

COACH CARTER

By **Nessie Navarro**
Staff Writer

For about four years at La Jolla High School, Coach Rey Hernandez was the head coach for the Vikings football team. However, a change has come and Coach Jason Carter will be taking over as the head football coach. Senior varsity football player Dylan Walsh says, “He’s a really cool guy. He’ll give our program a good new perspective.”

Football has always been a large part of Carter’s life. “I’m from Texas where the football tradition is rich and football is like a religion. I started playing at the age of five...I was highly recruited as a quarterback and chose the University of Texas A&M to play football on a full athletic scholarship. There I played multiple positions from quarterback to running back, wide receiver, and punt and kick-off returner. After play-

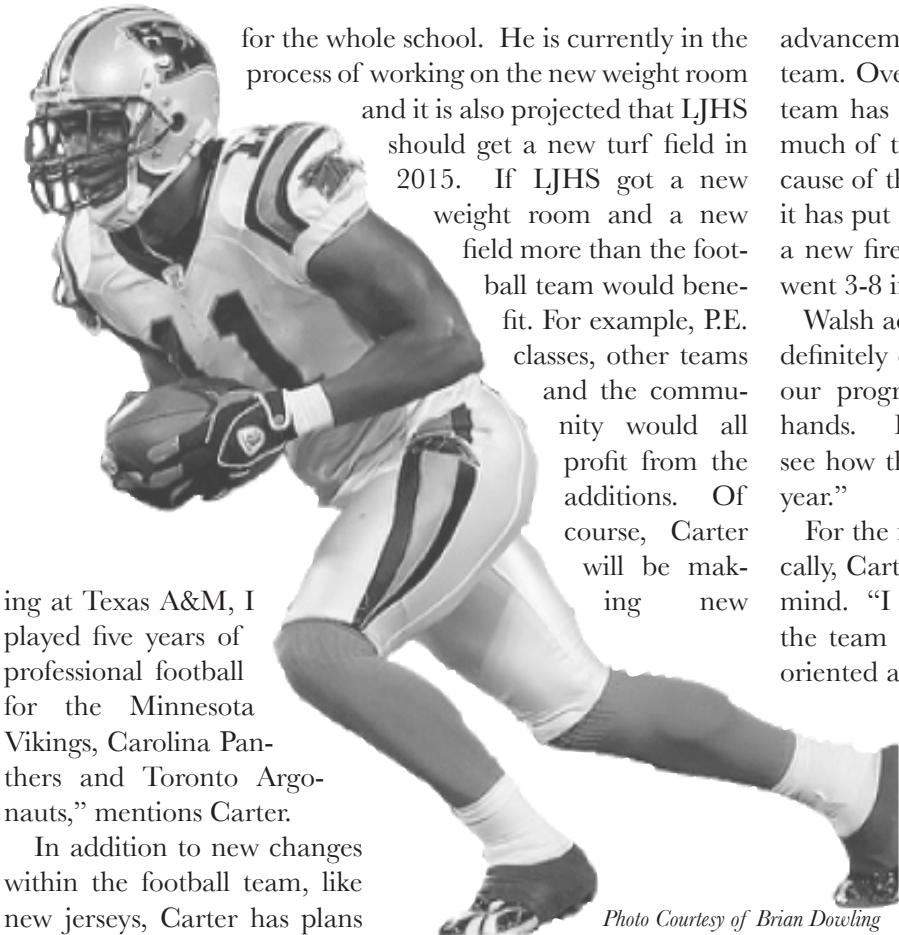


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ing at Texas A&M, I played five years of professional football for the Minnesota Vikings, Carolina Panthers and Toronto Argonauts,” mentions Carter. In addition to new changes within the football team, like new jerseys, Carter has plans

for the whole school. He is currently in the process of working on the new weight room and it is also projected that LJHS should get a new turf field in 2015. If LJHS got a new weight room and a new field more than the football team would benefit. For example, P.E. classes, other teams and the community would all profit from the additions. Of course, Carter will be making new

advancements for the football team. Over the past years, the team has taken criticism from much of the student body because of the poor performance it has put on. Carter will bring a new fire to the team, which went 3-8 in the 2012 season. Walsh adds, “As a senior, I’m definitely excited to know that our program is still in good hands. I’m also excited to see how the team will do next year.” For the football team specifically, Carter has a few ideas in mind. “I intend on improving the team by creating a family oriented atmosphere that gives our kids a sense of

belonging. We also have to put the ownership back on the players and hold them accountable,” mentions Carter. Walsh said, “He will improve the team by bringing a new type of offense and a new type of structure. Also, he’s getting everybody from the freshman level to the senior level more excited.” Freshman Justin Wilder adds, “I think he will bring in some new plays that will make us better.” Overall, the new addition to the LJHS staff, Coach Jason Carter, will bring improvements to the football team and to the whole school.

