AP's gives students an unnecessary amount of stress."

Some students enter the AP lifestyle because they believe

impossible to skip several college courses. In fact, many colleges require students to take the same courses they had taken in their AP high school classes. Also,

Wingnuts

Is extremism becoming a major threat to our government?

By Wilson Mokiao*Staff Writer*

The American two-party system has existed in America since the 18 Century. Now, it is killing our democracy. The social inertia of 225 years of the same has kept republicans and democrats the only option.

All of the 307,000,000 Americans make a decision between the two dominant, and a handful of minor, parties every year.

The Republican Party once stood for economic conservatism and a de-centralization of government. Recently however, the election of president Obama has caused many of the furthest right republicans to become extremists.

The "so-called" far right has become the most outspoken part of the Republican Party, while they remain the minority by far. By allowing these extremists to gain power, the party has strayed from its ideals; this disconnect may be the new direction of the entire party, but it is not advisable.

"I am amazed that Sarah Palin, with such limited intelligence, has become an icon," junior Ferdinand Ekman said.

From the far right have come the Birthers, the Tea party, Sarah Palin, and every South Carolina Governor. These media icons are using fear tactics. Their political strategy, however untrue, is impeccable.

The republicans have evaded

sophomore Benji Ghelerter said.

The far left has also become a problem in the House. During the first year and a half in the White House, Obama had a filibuster-proof majority, but the "Blue Dog Democrats" stopped him.

The Blue Dogs found that their votes were the deciding factor; the extremist left democrats used the power to deny or postpone every bill coming

casting a rumor that Mr. Obama is a Muslim, and that all Muslims are terrorists. This is a perfect example of how a minority group can spoil the fun for the rest of us," said an anonymous student.

This is the same for any Extremist group, Al'Quaeda is no exception to the rule.

They all represent a small minority of the entire population, yet they have the loudest "voice" and therefore all Americans choose to recognize.

Republicans, Democrats and Al'Quaeda are all reasons for the turmoil in America. Whether it is like the Republicans, who spread fear, uncertainty, and deny political progression; or the Democrats, who abused their position of minor power to achieve a private agenda; or Americans own irrational fear of a religion based solely on the most extreme half percent.

Extremism is unfortunate, but inevitable, Americans as a whole need to recognize these groups for what they are, the extreme minority, and ignore them so the country can move forward.

"I heard a news station broad-

Extremists in the United States are extremely detrimental to the two-party system.

the true meaning of democracy, and the point of the two party system, partisan debate. Their bold strategy of "no" is childish.

The Republicans have moved from true partisan debate, to intimidation and out-right lies in an effort to deny everything that Mr. Obama is trying to accomplish.

"Personally, I think that the Republicans are doing a great job of denying Mr. Obama's items on his socialist agenda,"

through the house and the senate until their agenda was met.

Abortion rights, tax cuts and rights for unions were all fair game and used as bargaining chips.

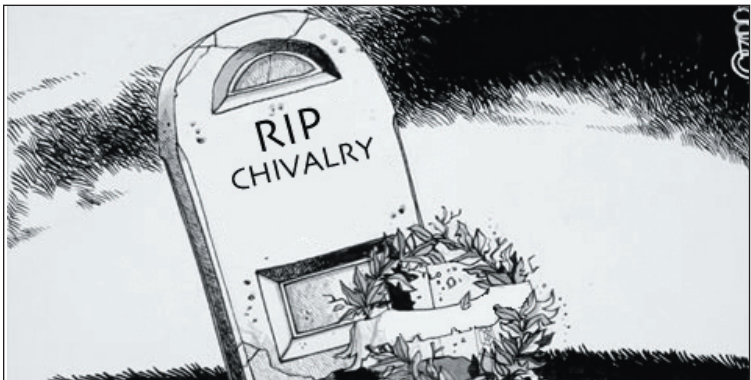
Extremists in the United States are extremely detrimental to the two-party system. Groups like the Tea Party, who disagree with their own mother party, Republicans, on many key issues, should not be able to share a name with the True Republican party.

Chivalry is Dead

By Quinn Miller
Staff Writer

Most of you own, or have seen those adorable bands inscribed with “I Love Boobies” that are meant to raise awareness for breast cancer. However, it seems that many male students at La Jolla High are a bit too open in expressing their love for women’s breasts. If a male and female student were casually immersed in conversation when he suddenly leans over and grabs her chest, you would think the girl would react by vigorously protesting his actions. Instead, it is all too common to see girls laugh off such incidents. When did this become acceptable social behavior? A very short time ago, any man caught with his hands

where they did not belong would have been slapped across the face. Now, it seems that girls do not mind being groped and could, in fact, even be enjoying the rude and disgusting attention they receive



from hormonal teenage boys. “It’s the girls who wear the low cut tops who make you want to grab them,” freshman Devin Laine-Toner said. It is sad that the norm is

now for girls to just laugh off such inappropriate behavior. Over the past twenty years, manners have declined to be almost nonexistent. Guys at La Jolla High treat women like toys, as ob-

jects they can grab at when they are bored. And the girls for the most part let them. Sophomore Kelsey Webber stated, “No, it’s not okay when a guy grabs you, but I just don’t

know what to do most times.” The obvious response to such behavior would be a physical rebuke, but it may be the case that any girl who would slap her harasser would be judged as doing something wrong. When asked why boys grab at girls, freshman Ian Brininstool said, “It’s just following urges; you don’t think about it, you just do it.” When asked if he thought such behavior was okay he replied, “No, probably not.” But he added with a smile, “Who cares?” This disrespect going on at La Jolla High is a serious problem. The girls are slowly letting this become acceptable social behavior by not doing anything to protest these actions. We need both genders to help put a stop to this kind of behavior.

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Ranting about Raving

By Laura Wells
Staff Writer

Neon-themed parties may be filled with dancing, techno and good times, but sometimes people want something that will take their partying to the next level. That’s why we are suggesting the fun new world of raves. For only fifteen dollars, raves will offer you and your friends many delightful memories, such as getting frisked a little too thoroughly by the security guard who is skimming your underwear for ecstasy and needles.

You’ll have the whole dancefloor to yourself since twenty five out of the thirty people attending will be sitting on the floor, looking far off into the distance, and engaging in other unmentionable activities. The remaining people that are dancing will consist of a stripper wearing neon underwear, a twelve year old boy in skinny jeans and a Mesa college student with cystic acne. This is great, because it means that you will be the most attractive one there. This is definitely a step up from those overbearingly good-looking and debonair people at the World Beat Center.

Just be careful that you don’t slip on the pool of sweat dripping from the back of the guy shuffling next to you. Once you get tired of shuffling, which is the hardcore raver’s dance du jour, feel free to trade bracelets with the people sitting down. They have to keep it really dark in there since everyone’s pupils are so dilated, so you might lose your friends, but that’s ok because the guy giving light shows said that he can help you find Molly and Lucy. And forget David Guetta. Here at raves they dance to Dubstep, a music style similar to the sound Satan’s breathing, with some light synthesizing for effect. Most likely you will be enjoying yourself so much that you won’t leave the rave until about 2am. All in all, attending raves can be compared to jumping off of a building into a vat of acid, so it goes without saying that it is a rewarding experience for thrillseekers everywhere.

