

# Hi-Tide

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Celebrating La Jolla High's 90th Year



Mickey Larson and his salsa dancers.

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## Weekend Weather

**SAT**  **NOV 5** 62 F  
48 F

**SUN**  **NOV 6** 56 F  
49 F

## Car Searches Lead to Serious Repercussions

**By Claire Brown**  
Staff Writer

Several recent car searches have led to serious consequences for multiple La Jolla High students. These searches have the student body wondering about the boundaries of the authority of the school administration and the on site police officer. Can the school search a vehicle parked off campus if it thinks it contains something illegal?

"Not without probable cause" clarifies Officer Ross.

Probable cause, he goes on to explain, is a reasonable belief that a crime can, was, or will be committed. A teacher suspecting a student of drug use, for instance, would not be enough to allow anyone to search the student's car parked off campus without further evidence.

But what about a vehicle parked on campus, such as in auto shop? In this scenario it would be within the administration's rights to search the student's vehicle.



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Our high school administrative staff is required to have reasonable suspicion in order to legally search a student's car on campus.

"They only have to suspect wrongdoing" explained Officer Ross, though administrators jurisdiction ends at the borders of our campus. But if a school police officer has probable cause that a crime has been committed in a student's car parked off campus, the vehicle is fair game to be searched, meaning no one

can get off scot-free by simply parking across Nautilus.

Anything found in a student's car on campus is treated as though it were in a locker, and the repercussions are prescribed according to the Zero Tolerance Policy.

The punishments for violators are stringent, with a one to three day suspension recommended for the first drug offence, and expulsion recommended for the first time a pupil is caught with possession of a weapon.

This is very disconcerting to anyone who handles weapons on a regular basis, say for hunting or camping.

If one accidentally left a pocket knife in his car parked on campus, he could be expelled if an administrator suspected that there was contraband in his car.

Students who park on campus should be especially careful to never leave anything dangerous in their vehicles, but no one should live in fear of random off-campus car searches.



## MADE in La Jolla

**By Sarah Devermann**  
News Editor

Last Friday students at La Jolla High School had the opportunity to audition for MTV's popular television show, "Made." The show came to the school and held auditions in which many students tried out.

This show is a gateway for teenagers to be "made" in to something they aspire to, with help from professionals.

Since it started in 2002, the show has aired 11 seasons in the United States and is ex-

panding. The show recently went international and Country Music Television (CMT) has adopted the show's idea and created a new version of the series in which adults participate.

Whether someone wants to be made in to a skater, singer, or ballerina, this show gives people the help they need to reach their goal.

"I am so happy MTV's Made came to our school. I want to be made in to a model, but whether I get it or not, auditioning was a fun experience," junior Katrina Powell said.

Students will not be notified if anybody from La Jolla High was lucky enough to get a spot on the television show for a while.

"If I could get a spot on the show I would be very excited, it seems like it would be very fun to be on an MTV show," junior Amy Geurts, who tried out to be a roller derby girl, said.

If anybody is chosen from La Jolla High, students will likely start to see camera crews around school.

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## ASB UPDATE

**Erik Vanstrum**  
ASB President

Hello Vikes,

Tonight is the homecoming football game. Make sure to come; you don't want to be the only kid who misses the surprise we have planned. Don't forget to bring your wallets as Viking Village will be up and running; the clubs and classes will be selling everything from socks to stickers.

Luna Izpisua, Representative at Large, has been putting enormous amounts of effort in making sure this year's homecoming dance is special. Look forward to 90 Years on Nautilus at the dance tomorrow. Don't forget your ID and follow the rest of the rules. Have a great night.

dressed up for spirit week!

Red Ribbon week is coming up shortly, beginning November 14. A student senate meeting is scheduled at the end of this month on the 29. Look forward to the three-day weekend, November 11-13, and the week long Thanksgiving Break soon after. Thanks to all who

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**By Jenny Shorenstein**  
Staff Writer

The Occupy movement started September 17 when New Yorkers started protesting near Wall Street. Since then, the movement has spread to many cities around the country including San Diego.

The philosophy of the protesters of the Occupy San Diego movement is "Together we must sand up to big corporations who control and destroy our lives!" About 1,500 protesters could be seen marching in downtown San Diego chanting, "We got sold out! They got bailed out!"