Jason Carter proved himself to be a huge offensive threat at the Carolina Panthers until he tore is ACL in 2008, ending his season. He then played for the Toronto Argonauts, and in the 2009 season he had 43 receptions for 535 yards and one touchdown.

TRACK & FIELD STARS

Track

Sophomore Jake Ippilito runs log distance. He runs the mile and the two-mile. The long distance teams workouts in track are very hard and grueling. Ippilito runs the two-mile, eight laps, in 10:35. Ippilito’s fastest time in the mile is 4:49. He hopes to improve this time during the track season and help his tea, out by getting the best times he can.



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Senior Kelli Hancock warms up before jumping hurdles.

Senior Karly Zlatic is not only a star on the soccer team, but also on the track team. Zlatic is currently the fastest girl at LJHS. She runs the 100m dash, the 200m dash, and the 400m. She ran the 200m in 24.52 seconds, which is the second fastest record at LJHS. She also runs the 4x400m and the 4x100m with Hancock. Zlatic said, “This year, I hope to be the CIF champion for the 200m, 400m, and the 4x400m.”

Senior Kelli Hancock is a speed demon on the hurdles. She holds the school record in the 100-meter and 300m hurdles. Last year she qualified for the state meet in the 300m hurdles and the 4x400m. She ran the 100m hurdles in 15.37 seconds, and the 300m hurdles in 43.44 seconds. These times are extremely fast; most people cannot even run these times without hurdles. In addition to hurdles, she runs the 4x400m and the 4x100m. Last year, Hancock and her other relay team members went to state in the 4x400m. Hancock said, “This year, I want to break the school records for the relay teams.”

Pole Vaulting

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Senior Rose Chute began her pole vaulting career after realizing sprinting was not for her. Chute started off not knowing much about pole vaulting, but her newly found love for the sport and her competitiveness drove her to become an excellent pole vaulter. “My competitiveness drove me to work to harder and keep practicing,” says Chute.

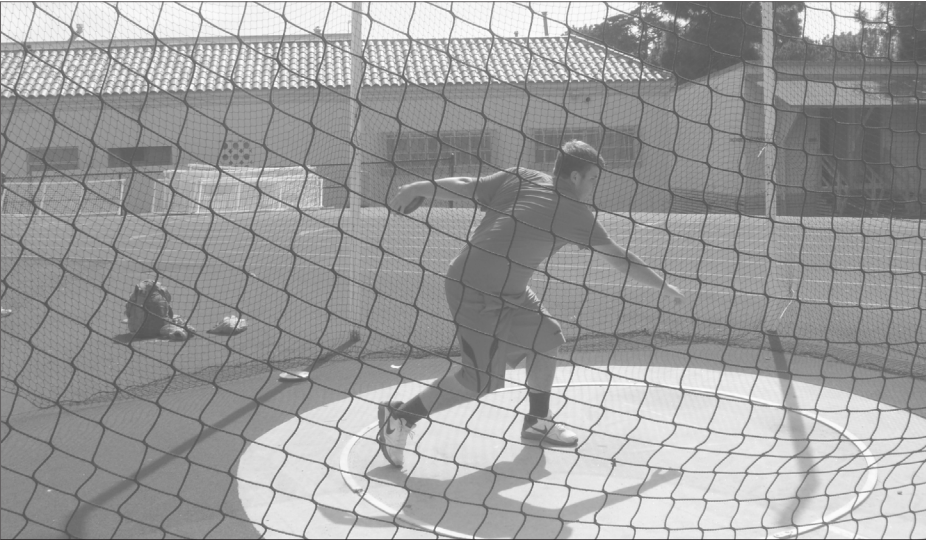


Junior Timmy Miller works on form during a practice.

Junior Timmy Miller is excellent at pole vaulting. The highest he has ever pole-vaulted is 13’3” inches. Miller is very excited for the season and wants to improve his form this year. Miller says that he likes track because, “pole vaulting is fun and I get to be with my friends.” His goal for this year’s track season is to reach above 14’6”.

Shotput & Discus

Senior Spencer Turner also contributes to the success of the track and field team. He takes part in shot put and discus. He began his career because he watched a practice while participating on the tennis team and he thought it would be a lot of fun to join. Shot put and discus are two unique events that require strength and technique, two things which Turner has had much success at. “Having a lot of strength and power is always really helpful,” explains Turner. Turner’s favorite part about his event is the physical fitness and strength he gets from it. He trains hard every day whether it’s practicing his technique or keeping up his strength in the weight room.



Spencer Turner, senior, will be a successful competitor for the team.