Keeping an Open Mind

By Alex McMahon
Staff Writer

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines “open” as “having no enclosing or confining barrier: accessible on all or nearly all sides,” “mind” as “the element or complex of elements in an individual that feels, perceives, thinks, wills, and especially reasons,” and “opinion” as a “belief stronger than impression and less strong than positive knowledge.” An anonymous author defined open-mindedness as “a genuine willingness to consider the evidence before rejecting an idea.” Tolerance is a frequent topic of conversation and debate, but what makes one tolerant? To tolerate something or someone is to keep an open mind about the something coming out of the someone’s mouth. Time and time again, people end up yelling, arguing,

debating, or discussing without truly listening to what the other is saying. A person may be irrational, insensitive, or misinformed. A person may have reasonable ethics and morals but not proper knowledge of what he or she is discussing. These faults can only be minded by listening to others. “People believe in a lot of things that they can’t back up,”

“If you don’t take other people’s points of view into perspective, then you’ll never mentally mature. It’s healthy to keep an open mind.”

junior Ashley Weller argues. Error in argument comes from both sides. An ideal, belief or opinion is just that: an ideal belief or opinion, respectively. It is possible for one to arbitrarily, be more

rational, moral, ethical, or politically correct, but rarely right or factual. Nobody will listen if he or she is being told that he or she is wrong. One must respect another’s opinion no matter how unreasonable it may seem. “As long as they’re not propagating hatred, then their opinion is their opinion, and you shouldn’t force yours on them

just because they’re different,” junior Erica Eisen stated. There are a few basic qualities of an open mind. Ears are doors to the mind; they must be open and attentive. Looking at a person with-

out listening to what he or she is saying will not get anyone anywhere. Words need to be heard taken into consideration. Simply taking another’s views into consideration does not mean changing one’s own views immediately. To take something into consideration means to accept that there might be value to it. To examine, compare and contrast it with one’s on ideas, and search all cavities before tossing it out. “If you don’t take other people’s points of view into perspective, then you’ll never mentally mature. It’s healthy to keep an open mind,” junior Cara Cadman voiced on the issue. The privilege of being tolerated is lost when one attempts to impose his or her beliefs; trying to “convert” someone, but people who behave in such a way should not be berated. The best choice of action is to ignore them.

CAPTION CONTEST

The winner will be featured in the next issue and will receive a special prize!



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WHEN I WAS SEVENTEEN: NICHOLAS BANKERT

By Taylor Jetter
Staff Writer

Being seventeen is like nothing else. The world is your oyster, you have your whole life ahead of you. It is your last year of being a teenager and having little responsibility. MTV recently premiered a new show, "When I Was 17," that featured on three different celebrities every episode. From rappers to socialites, they shared their wild and wacky moments as a teen.

Even your teachers were seventeen at one time. Are you curious as to what they did when they were teenagers? Now, Mr. Bankert gives us some insight on what he was like when he was seventeen.

HiTide: What high school did you go to when you were seventeen?

Nicholas Bankert: I went to Mission Bay... but I really hated it.

HT: What was it like?

NB: Well lets just say it wasn't very "white."



"cool kids" hung out at every day after school.

HT: How was the drug scene when you were seventeen?

NB: Well, as always weed and alcohol were everywhere,

HT: Where was the "chill spot" for you and your friends?

NB: Jamaica Court. It was this boardwalk where all the

but when I as seventeen ecstasy started becoming really big. Raves started popping up and people got really into it.

HT: What was your prom like when you were seventeen?

NB: My prom was really disappointing and depressing. Debbie, my girlfriend, ended up dumping me a few days before prom. We had dated for a long time, so it was hard for me. Not to mention, the girl I did end up taking only agreed to go with me because she wanted me to kick her ex-boyfriends butt.

HT: Were you one of the "bad kids" or one of the "good kids" ?

NB: Well, I'm guilty by association. I was considered one of the "bad kids" just because I was from Mission Bay. Just about everyone who lived there when I was seventeen was a total stoner, so of course no one was going to think any differently of me.

HT: What did you do for fun on the weekends when you were seventeen?

NB: Well, my friends and I

would all hang out at the Jamaica Court Boardwalk and try to pick up girls and go to parties.

HT: Are you still friends with the same people you were friends with back then?

NB: I didn't have a whole lot of friends, but yes, I'm still close with the people I hung out with. Which is about... three or four people.

HT: Did you get into a lot of trouble with the authorities?

NB: Actually I did not, the most trouble I got into was when I got into a fist fight with some kid at my school. Even then the consequences weren't bad at all.

HT: If you could go back and be seventeen again would you change anything?

NB: No. My experiences have made me who I am today and I'm grateful for that.

Guess Who

By Heren Alanis
Staff Writer

Hello Americans! I am new to La Jolla High School. I am a junior and I've just moved here from Essex in London, England. Since my mother is American I know a bit about the culture here. I am so happy to be here because I've always wanted to live in the U.S.

My brother, Christian, and I both play field hockey competitively and we moved here with our family to let him play for the US Olympic Field Hockey Team. I currently play on the women's varsity field hockey team here at La Jolla High.

I am quite short, with blonde hair and green eyes, and I have a passion for fashion! I love shopping and I've already found that the boutique, "LF" in downtown La Jolla, has just my style of clothes. I am very innovative with my wardrobe and often make my clothes work in different ways.

My favourite colours are orange and light yellow. My fa-

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enjoying life in San Diego; it is so different from England! I love that everyone is so independent here.

My favourite class and teacher are English 3-4 with Ms. O'Donoghue because English as a subject comes very easily to me. I don't like how there are so many people, it seems very crowded to me because my old school only had 400 students in it.

I also miss a lot of things about England, like my friends, city life, the theatre, English accents, and especially the train. I get homesick sometimes, but I am having a lot of fun in America.

In the future, when I am married and have children, I hope to live in the peaceful Essex countryside. I have been asked a lot of questions about my life, but if you get to know me you will find them out on your own. Guess who!

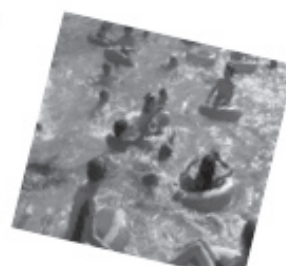
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and see if you guessed
correctly!

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Sunday, October 17th
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TEACHER MEET AND GREET

By Brittney Schrift
Features Editor

At the beginning of the school year there are always new faces, that of new students as well as new teachers. This year, La Jolla High School welcomed five new staff members; Mr. Adams-Math, Mr. Fiedler-Band, Mr. Gallo-English, Ms. Mandock-English, and Mr. Wills-Math. We asked them a few questions to get to know who they really are behind their teaching desks.

Hi Tide: What do you like about La Jolla High?

Mr. Robert Gallo: I absolutely love the welcoming staff and warm students.

Mr. Michael Fiedler: I am from Detroit, Michigan where I was several hundred miles from the ocean, so one thing I really like about LJHS is how close it is to the beach. Riding down Nautilus in the morning and looking out at the ocean always puts me in a

good mood. I also like the extremely supportive administrative staff we have here.

Ms. Sheila Mandock: I love everything about LJHS! The staff is so warm and friendly, everyone has been so

staff, and I love having school near the beach!

Mr. William Adams: I like the location and layout of the campus.

HT: What is your biggest pet peeve that students are guilty

when they leave.

MF: My biggest pet peeve is when students have disrespectful attitudes and behavior. All problems stem from that.

TW: My biggest pet peeve is when students ask a question

spend your free time?

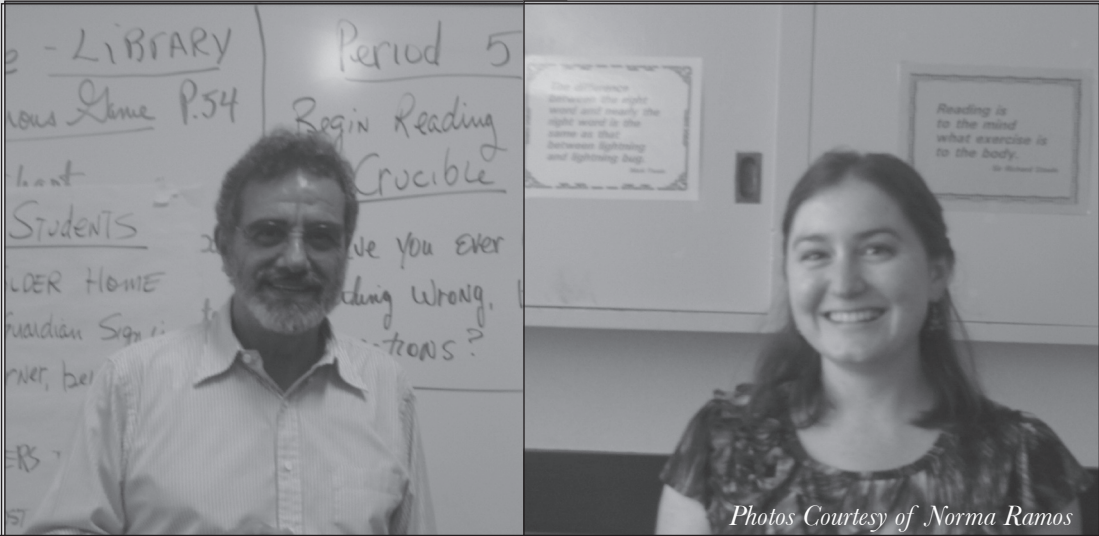
RG: I have no free time. But, I love to play guitar, do yoga, cook, garden, walk my dog, remodel my home with my artistic wife, build furniture, and teach college at night.