The protesters are calling themselves "the 99%." They claim that 1% of the population of the United States controls the wealth, when at the same time the remaining 99% struggle to make ends meet because their voices and needs are unnoticed by the wealthy. In unity with the Wall Street occupiers, the San Diego population that consid-

ers themselves the "99%" have been peacefully protesting in Downtown San Diego since October 7.

The protestors can be seen holding signs that read "Separation of Corporation and State" and "End the Fed". Protestors are also hosting educational sessions to inform the public of their cause. They hope by doing so, they can end the greed and corruption of our nation's corporations.

The San Diego protests against corporate greed continue, but they have died down to an extent. During the height of the movement, a large group of tents put up by protestors could be seen at the Civic Center. Now, because of police mandate, the protestors are allowed only one tent ([signonsandiego.com](http://signonsandiego.com)). The protestors plan to continue their demonstrations until certain demands, in unity with the Occupiers of Wall Street, are agreed upon by government officials who are "not part of the 99%."



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# BEACH BUMS

By Ashley Westhem  
Staff Writer

The majority of students at La Jolla High School are beach bums. They have spent their lives in Southern California, soaking in the sunshine, wearing sandals, and spending time at the beach. Some seniors worry that if they get accepted to their number one college on the east coast, they would not be able to handle the culture shock or the frigid weather

jamin Abramowitz is applying to an east coast college, he is unsure of how he will adjust. “I do not even own a long sleeved shirt, so I am definitely not prepared,” Abramowitz admitted.

Juniors have also begun to worry about this small catch of traveling so far away from home. Karina Alcantara confessed that she likes the snow, “but only to play in. Bad weather is a downer, and [she] would feel depressed by con-

“I would get frustrated by the harsh weather...I could handle it, but I prefer the west coast.”

from October to March.

Some teachers seem to favor the idea of the cold and moving away from So Cal. Mr. Mika said that given the chance to go to college back east, he “for sure would.” Students, however, are a bit more hesitant when it comes to the rain, sleet, snow, and hail that accompany these colleges.

stant clouds.”

Even though La Jollans deal with fog and cloudy weather, most days are met with intermittent rays of sunshine and views of the ocean. The thought of no sun or coast to visit seems to be the main source of uneasiness.

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Most seniors apply to at least one college on the east coast, whether it is a reach or safety school. Although senior Ben-

to skateboard so I’m not really east coast material. I could handle it, but I prefer the west coast,” senior Cheyenne Ata-



Photo courtesy of Julia Schroeder  
Featured: La Jolla High students enjoy a sunny afternoon at Windansea.

pour explained.

The other issue seems to be related to fashion. Board shorts, Rainbows, denim short-shorts, and wet suit tans would be scarce on the east coast. Most guys at La Jolla High School are not the Lacoste polo shirt and Argyle sweater types. That kind of a lifestyle change can be intimidating.

However, when weighing the pros and cons of schools on the east coast, weather should not be the deciding factor. There are ways to cope. Senior Devon Bowman suggests staying inside, having a rain coat handy at all times, and drinking a cup of hot chocolate.

Although the weather may be intimidating, a dream school may be on the other side of the country. Those schools should not be crossed off the list.

## Correction

Extracurricular  
Curriculums

By Alex McMahon

**Editor’s Note:** In the October 7 issue, an article written by staff writer Alex McMahon was mistakenly cut off. Here is the missing component of the article:

Any attempt to provide students with knowledge they cannot easily attain elsewhere, however, has its merits. Though there is a fine line between the unorthodox but effective and the related but inappropriately prejudiced, what standard guidelines may call excessive material can still be enjoyable and even beneficial.

# Breaking out of Social Groups

## It’s time to step out of your comfort zone

By Solene Furlanis  
Staff Writer

Walking around the La Jolla High School campus, one can quickly identify social circles which are based on ethnicity, clubs, and athletics. During lunch, it is easily noticeable that these social groups do not interact with each other because some students would rather stay in their own circle of friends than change their habits by stepping out of their comfort zone. There is always the rare exception of some social groups interacting with others; however, this case is not common.

“There are definitely social groups at our school; however, there are several diverse mixes as well. I don’t think that it is wrong to have social circles because these people have a lot in common such as similar upbringings, lifestyle, and interests. The real problem is that there isn’t enough acceptance between social groups. There is so much judgment between

students that there can never be full acceptance,” stated junior Harry Wilson.