Junior Connor Hayden participates in multiple track and field events like discus, long jump, 4x100m, 200m and 400m. He excels at all the events, but especially at discus. Hayden contributes his success to his, “quick spin speed and strength. But, by the end of the season I hope to perfect my form more. I want to be able to keep my throwing arm straighter on release and also just build up my strength more.” Hayden has a great chance of competing in San Diego Section CIFs, but he hopes to perform well enough to continue on to State. Hayden enjoys both the competition of track but also the family aspect of the team.

LA JOLLA HALF MARATHON & LA JOLLA SHORES 5K

By **Stephanie Buchbinder** and **Nessie Navarro**
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For many years, the Kiwanis Club of La Jolla has put on the La Jolla Half Marathon and the La Jolla Shores 5K. These two events are open to everyone, but in order to guarantee a spot in the half marathon, it is important to sign up as one of the first 6,500 people, and the first 1,500 for the 5K. This year the 32nd annual La Jolla Half Marathon and La Jolla Shores 5K will take place on April 28th. The half marathon starts north of Del Mar on Jimmy Durante Way. It follows the coast down Coast Boulevard, Torrey Pines Road, and finally to the finish at Cave Street at the Cove. The 5K run starts at the top of La Jolla Shores Drive and finishes at the same spot as the half marathon. Many runners participate in one of these races to keep in shape, to beat times, or just to have fun. Whatever their reason, these races are a big part of the La Jolla culture.

Ethan Hammershaimb, sophomore, who will be running the 5K, got into running with the help of his family. “My siblings would run all the time and it just influenced me to do it,” Hammershaimb said. He hopes to place in the top five for his age group for the race. This will not be the first (or last) half marathon for senior Chris Pomeranke, who recently completed the San Diego Half Marathon. He will be running it to follow in his father’s footsteps, the man who introduced him to running in the first place. As for hopes and expectations for the big day, his goal is to break one hour and thirty minutes. When asked about his plans for his future running career, Pomeranke added, “I hope to run the New York Marathon and then that’s going to be it before I go off to college.” The La Jolla Half Marathon and the La Jolla Shores 5K are two races that have been a part of the history of La Jolla for many years and it is encouraged to go out and run the race not only for good health, but also for a good time.

No “I” In “Team”

The battle between team sports and individual sports.

By **Mia Kelliher**
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Being a member of an individual sport, a team sport or even both, will present both advantages and disadvantages. At La Jolla High School, many students participate in sports, but while some rely on the individual successes, others depend on the cooperation of a team. Some individual sports include golf, track, and wrestling. Although sports like track have team events, such as relays, it is mostly an individual sport. Some team sports include soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, and basketball. The perks of playing on an individual sport include having complete control over the result of the game and being able to focus on one’s own success. But there is also high pressure on these athletes to constantly perform well. Outcomes of games and matches is solely on the shoulders of the athlete. Senior varsity tennis player Eric Klein believes that there are positive and negatives to both types of teams, but indi-

vidual sports are more effective in improving the player. “[A positive of individual sports is] it makes you mentally fit...you can rely on yourself to get the job done.” Choosing a side can depend on many things, but the main argument is how well athletes can work with others. Athletes may need team support or self-reliance to improve. “Personally it’s a individual sport [that I would prefer] because you focus on all your strengths and weaknesses versus when you are on a team where you can have one strength and someone else picks up your weaknesses,” said Klein. As there are advantages and disadvantages to individual sports, there are also some for team sports. Team sports are fit for athletes who can work well both individually and with others. It is important in a team sport to improve one’s own skills as well as the whole team’s skills. Positives to team sports can be seen inside and outside the game. Sophomore Gabby Person, on the varsity field hockey team said, “Everyday after school it is a whole new group

of people to hang out with and at school events there are more people to go with. For [field hockey], not everything depends on you, it’s a team effort so it’s okay to make a little mistake because someone else will pick up the slack.” Team sports are high in spirit and enjoyable because of the interaction with others. Person said, “A team sport [is more effective] because there are always individual skills you can practice whenever, but then you can go with your team and have people to practice with and work together to get better as a team.” Overall, the decision of whether to play team sports or individual sports depends on what the athlete prefers. Individual sports highlight an athlete and focus on potential high levels of talent, but causes nerve-wracking moments and stress during games. Team sports create a place for athletes to enjoy their sport while working with others, but may hinder individual progress and talent if the rest of the team is weak. Students at LJHS can find the sport that fits their preference and will improve their skills.

WORKOUT FADS

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There’s nothing like the feeling you get after a good, adrenaline-fueled workout. Working out elevates endorphins resulting in a sense of euphoria. Although a traditional run works on energy and fitness, it can get boring. As fitness has become present in more people’s lives, new and creative ways of working out have sprung up.