MF: Free time? Ha! When it exists I like to be active, take long bicycle rides, skateboard, and swim. Being a music teacher it is probably fairly obvious that I like to play and write music, but I'm also interested in other subjects that students study at school; including theatre, literature, evolutionary science, history, and politics. My fiancé and I also like to travel together.

SM: I like to do regular activities, such as long walks or hikes, read, write, dance, watch movies, go to plays, theme parks, and Renaissance fairs.

TW: I love sports and do a lot of work for my church."

WA: I like spending my free time with friends, going to the movies, playing video games and taking karate.



Photos Courtesy of Norma Ramos
New to the La Jolla Family: Mr. Gallo and Ms. Mandock are happy with their transition to La Jolla High School.

helpful. The students are wonderfully attentive and eager to learn. I look forward to coming to work everyday.

Mr. Tom Wills: I like the students as well as the

of?

RG: All students have to graduate at some point and leave us to go on to bigger and better things. What I hate about this is that I always miss them

that they just heard me answer in front of everyone...no good!

WA: When students don't do their homework and then make up excuses to make it up.

HT: How do you like to

EAT, PRAY, VOLUNTEER

By Carey Kennedy
Editor-in-Chief

Over the past summer, several La Jolla High School students stepped outside of their comfort zones to volunteer abroad. Each of the programs allowed the students to build new friendships and assess new aspects of life. However, most important to their experience was the culture exchange through volunteer efforts.

As an active member of the La Jolla Presbyterian Church youth group, junior Megan

Gore traveled to Belize on a mission trip for one week. While learning to balance the challenges of leadership, Gore worked hard to construct bathrooms for the community. In addition, the youth group volunteered at a local orphanage. "It was interesting to see how others live in a third world country because most of us are just caught up in the material world," Gore said.

Senior Austin Wang spent two weeks of his summer volunteering in Taiwan. Through a non-local church, Wang got

involved with a program that allowed him to teach Chinese to the students.

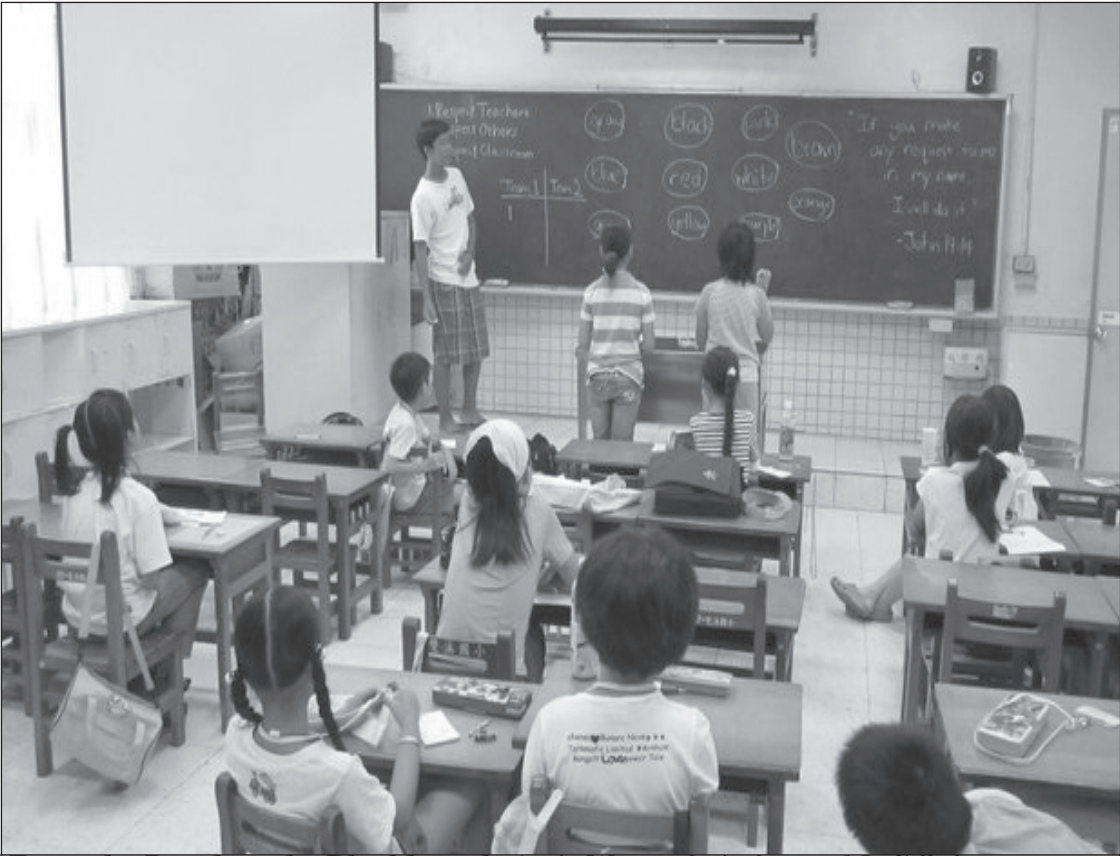
"I enjoy helping others because it instills a sense of purpose in me," Wang said.

Wang remarks that he would go on the trip again because being able to immerse himself in a completely different lifestyle was entirely worth it.

Although many students are sponsored through their churches, freshman Atley Buechler took a different route. Beuchler voyaged to Costa Rica for two weeks through



Bathrooms for Belize: Megan Gore goes across the world to build a bathroom and play with children at orphanages in Belize.



From the Beach to the Blackboard: Austin Wang trades in the sun of La Jolla last summer to teach Chinese to students in Taiwan.

a program called Adventures Cross-Country (ACC). Most of Buechler's time was spent doing service projects, such as building a bridge.

"The experience was something I will never forget because of the people and the amount of responsibility I gained," Buechler said.

Buechler plans on traveling with the ACC again because of its focus on community service as well as leadership opportunities. The ACC programs boasts a range of destinations, one of which is Fiji, which Beuchler would like to go on.

Aside from volunteering abroad, students also devote their time to various community service clubs around the

campus. Starting its second year, Junior Barefoot Club focuses on bringing sports and teamwork to homeless children. Members enjoy participating in sports related activities while acting as role models.

"Junior Barefoot club is a place where students from La Jolla High get to have fun while volunteering by playing with homeless kids at the San Diego Rescue Mission," senior Micahel Zhao said.

Joining a service club or volunteering for an organization locally is a great way to give back to the community. If you are interested in joining Junior Barefoot, contact Michael Zhao and start making an impact today.

THE TIMES ARE A-CHANGIN'

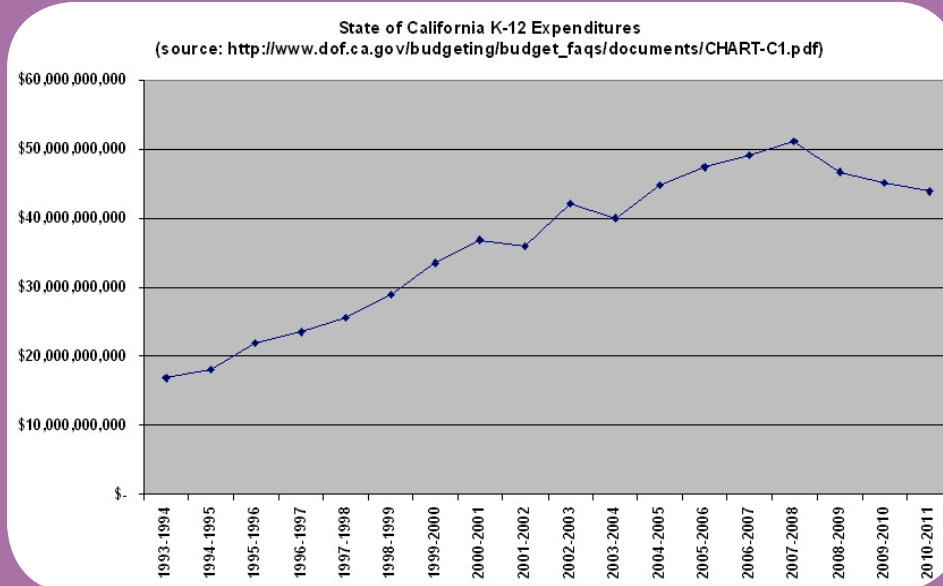
Recession, what is it?