This realization leads to a problem of imbalance. Students should not create walls around their social groups because this blinds them from

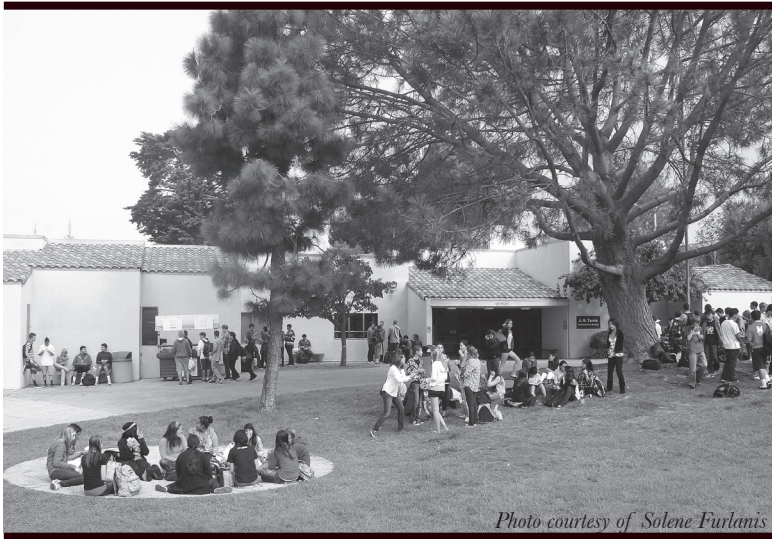


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seeing beyond them and learning something different. It does not matter where we come from or what we believe in; all students should accept others for who they are. High school is just a minor stage in life.

Students should focus more on benefiting and improving their futures instead of caring about what people think of them.

“Social groups haven’t changed much since my freshman year; there is too much judgment because people value some social

wider range of diversity and have the benefit of learning about different cultures and beliefs. Although they might not agree with certain opinions, it is important to keep an open mind and step out of his or her comfort zone.

Meeting people with different backgrounds and beliefs from our own could be interesting because it makes us question our own perception of the world. Having friends who come from different countries or backgrounds is a perfect example of breaking out of groups. Even though we might have certain opinions about the world, learning about their culture and society can lead us to contemplate a different aspect of life.

Students must interact with one another in order to learn more about each other. Being open minded can allow people to improve themselves and become well rounded individuals while experiencing unique encounters.



# Parents Spying on Children: How Far is Too Far?

By **Hannah Rawdin**  
*Staff Writer*

In this modern day and age, when most aspects of our lives are dominated by technology, parenthood may often be mistaken as a synonym for “paranoia.” From the cradle to the day we leave home, we are monitored by our parents; it begins with a baby monitor in the nursery, and segways into the dreaded nanny cam.

Once the kids reach elementary school, parents begin to track them with GPS devices or cell phones, all in the hopes that they are somehow keeping us safer than we would be without their surveillance.

When we reach junior high and high school and begin spending even more time on our cell phones and computers, the parental spying can start to get extreme. Most kids certainly do not appreciate the close supervision, yet the practice of monitoring teenagers through their technology is becoming more and more popular.

Most of the thanks goes to a multi-billion dollar industry seeking to capitalize on parents’ deepest fears about their children by selling everything from spyware to GPS locators. However, when making the decision whether or not to spy on their children, parents should

keep in mind one of the basic generalizations of teenagers: the more parents attempt to control them, the more they rebel.

We have all heard the horrifying stories about the mom who stalked her son’s “inappropriate” Facebook profile and subsequently banned him from using the computer, or the situation in which the father who tracked his daughter’s cell phone GPS location and then punished her for being somewhere she should not have been.

These are just a few examples of parents spying on their children in the hopes that they are keeping them safer. However, the parental monitoring may only lead to the boy creating another, more “inappropriate” Facebook profile on a friend’s computer, or the girl leaving her cell phone at a friend’s house all night so that her father would think she is there, when really, she is at a party.

After realizing the extent of their parents’ invasion of privacy, the two teens rebelled and then covertly disobeyed their parents, which then put them in more danger than the miniscule amount they were in to begin with (the boy is now more susceptible to future employers and bosses judging him based on his profile, and the girl is now at a crowded party with no means of communication).



When parents become too nosy and invasive, they are not only showing their children that they do not trust them, but they are also encouraging their children to rebel—a natural teenage response to parental control.