Zumba: A fun and upbeat cardio workout called Zumba has exploded among all ages and genders. Finding a Zumba class is easy, as almost every gym now offers it as a class. Zumba is an effective, easy-to follow, Latin inspired, calorie-burning dance. Zumba lets you let loose and dance, while building up your energy and letting the participants move, move, shake, shake and drop those pounds off.



Pure Barre: If dancing and fast movements are not your forte, then there are other classes such as Pure Barre that would be a good fit. Pure Barre is a workout system that utilizes the ballet barre to perform small movements. Although the movements may be small, the effects are huge. This workout burns fat and tones your body effectively and safely. Pure Barre is a focused workout session that brings on a similar mind-set as that of yoga classes. Pure Barre helps achieve large improvements on abs, hips, arms and thighs; places on the body that is a struggle to change.

Insanity: Are you looking for a work out that promises you to get into the best shape of your life? Then Insanity is for you! Insanity is a series of video workouts led by its creator, Shaun T. It is a sixty day program that has unbelievable results, if you stick to the prescribed workouts. This intense work out series focuses on increasing cardio, building muscle, and toning up your body. No special equipment is needed; just you, your TV, and your ability push through the pain. Insanity is not easy, but Shaun T. will get you through those tough workouts, and you will walk away with the best body of your life.

CrossFit: Over the past few years, CrossFit has blown up. WODs (workout of the day), PRs (personal record), and MUs (muscle up) are all becoming part of everyday vocabulary. The goal of CrossFit is to increase your fitness and strength. Nothing is too impossible or crazy. When you sign up for CrossFit, you are signing up for a workout that may include weight lifting, running, pull ups, rowing machines, kettle bells, box jumps, and much more. People are drawn to the community aspect of CrossFit. Everyone is very supportive of each other, and people rely on one another to help them push through the grueling workouts. CrossFit is very difficult, but the workouts are never boring. A healthy diet and lifestyle is stressed when participating in CrossFit. CrossFit will get you strong, healthy, and an amazing and supportive community that wants to see you succeed. There are many CrossFit studios all over San Diego.

AntiGravity Yoga: AntiGravity Yoga provides a workout that increases agility, aligns the vertebrae, and stretches you further with less strain. This gravity-defying workout incorporates a silk hammock hanging from the ceiling into the practice of yoga. AntiGravity Yoga is like doing yoga while suspended in air. A participant can “deepen his or her mind and body connection, flexibility, and access to deep peace” (antigravityyoga.com). AntiGravity Yoga provides all the same benefits of yoga, with less strain and more fun. AntiGravity yoga is not widespread yet but The Yoga Factory, located in Hillcrest, offers classes for \$19.



Children's Pool Closed

By Emma Scott

Copy Editor

Video footage captured by a cell phone from the live camera at the La Jolla Children's Pool finally enacted a change in the extensive debate over the protection of seals. Mayor Bob Filner has ordered that the Children's Pool be closed to the public from sunset to sunrise through May 15th.

The footage, posted on YouTube last month, revealed a horrifying scene involving two girls relentlessly harassing pregnant mother seals and their pups. The video showed the girls crossing a city-installed rope barrier and disturbing the seals to the point of injury. One of them sat on, jumped on and kicked the pregnant seals while the other took pictures.

The mayor's decision to close the area is the latest

movement in this dispute between nature activists who seek to protect the seals from human contact, and La Jolla residents who stipulate that having access to the beach area is a historical right. Over the years this battle has stirred up several litigations, rallies, and movements that the San Diego City Council and state legislature had yet to move on, until now.

The mayor argued that the closing was necessary in order to protect the animal in this vulnerable state. When pregnant seals are subject to disturbances by the public, they are often forcibly separated from their young, which substantially reduces their survival rate. Moreover, if the mothers are forced to give birth in the ocean, the pups run a high risk of drowning before they can adjust to breathing outside the

womb.

The La Jolla Children's pool installed 24-hour camera surveillance shortly before the incident. This \$40,000 piece of technology was donated by the city, and was equipped with several features such as an infrared camera and glass wipers that allowed the camera to stream live footage of the seals birthing at night. The camera does not have a recording feature however, which is how this incident managed to go unnoticed. Soon afterwards, several other people came forward with information on seal disturbances in the past, some occurring as long as a decade ago.

Filner requested that the police apply extra surveillance at the site during the darkened hours. The city has also informed the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration. The harassment case is still being investigated in La Jolla, and the police continue to identify the girls who so heartlessly abused these creatures.