By Rebecca Huntly-Playle
Student Focus Editor

We are in a recession. Everyone has heard this phrase over the past couple of years, but how exactly did the United States get to this point? The collapse of the housing bubble in 2007 triggered the current recession.

As housing prices began falling and people could not pay the mortgages on their homes this in turn caused banks and the financial markets that speculated in mortgages to fail.

One of the results of the financial crisis was that the output of goods and services in the United States (gross domestic product) fell by 6% at the end of 2008 and the beginning of 2009. The unemployment rate in the US rose to 10.1% at the end of 2008 which was the highest level since 1983.



The government stepped in with money to try and keep the banks from going out of business and with additional unemployment payments to help people out of work.

The recession will be over when the US economy starts growing again. Although there are some economists that think the worst of the recession is over many people still believe the US will be dealing with the current recession for awhile longer.

Can't Handle The Heat

By Molly Ackerman
Staff Writer

Almost everybody in America has been affected by the recession that hit the US over 3 years ago. More and more businesses have been affected by this crisis and in a recent poll the US Government stated that the unemployment rate increased to 10.1% in only 2 years. These drastic numbers are the product of businesses all over the country being forced to close down due to high rent, overpriced items, or simply, a lack of customers.

Among those unlucky businesses that are closing down, there are many in La Jolla that have been hit by the economic downfall. Businesses like Powells, Blockbuster, Lets Go, and Jacks have all become insolvent because of the increase in prices and the decrease of clients.

According to CNN Business Center, one in four retail shops and office blocks in La Jolla are being foreclosed because of the current economic state. "What a wake up call," says one of the CNN Business writers "as we drove through the village to see at least than one in four retail shops, or office, blocks shuttered with foreclosure signs plastered across the empty spaces."

Although the majority of businesses have found it hard to remain open during these hard times, there are a few that have profited from the recession. One such business is Pannikin Tea and Coffee in downtown La Jolla.

"Our business," says Amanda, the afternoon clerk at Pannikin "hasn't noticed any effect from it, (the recession) actually we have gotten busier because people don't want to spend money on going to a nice dinner, so instead they come to our store as a way to stay social; People would rather come to Pannikin and buy a 5 dollar burrito as opposed to spending 30 dollars at a restaurant. Although our business has gone up, our prices have too, because now it costs a lot more to buy coffee and other products that we use."

Another business that hasn't noticed any difference in the recession is LF, a clothing store on Girard St. One of the stores employees says "LF has a good client base and we give our customers a good experience so they are always coming back. We also have a good amount of tourists come into our store and buy our products which helps us a lot."

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QUIZ: Are You Materialistic?

1. How much do you spend each week?

- a. Less than \$10
- b. About \$20
- c. Under \$50
- d. More than \$50

2. What kind of car do you drive?

- a. Your parents Car
- b. Volkswagon
- c. A used BMW
- d. Black Escalade

3. Where do you typically shop?

- a. Thrift Stores
- b. Target
- c. American Eagle
- d. Nordstrom

4. What kind of phone do you have?

- a. No phone
- b. Flip phone
- c. The EnV 3
- d. iPhone/Blackberry

5. What do you spend most of your time doing?

- a. Playing Sports
- b. Volunteering
- c. Hanging out with friends
- d. Online shopping

6. Who is your idol?

- a. Leonardo DiCaprio
- b. Cameron Diaz
- c. Matthew McConaughey
- d. Paris Hilton

Answers: Mostly A's you have gone green. Mostly B's you are saving your money. Mostly C's you spend money within limits. Mostly D's you are materialistic.

“It has even affected the football team.”

9. Always become a member if it is free at any store, sometimes you can get a discount just for joining.
10. Coupon books cost little money and give you discounts on movies, restaurants, and other activities around town.
11. Have a yard sale to get rid of all your old junk and make some extra bucks.
12. Do not buy books! Go to the library and check out books, CDs, and movies.
13. Listen to Pandora Radio; it is free and plays current music.
14. Pick up some extra cash by tutoring, babysitting, petsitting, and dog walking.
15. Carpool, walk, or ride your bike places. You will save the environment and your credit card.



How the recession is affecting our school system

By Breanna Jones
Staff Writer

Budget cuts this year have struck our school profoundly. Buying the bare essentials pencils, paper, and staplers are becoming harder to purchase and maintaining supplies throughout the year is difficult.

Just last year the supplies ran out in April and the district was unable to give us money to purchase more. In our school storage there are only a few boxes of pencils, white board markers, paper and Scantrons left.

Once all our supplies run out the teachers will have to buy their own supplies. The only supplies guaranteed are sanitary supplies so luckily our school will never run out of toilet paper.

This year alone the substitutes for custodians have dropped from ninety substitutes to only thirty, which leaves custodians with more work and the same amount of pay.

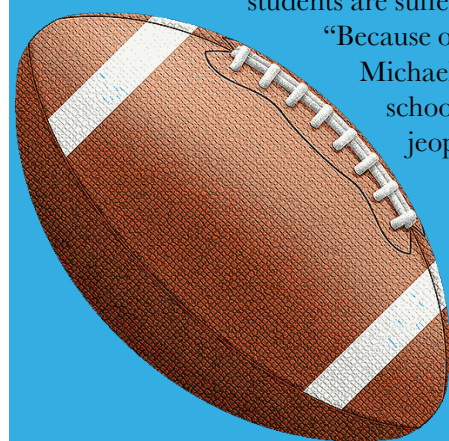
Currently our school only has one custodian and instead of cleaning everyday like previous years, he can only clean every three days.

Not only has the cleaning been cut down, the custodians have to make their supplies and tools last longer since our school does not have the funds to replace old appliances. Our school's custodians, teachers, and even students are suffering from the budget cuts.

"Because of the budget cuts, the school might lose the music program for good," junior Michael Schriener said. The music program is just one of the departments that our school will lose soon. Our school's art, drama, and sports departments are also in jeopardy.

"I think it has affected the football team in a hard way because all the little things we need, the district can not get for us now. We now have to pay for it out of our own pockets and it can get very expensive. Shoulder pads, helmets, kneepads, and thigh pads are some of those necessities, although new jerseys wouldn't hurt either," junior Oscar Carrillo said.

So whether it is the music program or the sports department, the budget cuts seem to affect every element of our school.



Mulkins Says Goodbye

By Christine Han
Staff Writer

A teacher who has taught at the same school for a great number of years and has had important qualities to the school, students, and other teachers is retiring. One of the coaches at La Jolla High School has been here for more than 30 years and unfortunately, it may be her last year. Coach Mulkins as the Varsity Tennis coach, has become an honorable tradition for the past two decades at La Jolla High School.

Q: How long have you been coaching at La Jolla High School?

A: I've coached for about 28 years.

Q: What was your most memorable moment in tennis over the years?

A: My most memorable tennis moment is when we won CIF with a streak of 5 years in a row.

Q: How did you get into

coaching?

A: Well, it came with the job. I've coached other sports like track, badminton, and cheer. I also had a dance company here called the La Jolla Dance Company which was off-campus.

Q: What did you do prior to becoming a coach?

A: Nothing. My first job was here at La Jolla high school. I started teaching when I was 23 years old.

Q: What is your mission as a coach?

A: My husband's mission is for me to win 20 CIF titles. So far, I have 19.

Q: What would you like to see happen by the end of this season?