“I think that parents who spy on their kids’ technology are wrong. If my parents did that to me, I would be less inclined to listen to them,” said senior Sebastian Krzyz. “Teens are, for the most part, better off without excessive monitoring.”

We live in a world where

technology is becoming more and more ingrained in our lives with each passing day. The average American teenager spends about seventeen hours per week online, according to MSNBC.com. With this freedom to explore any webpage in existence, it comes as no surprise that parents would become a bit paranoid. Many are tempted to spy on their children’s technology use, whether it is through their phones, computers, or navigation devices in their cars, all the while knowing that their children would be appalled to

discover that their parents are secretly supervising them.

“I think we should have privacy when it comes to Facebook, texting, et cetera. Even though they are our parents and they take care of us, we sometimes need some distance from them, and privacy is essential,” freshman Kai Hope said.

We can only hope that when the choice narrows down to either alienating their children or living with unresolved doubts about possible disobedience, parents will choose to trust their kids with their own safety.

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# 5 Questions For ...

By **Brittney Schrift & Emma Scott**  
*Features Editor & Staff Writer*



David McColl  
*Junior*



Esmeralda Rea  
*Freshman*

**If you could create a class not currently available at school, what would it be?**

*David:* Underwater basket weaving.  
*Esmeralda:* Portuguese.

**If you had 24 hours left to live, what would you do?**

*David:* I would find a cure for cancer.  
*Esmeralda:* I would be with my family and go to my grandma’s house.

**If it was possible, who would you bring back to life?**

*David:* Michael Jackson and Farrah Fawcett.  
*Esmeralda:* Amy Winehouse.

**Which five people would you choose to accompany you to Disneyland?**

*David:* Sebi Krzyz, Sebi Krzyz’s girlfriend, Mr. Tellers, Mickey Mouse, and President Obama.  
*Esmeralda:* Brittany Soto, Diana Herrea, Naomi Uztea, Wiz Khalifa, and Lil’ Wayne.

**Where do you see yourself in ten years?**

*David:* Training manatees, in Hawaii so that I could eventually use them as guides to find the lost city of Atlantis.  
*Esmeralda:* Hopefully a detective and married with kids.

*Photos courtesy of Hannah Rawdin*

# Rules of the Hallway

Watch Where You Walk

By **Alex McMahon**  
*Staff Writer*



The hallways of La Jolla High School are cluttered. The pace is slower than it could be and much slower than it should be. Sounds of impatient shuffling are joined by frustrated mutterings. Overcrowding in the hallways is unrelated to population size, however. The cause is an utter disregard of common sense and courtesy by the few at the cost of the majority.

Following the simplest rule would improve efficiency to the greatest effect. Like driving, students do best to walk on the right side of the hall and walkways (similarly, slower-paced students should stay closer to the edges). When opposite

directions travel on opposite sides, the flow is smoother. The right is preferred simply because it is the culturally accepted tradition in the United States. Defiance proves no point and incurs no gains. The result would either be a switch in the direction-side dynamic, which would change nothing, or be chaos, and anarchists across the nation would applaud as they moved slowly from one place to another. A student pushing against the current in haste must rethink: although his decision appears a shortcut, he now walks slower to avoid collision. For students asking “why must I blindly accept that I should walk on the

right side?” ask “why not?” instead.

It is unrealistic and unfair to expect students to refrain from interacting with peers they happen upon. Nonetheless, they happen to bump others in doing so. Schools are social environments, no doubt, but there is a time and a place.

Passing period is not the time and the middle of the hallway is not the place for conversation. Abruptly stopping in a moving crowd of people ends poorly, as does walking backward; fellow pedestrians cannot read minds and keep walking. They notice discussions in progress and will navigate around them, but walk slower

to do so. Consider miniature golf: are not the holes with fewer obstacles easier to complete? Therefore, take conversations nearer to the walls.

To prevent doorway jams, give priority to the students exiting and go through one at a time. Although it is nonsensical for students to enter a classroom before the previous class left, the first suggestion is primarily for the sake of politeness. The second is because two students cannot simultaneously fit in a doorway. A student who disagrees should think of all the people he has thrust forward, knocked backward, and shoved to the side. He and another student

have never walked through the same doorway at the same time.