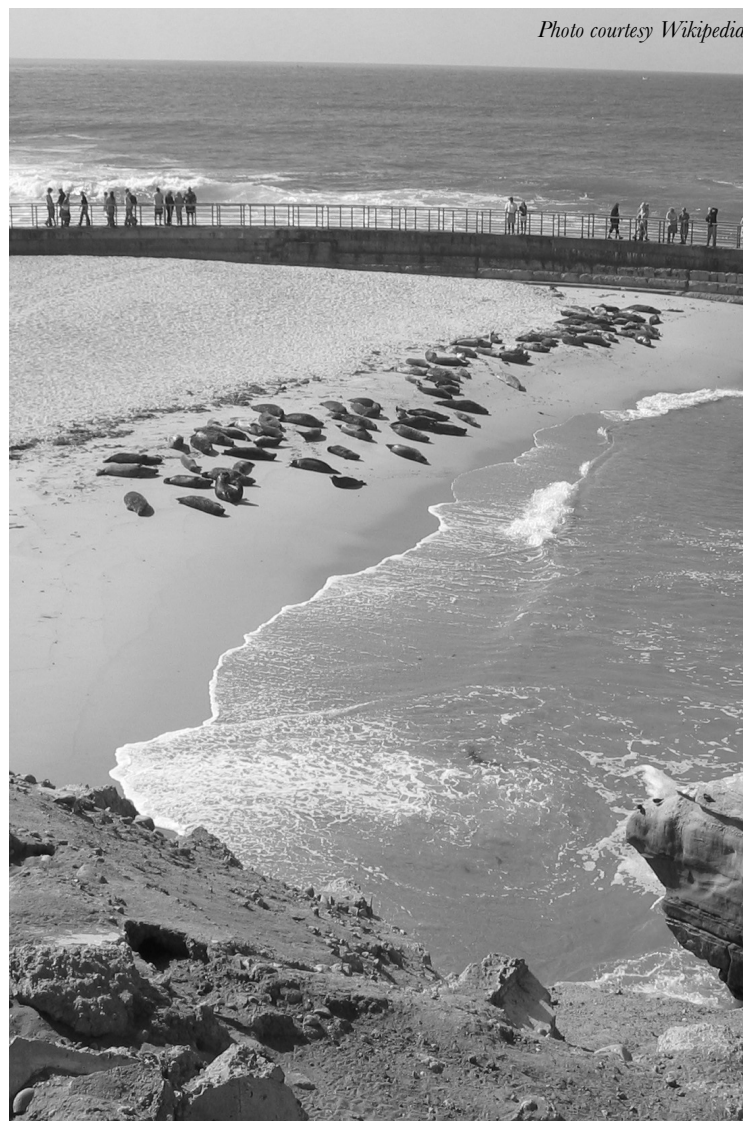


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Seals sunning at La Jolla Children's Pool.

SHE WEARS THE PANTS HE WEARS THE DRESS

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By Jordan Linsky and Amanda Menas

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"Bare midriffs, tube tops, spaghetti straps" and "sagging trousers" within the same sentence.

What the dress code does not specify is the sex of the student and what is appropriate or not. Although many students may feel that it is obvious to everyone which clothing item applies to which sex, the list can be confusing concerning transgender students.

Transgender is the state of one's gender identity, not matching their sex. The topic of students who consider themselves transgender is one that creates controversy within schools; although LJHS has not been directly effected by the dress code controversy of transgender students, many schools throughout the nation have.

The dress code states that no clothing should be permitted which makes students at the school "uncomfortable." Regarding the dress code in

general, Mr. Shelbourne said, "As long as it is not disruptive." He also stated that "It is in your best interest to keep [attire] business-like so you can focus on your studies and not someone's new tan lines." The original statement did not cover the issue of cross dressing, but the administration did agreed with Vice Principle Joseph's comment, "You should be able to do what you want if that is how you feel."

Although La Jolla has not been directly effected by the dress code controversy of transgender students, there have been questions on the outdated regulation which has remained on dance tickets. Each ticket is accompanied by a paper stating the rules of the dance, including dress code, which specifies girls are to wear dresses.

Mr. Shelbourne mentioned that students have always been involved in creating dress codes, following with the statement, "I wouldn't mind [if girls wore pants or boys wore dresses], it's just a theme, and

one of those themes I think is formal."

The only concern brought up by the administration was the bathroom situation. Would girls feel their privacy compromised if a transgender boy walked in? Would boys?

"Until I hear otherwise, if you are male you have to use a male bathroom; if you are female, you have to use a female bathroom" said Shelburne. He also added, "If a boy wants to wear female clothing [or vise versa], it would have to be within the guidelines of clothing for [that gender]."

In the end, La Jolla High School administrators have made it clear that no transgender teens would be discriminated against within the school's walls. There have been many advances toward acceptance of these teens, including support groups such as La Jolla High's Gay Straight Alliance club, and of their preferred attire. Mr. Shelburne hopes the rules regarding dance dress code as well as every day dress are "understandable, reasonable, rational, explainable, and if not, I'm always willing to listen to why isn't it a good rule." In the end, he said, "The goal is to make sure everyone understands this is a 'business climate.' Your job is to go to school and get an education; by job is to help you get it and eliminate many of the unnecessary distractions."