A: I believe they've got a chance of winning the CIF title this year. The girls have gotten stronger and they're legible to beat Cathedral since Cathedral has lost a few of their best players.

Q: What is your philosophy about coaching and about

achieving success in life?

A: If I could teach the girls to successively lose, they will be successful in life. There is more than just winning on a team.

Q: What do you love about tennis? Did you play when you were younger?

A: Yes, I did play. However the set-up back then was completely different in Women's tennis to now. There was no such thing as CIF but there was something similar to it called the Girl's Athletic Association (GAA). What I love about tennis is the girls' involvement in the sport. Losing and/or winning is secondary for me.

Q: How would you describe your background and training?

A: First, you have to get a degree and then a teaching credential. I also have masters in education and I had lots of years of on-sight training.

Q: What are you going to miss the most this season?

A: Definitely the girls.

Speedy Wahine

By Dario Aharpour
Editor-in-Chief

The Maui Channel, a beautiful nine-and-a-half mile stretch of clear, blue water, stretches from the island of Lanai to Ka'anapali. The channel is a hot spot for both tourists and other vacation goers; but, for La Jolla High School counseling intern, Elizabeth Schlicher, it is nothing short of an opportunity to make history.

On September 4, 2010, Elizabeth Schlicher entered the Maui Channel Race in Maui, Hawaii, with hundreds of other swimmers all with the goal to win the nearly ten mile marathon swim. Racing against both men and women, the twenty-eight-year old swimmer made history by being the first woman ever to win the race since it was created in 1972.

"It's amazing because in the twenty-one years that I have been swimming, I haven't been that exposed to marathon swimming," said Schlicher. "The most I had swam before that were half-a-mile swims."

The nine-and-a-half mile swim starts at Club Lanai, a resort on the island of Lanai,

and crosses the Au Au Channel to the Ka'anapali Beach Resort on the island of Maui. The swimmers go through open water that, while beautiful and clear, is also well-known for its strong, swift currents.

"The currents were brutal," said Schlicher. "The race took over an hour which is more than I thought it was going



Featured: La Jolla High School's swim champ, Elizabeth Schlicher.

to."

But, Schlicher's determination wasn't going to let her give up. The brutal waves and strong current proved to be difficult, but Schlicher had not only her determination to back her up, but some of the best inspiration helping her out.

"My friend who swam the

English Channel was on the boat following me. Every now and then I would look over and see her manically waving signs and cheering," said Schlicher. "It really helped me forget about the pain."

But the pain, time, and training was all worth it when she landed back on shore with no one in front of her.

"Winning was tough. I was trying to think positive towards the end, to forget the pain. And the minute I saw both my friend and old high school coach on the boat cheering me on, I just wanted to win," said Schlicher.

The Maui Channel swim is one of the most well-known swimming events in the nation. Swimmers travel all the way from Japan, Australia, and Taiwan to take part in this world-famous swimming event.

Students at La Jolla High School, however, do not have to travel all the way to Hawaii to be able to know how it feels to win. All they have to do is drop by the school counseling office and visit La Jolla High's very own Maui Channel Race winner, Elizabeth Schlicher.

Sport of the Month ~ Bowling

By Alex McMahon
Staff Writer

The origins of bowling can be traced as far back as 300 AD in Germany, where primitive forms of the sport were beginning to emerge. It was not until September 9, 1985 in New York City that the first rules were officially established. Currently, there are around 95 million people that take pleasure, whether competitively or recreationally, in bowling. Its presence is felt in at least 90 of

outing for friends. One can go out with friends, grab some of the alley food if one dares to do so, fill up a score sheet or two, and laugh lightheartedly with one's friends whenever a ball ends up in the gutter. There is no doubt that any bowling experience results in a good time, but students still have the same addition to any compliments they give.

"I don't really count it as a sport though," sophomore Ilana Eisen said.



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Strike! LJHS students may not take bowling very seriously, but bowling is a very competitive sport that requires a lot of practice, skill and really cool bowling shoes.

the world's countries.

Students at La Jolla High, and presumably others, see bowling as more of a social gathering than a competitive sport.

"Usually it's just to see how bad your friends are at it," senior Katheryne Penny described. "I don't understand how bowling is a professional sport. I mean, the professionals should get a strike every time."

Not everybody takes this stance. League bowling does exist, and many tournaments are held across the nation and around the world.

"As with any sport, the time required to achieve competition-level skill is admirable," junior Grace Henahan believes.

Bowling is still an enjoyable

Bowling is recognized by the International Olympic Committee as a sport, yet it is not contested. When presented with this question, many students' only reason against bowling as a sport is that they do not take it seriously. Other students were able to provide legitimate arguments.

"I think that it shouldn't be an Olympic sport because it seems too easy to become a pro at," junior Chloe Robinson argued.

"I would not respect it as an Olympic sport because there is a limit to how well you can do," Henahan added.

So the next time you're at your local bowling alley, make sure to pick up a ball and really see how "easy" it is.

STANDOUT ATHLETE

By Olivia Polger
Sports Editor

The La Jolla High School freshman class applauds Skip McCullough, whose championship surfing skills have allowed him to capture a spot on the USA Surf team. Skip's dedication, determination and love for the sport from an early age is what has set him apart from other surfers all over the country.

His life revolves around surfing and school of course. All of Skip's free time is spent in the ocean practicing for various competitions. To make sure he is ready for every competition, Skip is out in the water at least twice a day. McCullough's many hours out in the sun have given him a pretty noticeable wetsuit tan, but that does not stop him from practicing everyday.

"I just tell myself that the girl's think: it's hot," McCullough said.

Q: How long have you been surfing?

A: I have been surfing for 11 years.

Q: How often do you surf?

A: I surf every day no matter what. Rain or shine.

Q: What is your favorite place to surf?

A: My favorite surf spot is

Simmons. It's north of La Jolla and always has pretty consistent surf.

June. It's been a great experience being able to surf with all the best young surfers in the

foot gapers we get in La Jolla.

Q: What kind of board to do you have?

A: Yes, but it is my sport. It's all I do.

Q: Who taught you how to surf?

A: My brother and my dad taught me when I was three or four.

Q: Which surfer(s) do you look up to and why?

A: I look up to my dad and brother because they get bigger barrels than anyone I know.

Q: How did you get into surfing?

A: I got into surfing because I would always look up to my brother and dad who also surf. I wanted to be just like them.

Q: How many competitions have you won? Which ones?

A: I have won about ten awards. Six NSSA's and a few other odd contests.

Q: Have you been in any magazines?

A: I was in an add in Surfer Magazine in seventh grade.

Q: Do you want to have a surf team at LJHS?

A: Yes. That would be epic. Especially because there are so many talented surfers at La Jolla High right now.

Q: Have you met any pro surfers?

A: I have met a few. Dane Reynolds and Kelly Slater are my favorite surfers that I have met.



Photo courtesy of Carey Kennedy

Featured: Skip McCullough holding his favorite flower(left), in one of his facebook pictures(upper right) and on www.nssa.org(lower left).



Q: When did you join the USA team and what has it been like?

A: I joined the USA team last

country.

Q: What do you love so much about surfing?

A: I love surfing for the eight

A: I only ride Xanadu surfboards.

Q: Is surfing a big commitment?

Servin' Up a New Season

By Sarah Devermann
Contributor

With a new year, new coach, and many new players, La Jolla High's varsity volleyball team is still keeping old traditions. Participating in the Lakeland Invitational in Idaho has been a tradition for the team for many years.

"I've always liked the Idaho tournament, it's a really good bonding experience," senior Allie Helm said.

After getting there late Thursday night, the team had practice Friday morning. They then shadowed students at Lakeland High School.

The actual tournament took place Saturday. The team played all day then flew home on Sunday. The team took sixth place out of 21 teams.

"My favorite part about Idaho was spending time with my

team and getting to know everyone...including our amazing new coach!" sophomore Waverly Richards said.

As said, the team would not have gotten this far without the



Photo Courtesy of www.facebook.com

Featured: Varsity Volleyball team picture in Lakeland Idaho.

help of their new head coach Tina Kinkead, the mother of three and a beach volleyball player, has brought a new coaching style to the team.