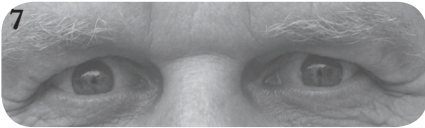
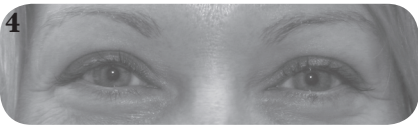
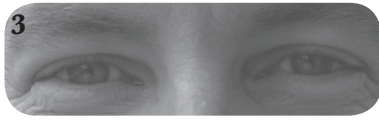
Unless in a kindergarten class and making circles out of colored, rectangular construction paper with safety scissors, do not cut corners. Students turning to the right should, naturally, keep to the corner because they are already walking along it. They are taking, not cutting, the corner though. Regardless of how few people there may be in a hallway at a given time, a student never knows if someone is around the bend. When turning left, take the extra steps and avoid an awkward encounter with a stranger.

# Eye Spy

By **Hannah Rawdin**  
*Staff Writer*

A famous English proverb says, “Eyes are the windows to the soul.” See if you can guess which soul—rather, set of eyes—belongs to each teacher (match each teacher’s name on the left to their pair of eyes on the right).

- Mr. Quesnell  
Ms. Davis  
Mrs. Tenenbaum  
Mr. Ponsford  
Mr. Boyd  
Mr. Atwell  
Ms. O’Donoghue  
Ms. Benito



- Answers: 1(A’twell);  
2(Tenenbaum); 3(Quesnell);  
4(O’Donoghue); 5(Benito); 6(Boyd);  
7(Ponsford); 8(Davis)



Best Views

in

San Diego

By Karina Bistrong

Staff Writer

The words La Jolla are translated as “The Jewel” in Spanish. Our town of La Jolla definitely lives up to its name. The scenery and wonderful houses surrounding this city are stimulating. The unique landscape and climate captivates both tourists and locals. Many view spots are well known in the precious jewel, but La Jolla High school students discovered their own secret view spots of La Jolla and all of San Diego.

One Way

While cruising south bound on La Jolla Boulevard take a right at the one-way street, Playa del Norte, which ends at the famous Windansea beach. This spot is a favorite of the locals; surfers use the bushes to change in and out of their wet suits while still enjoying a complete view of the surf. Senior Erik Vanstrum shares his personal experiences at one-way, “for years, everyday, I would get dropped off there and change to go surf. There is a hose you can use, if you know where it is. Even now that I drive, I’ll stop by the one-way to check the surf or talk to people. I change at my car, but I still use the hose.” It attracts

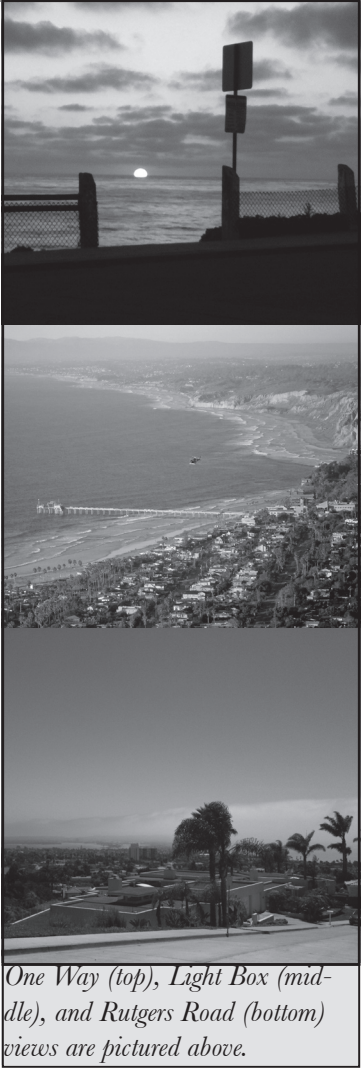
many admirers because it is also a great spot to park and watch the most striking sunset on the West Coast.

Light Box

“Light box is the ultimate local spot, when you’re there you can see for miles and it’s like you’re on top of the world,” shares Tommy Graham, a junior at La Jolla High. On top of Mt. Soledad, off Via Casa Alta, the view of north San Diego is pleasant on the eyes. Locals can park on the right hand side of the road, get out and take in the good vibes of the magnificent place we live in. The spot is known as “light box” because there is a little green electrical box and standing on it only enhances the experience.