Rape leads to Teen Arrests

By Trevor Menders

Copy Editor

As evidenced by La Jolla's January party stabbing, house parties are becoming more dangerous, not only in a lethal manner, but in that of privacy and personal security: on August 11, 2012, several teenagers in Steubenville, Ohio unwittingly started down the path towards a media firestorm. In the house of a volunteer football coach at Steubenville High School, the alcohol began to flow between a myriad of students celebrating their last days of summer before the start of a new school term.

Two athletes from the Steubenville High School football team, Trent Mays and Ma'lik Richmond, were in attendance at this party. So was a girl from Weirton, West Virginia, across the Ohio River. Before the end of the night, the girl from Weirton would be passed out due to overconsumption of alcohol, and the two football players would rape her.

Rape among high school athletes is not uncommon, but what caused this particular case to escalate was the involvement of social media. Many other students—who would later testify as being witnesses of the rape—recorded parts of the act with their cell phones and other mobile devices. The first evidence of the rape was posted to Instagram, a picture of two football players holding up the passed-out girl by her hands and ankles, with the hashtags of "rape" and "drunk girl." The image also appeared on Twitter. Other documentation of it began to spread

rapidly around the Internet.

Through the night, the online attention the post had attracted burgeoned. Blogs began to comment on the behavior of both the boys and the girl. The next day, the girl woke up in an unfamiliar basement entirely unaware of what had happened the previous night. She had passed out cold. She and her family found out about her molestation on the Internet and in a story in a Steubenville paper.

As of March 17, the two football players Mays and Richmond were convicted. Mays was sentenced to a minimum of two years, while Richmond has received only one, however, both face possible extensions of their sentences which would have them stay in jail until age 21.

The average sentencing for rape in the U.S. is approximately ten years, with about half of the sentence generally carried out.

Social justice bloggers continue to attack the unusual treatment of the case. Many are outraged that the convicted received such relatively short sentences to begin with. Others are shocked at how media outlets, such as CNN, in their newscasts have portrayed the convicted as the real victims in the case.

The Steubenville rape case will not truly be closed until the final sentences for Hays and Richmond have been decided and the internet fervor dies down, events which may take a while to come to pass. In the meantime, Steubenville, Ohio, is left to stew in an unwanted spotlight and newly bad reputa-



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A SOLUTION TO THE SAME-OLD-SAME-OLD

By Ben Allen
Staff Writer

The Saline Solutions are not your average garage band. They're a combination of classic So-Cal guitar, wicked bass riffs, and tight drumming. While their sound isn't easily recognizable, the band itself has called themselves a "shirtless Velvet Underground," but they also sound a little like the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and a more laid back Cream.

The band does have a very original sound, however, that can blur the line between West Coast rock and northern reggae. The SS's will occasionally cover songs, but a lot of credit has to be given to singer/guitar player Mitch McCullough, who has written all of the band's music.

In an interview with Sonic Reducer Studios, McCullough said that he has wanted to be a singer-songwriter since his childhood, when he first discovered his singing voice. With a unique sound and original pieces, the Saline Solutions stand out from the typical amateurs on open mic

SALINE SOLUTIONS' TOP TRACKS:

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night.

The Saline Solutions got their start in mid-2011 and began playing at places like the 710 Beach Club, bars, and other assorted venues. Mitch McCullough and Daniel O'Keefe, drummer, started the band, and Andre Gamboa and Miles Edwards were brought on board for the recording of the band's first album, *The Saline Solutions*, in October later that same year.

Currently, the band is made up of McCullough, O'Keefe, and bassist Tim Rayner, who became a member for the studio recording of the band's second album, *Tangerines and*