"Our new head coach has already transformed the team and should be credited with

the way that everybody is functioning as a cohesive team. I know that we are going to continue to get stronger physically and more competitive," junior Erica Neagley said.

Not only is the team stronger physically, but the girls on the team get along very well. With team bonding activities such as a scavenger hunt at South Mission, the players have grown close.

"This year's team is strong, physically and mentally. Not only do we help each other in games, but we help each other through hard times in school. Our team is more like a big group of friends who can also play volleyball well," senior Avalon Richards said.

With the help of their new coach and great skills, the La Jolla High Women's Volleyball team is looking to have an excellent season.

Football Friends

By Grant Simington
Staff Writer

Everyone knows the stereotypes about football players during games. After all, when the schools' largest bodies and largest egos collide for forty-eight minutes every Friday night, one would probably not expect it to be the friendliest of contests.

Many might be surprised to find that, if they watch closely; basic, yet noticeable, acts of sportsmanship and kindness are present during and after every play. Maybe a Viking helps up a Jaguar, or an impressed Conquistador gives a friendly pat on the back after an impressive play. Things like this are actually very common in most games.

Though rare, bad sportsmanship and fights are forever present on the football field,

and even Vikings are quick to admit that when it comes to Mission Bay High, things can get a little nasty.

Senior Captain Cory Wagner explains that the rivalry exists, "because they are so close and they always play dirty. We bite the head off the frog to symbolize them."

Yes, that's right. A special ritual goes on before a game against Mission Bay. According to team lore, years ago in a playoff game with La Jolla vs. Mission Bay, a storm broke out before the game on the Bucca-neer home field.

Hoads of toads supposedly found their way onto the field and were present during the game. Ever since then a member of the varsity Viking football team beheads a live toad in the locker room before a game against Mission Bay--with his mouth.

Letter From the Editors

Dear Readers,

After growing up behind the doors of room 501 for the past three years, it is finally our turn to take the reins of the La Jolla High School HiTide newspaper.

From staff writers to page editors, we've slaved and grueled over hundreds of articles and have spent long hours editing and creating pages. But now all of our hard work has come to fruition.

As your new editors-in-chief, we are excited to hold the responsibility of creating the newspaper for you, the readers.

This year in publication, expect to see a new look including controversial, avant-garde, and student focused articles. We want to make the newspaper something that you look forward to, and we promise to do anything in our abilities to do so.

One of our goals for the year is to incorporate the entire student body in the newspaper. In order for us to achieve our goal we need your involvement. Whether you write an article, give us an idea, or simply supply us with a quote. Do not hesitate to contact us at ljhitide@yahoo.com

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support of the Hi-Tide. We produce the newspaper for the enjoyment of our readers, and look forward to your input.

The HiTide's seasoned staff of editors and writers is ready to take on the new school year and report on the highlights that affected you. Sit back, relax, and enjoy this year's newspaper!

Sincerely,

Dario Aharpour and Carey Kennedy
Editors-in-Chief

Same AP Exam, New Rules

By Ashley Wei
News Editor

The thought of AP exams in May has always filled students with dread and nervous anticipation. However, the countless hours of studying and anxiety for that test are necessary if a student wishes to receive a weighted credit for their AP course.

This year, changes in the San Diego Unified School District's policy toward AP acknowledgement have made the exam optional, and students may now earn the extra point without completing the exam.

Beginning in 2008, SDUSD stepped in and paid for students' AP exams. The district spent \$800,000 on the cost of exams last year.

The district began this practice when parents protested against the district's policy of giving students a weighted grade only if they took the exam.

Parents and students claimed that the rule discriminated against families who could not afford to pay the high test price, but also did not qualify for the low income fee.

Previously, SDUSD was the only district in the county that required students to take the

exam to receive a weighted credit in the AP class.

Other San Diego districts, such as Grossmont, Poway, and San Dieguito, give students the extra honor credit even if they do not take the exam. University of California policy assumes that students will receive

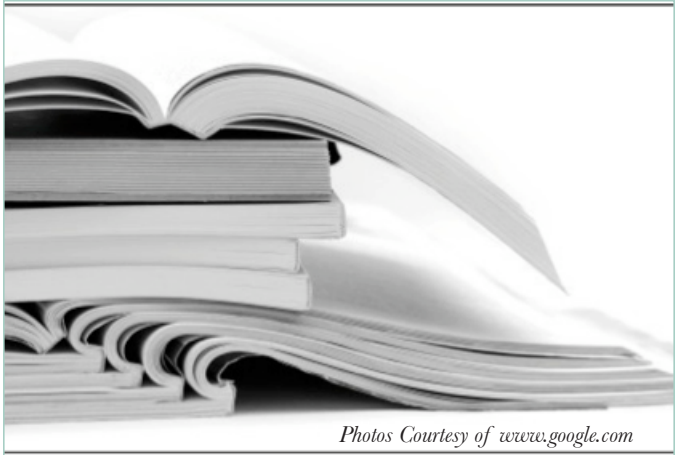
"I am still going to take [the AP test] because I would have already done all the [required] work and the cost is much cheaper than an actual college course," senior Leslie Benitez said.

Students will also be pleased to learn that the College Board has altered the scoring of AP exams beginning in May 2011. The traditional one-fourth of a point penalty for wrong answers will no longer be taken, and students are free to make guesses on the multiple choice exams without fearing the costs.

"I feel so relieved [about this new change]. Now I have a higher chance of doing better; I can choose an answer for a question that I am unsure of without being scared that I will get points deducted," junior Andrea Miller said.

The AP exam period is one of the most significant times for many La Jolla High School students. As the May tests approach, students face the decision between taking the test for college credit, or being content with a weighted credit in their AP classes.

It is another choice added to the list of judgments students will have to make in their educational careers in order to plan for the future.



Photos Courtesy of www.google.com

recognition for their AP classes, whether or not they choose to take the exam.

The district has come to the consensus that money for other programs can be saved if they discontinue paying for all AP students' exams. SDUSD has agreed that in exchange for withdrawing its aid in payment, students can earn a boosted grade even if they decide not to take the exam.

This means that students now have to pay for their own exams if they still wish to receive college accreditation. Students will have to pay \$86 per subject but can receive the proper college credit upon passing the test.

Freshmen in Crash

By Elizabeth Begg
Staff Writer

On Sunday, August 15, at about 7 p.m., Ian Brininstool, Myles Polger, Alani Aguerre, Nicholas Gibbons, and Lily Gibbons were walking along La Jolla Boulevard, returning home after eating out at local Mexican restaurant Bahia. Before they arrived home, a Chrysler car vehicle hit a roundabout and flew over the plants, crashing into several of the teens.

"[The car] flew right over me, hit me first, and then Nicholas dogged it, then the car hit Myles and Alani, [the car then] rode over Alani and pulled her into the restaurant," freshman Ian Brininstool said.

One of the teen pedestrians, Alani Aguerre, who attends The Bishop's School, received serious injuries after the car carried her into the restaurant for 20 yards. Aguerre was hospitalized until last week due to a broken pelvis, hip, leg, and arm.

"The last thing I remember was looking over my shoulder and seeing the car speed over the roundabout but I blacked out after that. Then, a lady came over and stayed with me until the ambulance came and then we went to the hospital. Once we were in the hospital I don't remember what happened" freshman Myles Polger explained.

Nicholas and Lily Gibbons were lucky enough to jump out of the way of the car. Brininstool acquired a scathed shin and a broken leg. Polger received also received a broken leg and a broken arm, and he returned to school last week.

When asked if he took away anything from the accident Polger answered, "I learned that stuff happens. Nobody knows why it happens, or why it happens to the people involved, but it does, and that's what we have to deal with."

All students involved in the August crash are now recovering from their ordeal.

Congratulations to Meredith Lehmann

Meredith Lehmann, a junior at La Jolla High School, was awarded a \$25,000 scholarship from the Davidson Institute for Talent Development, for her research on the spread of epidemics. Lehmann's project, "Transportation Networks and the Propagation of Novel H1N1 Swine Flu-Like Epidemics", collected data to track the evolution of H1N1 through air or auto travel.