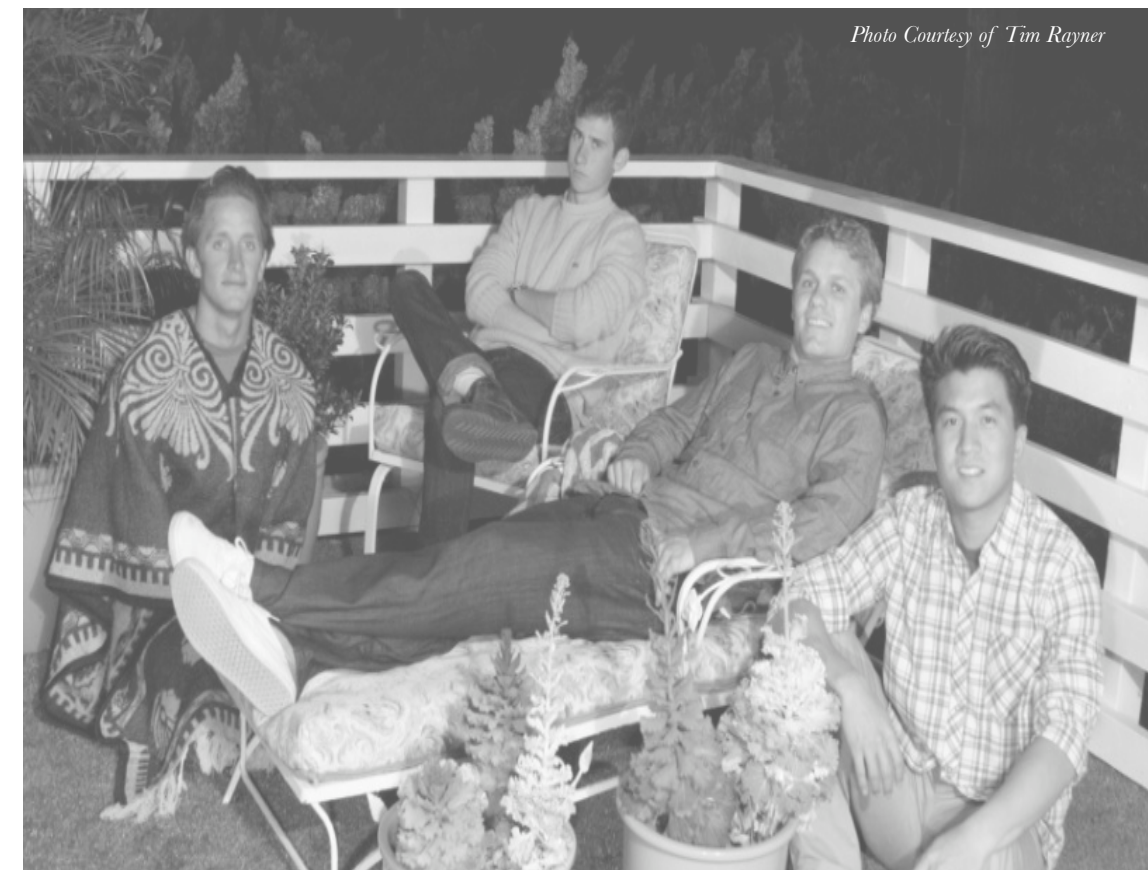


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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MITCHEL MCCULLOUGH, TIM RAYNER, DANIEL O'KEEFE, JEFF WANG

Avocados; after the album's debut, Jeff Wang became the band's rhythm guitarist.

While still pumping out new music, the band can be seen playing all over San Diego.

Last month the band boasted six shows, unfortunately all were at 21 and up venues.

Hopefully the Saline Solutions will stick around to record a third album and keep their

new sound coming. *The Saline Solutions* can be bought on iTunes for \$9.90, and *Tangerines and Avocados* can be downloaded off of the band's page on Reverb Nation.



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and many more...

CRACKING DOWN: PIRATES OF THE WORLD WIDE WEB

By Lilly Glenister
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In a society as technologically advanced as ours, it would be a struggle to find any teen that has not been exposed to the illegal downloading or streaming of entertainment from The Internet. Whether it is acquiring movies, or more commonly, music, the benefits of online piracy usually outweigh the downfalls for involved parties. In fact, online piracy is such a common practice that people usually don't think twice about the potential consequences, because to those committing the crime, it doesn't seem that serious of an offense compared to actually shoplifting or robbing a convenience store.

In the past, there was no real way of prosecuting consumers that participated in online piracy; however, recently there have been new practices put into place in an attempt to regulate and discourage offenders. Most, if not all, IJHS students probably have participated in online piracy whether they realize it or not. Downloading songs for their iPods for free does fit under the category of online piracy.

According to *USA Today*, a new warning system has recently been

launched called the Copyright Alert System (CAS). It involves five of the most popular Internet service providers including AT&T, Cablevision, Comcast, Time Warner Cable, and Verizon, which have all implemented the system and could possibly limit Internet access to repeat offenders of online piracy.

In short, the CAS is a system where entertainment companies will notify the internet service providers (ISP's) when they have detected that a consumer has illegally downloaded content. The ISP's then send an alert or email to the consumer meant to warn them and also educate them on alternatives to online piracy. Users are sent a maximum of six alerts and after that, ISP's may reduce their Internet speed or redirect them to another landing page to review and respond to alerts prior to resuming service.

The entertainment industry has tried to regulate online piracy in the past, but has been relatively unsuccessful due to its controversial nature. According to NBC news, many people that are advocates for a free and open internet have shut down attempts at passing legislature favored by the entertainment industry.



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The CAS is yet another controversial attempt at regulating online piracy because some could see it as an invasion of privacy.

The new CAS is an attempt to discourage people from participating in online piracy, however, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, "The antipiracy and security firm Irdeto, said that in 2009 it detected 5.4 billion instances of pirated content online, from movies and television shows to video games. Last year, that number jumped to more than 14 billion." It seems as though the participants in online piracy are still increasing.

For IJHS students, the new system may be a wake-up call to stop illegally downloading content, but only time will tell if the Copyright Alert System will work in regulating online piracy.

The Spiders are Back From Mars

By Trevor Menders
Staff Writer

Many people claim to be pop icons, but few actually are. One man with legitimacy to the claim of international superstar is the one and only David Bowie—or, depending on the time period, Ziggy Stardust or The Thin White Duke.

As an international denizen, Bowie lived all over the world, from his native England, to Switzerland, to Germany, with many stops in between. His music traversed just as many genres as he did locations: from early “psychedelic folk,” to “glam rock,” to “soul and funk” to “electronica”—even “neoclassicism.”

Aside from music, Bowie has delved into many other areas, such as film, television, and even video games. Now, Bowie has returned to the music industry: his new album, *The Next Day*, became available in its entirety on iTunes on March 13th.

The album is a step back from the ever-present synthesizer of his previous works and although not entirely acoustic, presents a more retrospective image of his career in the popular eye. Thinly concealed metaphors in “The Stars (Are Out Tonight)” and “Where Are We Now?” which, although not exactly anecdotal, are quite revealing of his personal opinions.



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The Next Day, complete with fully-produced music videos, probably doesn't contain the next AT40 chart-topper, but is bound to make waves in the music industry.

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

By Hannah Orr
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The IJHS drama department is getting ready to present this year's musical, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. This musical is about a group of kids who—you guessed it—compete in a spelling bee. Although it may seem innocent at first glance, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is anything but.

Sporting songs such as “My Unfortunate Erection,” *Putnam* has many jokes and comedic gags that will make anyone laugh. There is also a very wide range of characters, from Rona, the former champion who now hosts the bee, to Leaf Conebear, a runner-up who gets admitted into the bee after the first-place winner can't make it.

The cast for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is small, but promises to pack quite a punch. While it includes a titled cast with ensemble, the titled characters are Lauren Nordholm as Leaf Conebear, Hallie Bodenstab as Rona Lisa Peretti, Jake Huey Correa as Chip Tolentino, Emily Wineman as Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre, Tommy Solem as William Barfee, and Hannah Orr as Marci Park. All of the characters are hilarious and very unique, making the musical something you won't want to miss.

One interesting thing about *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is the fact that it uses audience members as a part of the performance. They are interviewed before the show and asked if they want an opportunity onstage, and if they are selected, they get to participate in the pandemonium and circus that is *Putnam*.

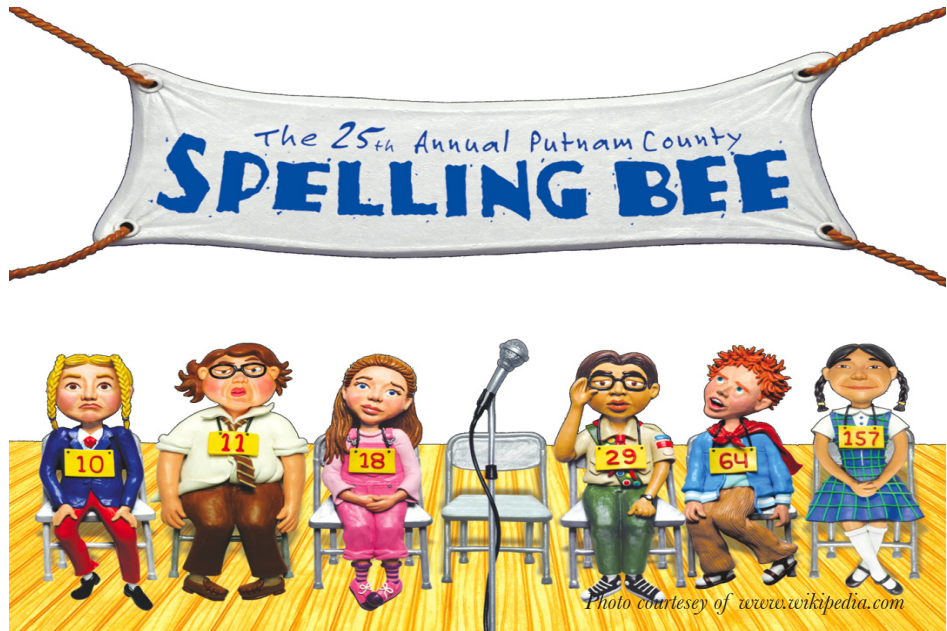


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