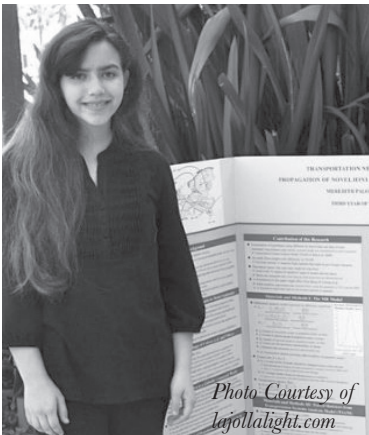


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Vikings Kick Off New Year

School spirit soars at Blast Off

By Laura Wells
Staff Writer

Blast Off is more than a mere football game. It is a social event that transcends winning and and focuses equally on school spirit.

Although the Saints High School football team defeated La Jolla High School by 55-21, the event produced a lot of enthusiasm as parents, siblings, and students gathered to cheer the players on.

The Vikings managed to pull off a few good plays that night. Standout players on the Varsity team were senior and linebacker Josh Kilmer, who stacked the opposing quarterback, and receivers, senior Bobby Hill and junior Vincent "VJ" Chang, who "made some pretty good touchdowns," according to junior Danica Versteeg.

Viking Village, where clubs sold various items to raise money, was a huge hit this year. Persian Club wrote people's names in farci. Everywhere, people were sporting red and black face paint to support the Autism



Photo Courtesy of Wilson Mokiao

Friday Night Football: La Jolla football players face off opponents from the Saints High School while Viking students cheer on the team.

Club's cause.

"All the money from getting your face painted will go to spread autism awareness", junior Nicole Miller, a member of the Autism Club explained.

Other clubs selling merchandise included the Glee Club, ASB, and T.H.U.G.S.

"Blast Off was a lot of fun because I got the chance to make and sell animal balloons. Being a part of Viking Village was quite the experience," freshman Jing Liew.

In addition, a few local food venues gathered at Blastoff to

sell their delicious dishes. Favorites included Baskin Robbins and the Viking concession stand.

"I thought it was really cool that a chain store like Baskin Robbins came to sell their ice cream. it was pretty good and I was excited that they were there," freshman Melorine Zareian shared.

Overall, Blast Off was an event filled with good sportsmanship and school spirit, proving that La Jolla will cheer on the Vikings no matter what the score, and have the best time doing it.

WHY DONT YOU READ SOME...

FOREIGN BOOKS?

By Quinn Miller
Staff Writer

Many classic pieces of literature are the work of foreign authors. Tolstoy, Flaubert, and Hugo are just a few of the authors whose most famous works were originally published in another language before being translated into English and published in America.

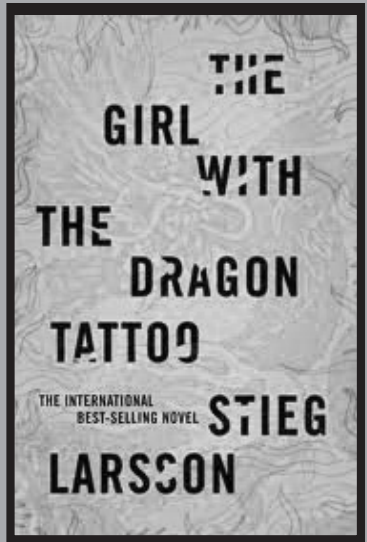
The recent success of the Swedish thriller *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* is surprising in a time when books popular in the US seem to be mostly by American or English authors (Twilight, anyone?).

However, in the past twenty years there have been a number of excellent books that came to America from foreign authors that have captured the imagination of America’s youth.

Japanese literature is popular with La Jolla students. “It gives you a different view on the importance of society as opposed to the importance of

the individual,” junior Grace Henehan says.

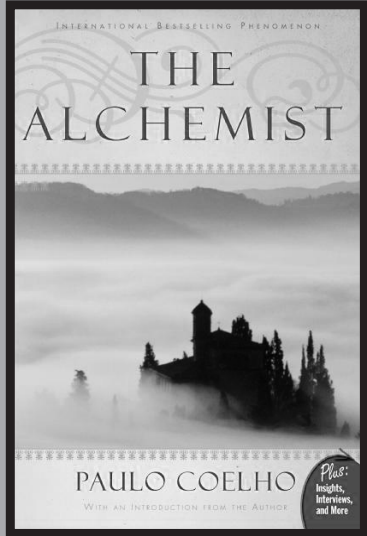
One Japanese author famous in the United States is Haruki Morakami. His 2002 novel *Kafka on the Shore* has won both



critical acclaim and the World Fantasy Award.

“Morakami’s work may be some of the strangest stuff I’ve ever read,” says junior Erica Eisen, “But I love how he blends fantasy with Japanese current events”.

Paulo Coelho, a Brazilian novelist from Rio de Janeiro wrote a novel called *The Alchemist* in 1987. The book is an allegorical story about a young Spanish shepherd who



believes that his recurring dream is prophetic and will lead him to find treasure in Egypt.

Coelho’s novel initially sold only 900 copies. Today, *The Alchemist* has sold over 65 million copies and is one of the

best selling books of all times. Having been translated into 67 languages, it holds the world record for most translated book by a living author. It is considered a modern classic.

Originally titled *La Sombra Del Viento*, Carlos Ruiz Zafon’s principal novel otherwise known as *The Shadow of the Wind* is set in mid- twentieth century Spain and concerns a young boy named Daniel. After becoming obsessed by a novel found in *The Cemetery of Forgotten Books*, he sets out to find out more about the book’s mysterious author. *The Shadow of the Wind* has sold over a million copies in America after being translated into English in

Many books that come to America from other countries give the reader a unique view on a society different from our own. That different outlook is why many La Jolla High students love to enjoy books from a variety of foreign authors.

got (free)
music?

By Wilson Mokiao
Staff Writer

As America enters the digital age, so do our vices. From electronic cigarettes to iEverything, consumers want it all on-demand. The music industry is a perfect example of the instant gratification trend.

New websites, “Music sharing,” and “Freeware,” are the new hot thing. Websites now function as music streaming, playlist generating, all-in-one media giants.

Grooveshark.com:

This website’s claim to fame is its search bar. In Grooveshark’s archives is a huge variety of songs. The site claims “Every song, ever.” G-S allows you to search by artist, song, album, composer, and key word. When the website identifies similar, there is an option to add it to a playlist or genre.

“My favorite feature is the ‘Find More’ button, I have found many artists unknown before by using this tool” freshman Benji Ghelletar said.

Pandora.com:

Pandora.com is a mainstream website that employs the “Music Genome Project.” The MGP is a system to identify similar music to the target. For example, choose Ratatat as your target and Pandora will compile a list with Ryksopop to Crystal Method into a playlist.

“I use Pandora while doing homework; it is nice to listen to music uninterrupted, and to hear songs I haven’t heard before,” junior Marissa Newlee said.

Playlist.com:

A musical Facebook, This website emphasizes sharing your playlists with friends. Similar to Grooveshark, it has an excellent search engine, and most of the common music is readily available.

“Playlist.com might not be as all encompassing as Pandora, but I really like being able to share my music with my friends.” Freshman Freja Ekman said.

These are three of hundreds of websites, all with music in mind. Whether the site is being used for a party, pleasure or just to prove a point, there are a multitude of sites, each trying to cater to individual music needs.

From the Bookshelf to the
BIG SCREEN

By Heren Alanis
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Eat Pray Love:

The movie is based on Elizabeth Gilbert’s autobiography (*Eat, Pray, Love*) that tells the story of how, at 32 years old, just out of a divorce, Gilbert searches for her “inner self” in Italy, India, and Bali. The movie does its best to stay true to the book and Gilbert’s chatty voice, though it falters in a few ways. Firstly, the movie has more of an outsider’s view of Gilbert,

she is on the search for her inner self as well. This portrayal is the mark of a highly talented actress. The internal struggles dealt with in the book were slightly watered down for the movie, but nevertheless, as a whole, the movie is essentially an effective adaptation of the book into a two-hour film.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (Part 1):

To the diehard fans of the Harry Potter books, the movies have been, to say the least, a disappointment. The past six films have removed essential plot points, left out characters, and added completely unnecessary events. They have also had horrendous picks as for the actors chosen to play certain characters such as the choices of Gary Oldman as Sirius Black and David Thewlis as Professor Lupin.

The first installment of the seventh Harry Potter book will be released on November 19, and those who value political correctness are hoping for the best. With any luck, there will be no new characters or random plotlines to confuse and befuddle the faithful followers of such a well-loved series.

One of these faithful

followers, senior Nick Kusnir said, “I will be camping out at the theater on the night of November 18 so I can make



the midnight release of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.” However Kusnir then added, “but I already know that I will be disappointed because of the lack of accuracy it will have in comparison to the books.”

The Ghost Writer:

Robert Harris, the author of *The Ghost*, wrote the screenplay for *The Ghost Writer* with Roman Polanski so, for the most part, the film stays true to the novel. However, there are a few discrepancies between the two versions. The ghostwriter’s ex-girlfriend is hardly mentioned in the movie, despite the fact that she plays a relatively important role in his story and his uncovering of the truth about the controversies surrounding

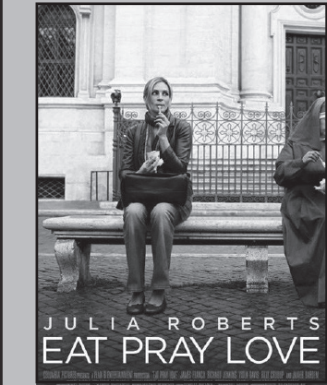
his job as a ghostwriter.

“*The Ghost Writer* was a great movie, I definitely saw that the book was represented accurately and eloquently,” senior Pasha Rahbari said.

There are other slight differences having to do with the climax of the film: the way a certain character is assassinated changes from the book to the movie and he initially survives in the film version. Any other differences are not too drastic and do not change the overall feel of the novel’s plotline



throughout the movie. The secret of an accurate and well-produced adaptation seems to lie in the involvement of the original author in the making of the movie. Perhaps future moviemakers who are thinking of making a film adaptation of a novel should take a leaf out of makers of the *The Ghost Writer*’s book.



doing away with her innermost thoughts. However, that is not a bad thing – it makes the story easier to understand and helps it move more quickly.

“Sometimes great books don’t amount to much on the big screen, but *Eat Pray Love* makes the cut,” senior Sara Ashcraft said.

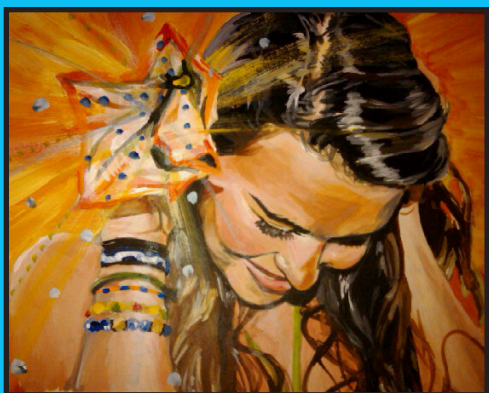
Julia Roberts plays Gilbert with a sense of empathy, as if

LJHS ARTISTS

Four talented La Jolla High students showcase their art

By Christina Kirby and Freda Spencer
A&E Editors

Veronica Itzkowich



Veronica Itzkowich has always loved art; “I began taking classes when I was five. Ever since, I have known that I wanted art to be a part of my life forever.” As a junior, Veronica took AP Art, where she was required to turn in a work of art every week.

“Before AP Art last year, I had slowed down in my art. The class really pushed me to produce more and reminded me of how much I love painting.”

Veronica prefers paint over other mediums because, “it is the most expressive.”

This summer Veronica found a passion for a new and unique canvas: Converse shoes. After doodling on a pair of her own with Sharpie pens, Veronica was asked to draw a custom

pair for a neighbor.

“My mom showed my shoes to some of her friends, and a lot of them wanted some; I’ve sold a few pairs so far and would definitely do more,” Itzkowich said.

Veronica’s art represents different aspects of her life; she draws portraits of celebrities, friends, family, and also creates her own pictures with various inspirations.

So what are her plans for art in her future? “I really don’t know exactly how I want to incorporate art into my college and career life, but I know I want to continue with it.”



Jade Novarino



Ever since she was a young child, junior Jade Novarino has been drawing. She remembers whenever she was bored, her dad would encourage her to draw and that is exactly what she did.

Novarino has continued to pursue art over the years and has developed her own unique style. She favors using an ink pen and depicts a multitude of patterns, mainly consisting of several lines. Mix-media collages are also one of her favorites. Novarino uses photographs that she has taken and draws on them (as seen to the left).

In the future Novarino plans on a career as an art therapist. This profession includes psychology and art expertise, and mainly works with young kids.

“I think art can be anything. Art is taking ideas from everything around you (thoughts, people, faces, places, other art) and making it your own. You can call it art, because there are no rules. That’s what I like about it.”

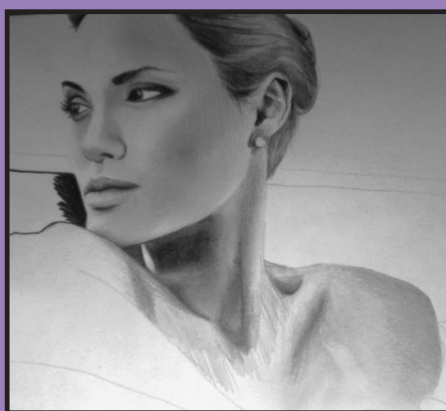
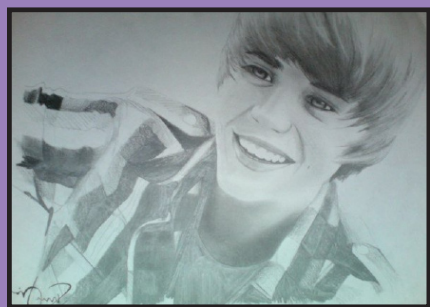
- Jade Novarino



Shauna Jellison

Interested in getting a portrait done? Junior Shauna Jellison is the La Jolla High student to visit. Since seventh grade, Jellison has continued to develop her talents as an artist.

In past years, she has focused on drawing and painting animals with mediums such as oil pastel,



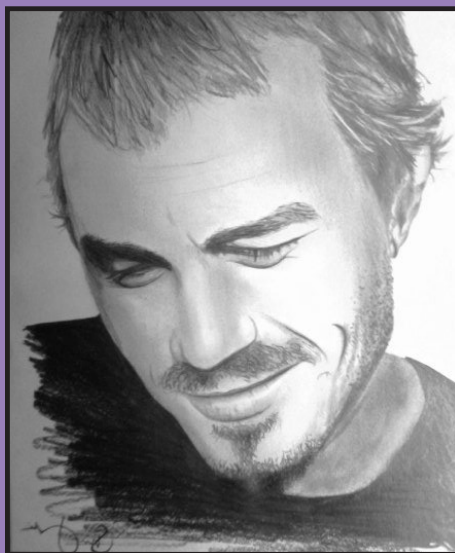
“Art is not about what you see, but rather, it is about what you make others believe.”

- Shauna Jellison

colored pencil and acrylic paints.

Starting last summer, Jellison has furthered her artistic talents and now specializes in extremely life-like, pencil portraits. She learned how to do such accurate portraits with a simple tool: YouTube.com.

Featured are some of Jellison’s best pieces, including a memorial portrait of the late actor Heath Ledger (direct right). Also shown are pencil sketches of world-reknown actress Angelina Jolie and teen heartthrob and singing sensation Justin Bieber.



Nick Sebald



Senior Nick Sebald is not your average highschool student artist. Standing at over six feet tall and likely to be found in the gym playing basketball on his free time, he is not one who would one expect to be a talented and driven artist. However when looking at his work, one will find otherwise. Nick’s style of art is described as “cartoonistic.”

“A lot of what I draw began as just doodling in a notebook,” Sebald said, “The AP Art class that I took junior year got me to take my work more seriously though.”

Nick’s favorite medium is oil pastel, which is demonstrated in his personal favorite work of art, a portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. (shown left).