Rutgers Road

To many students this spot is a traditional place to utilize and enjoy the beautiful view of the San Diego. “Rutgers is the tightest spot in all of SD, you can check out 3 different firework shows every summer night,” says former student Ryan Mills. Looking south you can see Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach, as well as downtown.



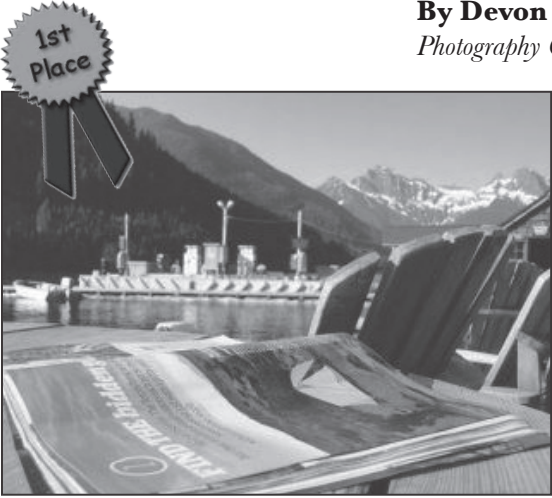
One Way (top), Light Box (middle), and Rutgers Road (bottom) views are pictured above.

The waves on the far away shoreline and the iridescent lights of the city are a treat to the locals.

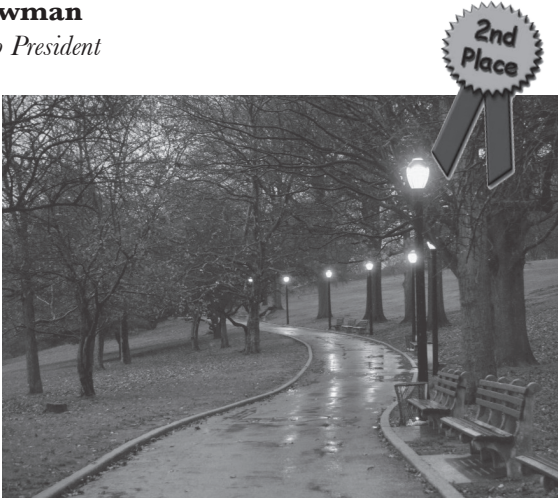
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PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

By Devon Bowman  
Photography Club President



Congratulations to Tory Evans, a senior, for winning first place in the Photography Club’s October Photo Contest. Tory has been taking photos throughout high school, both as an intern and for fun. Tory’s photo (upper left) is an excellent example of using the foreground as the focal point with an integrated background. Good luck in the



future! Second place in the LJHS Photography Club Photo Contest goes to another senior, Alison Klein. Besides taking photographs, Alison is a star tennis player on the LJHS Women’s Varsity tennis team. Alison’s photo (upper right) blends in with the fall season, and the reflection of the orange lights really makes her photo stand out!

A big thank you to all those who entered photos into the contest. Our November Photography Contest runs through November 30, get your photos in quick. Anyone is welcome, request the “LJHS Photography Club Group” on Facebook and then upload your photo into the November: Photo Contest album. Whoever has the most ‘likes’ at the end of the month wins. Good luck!

THANKSGIVING RECIPES:

What to do with your leftover turkey day scraps

By Taylor Mohrhardt  
Staff Writer



Tired of your mom’s disgusting leftover turkey sandwiches? Here are some unique, delicious, and easy recipes for those leftover turkey scraps.

Sweet Leftover Turkey Salad

Ingredients:

- 4 cups of cooked turkey, cut into small pieces
- 1/2 cup of roasted sunflower seed kernels
- 1/2 cup of raisins
- 2 small apples, cored and diced
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 of a lemon, juiced



Directions:

Mix all ingredients into a large salad bowl. Mix well. Then refrigerate for two hours to combine all the flavors.

Paulas Potato Croquettes

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons of milk
- A pinch of salt
- 1/2 teaspoon of pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon of chopped green onion
- 2 egg yolks, beaten
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 4 cups mashed potatoes
- 1 egg, beaten
- Sifted dried bread crumbs
- Peanut oil, enough to fill a 1/2 inch pan

Directions:

Add milk, salt, pepper, chopped onion, beaten egg yolks, and flour to mashed potatoes. Refrigerate and then shape using an ice cream scooper. Dip in the beaten egg, then roll through bread crumbs. Fry each croquette in shallow oil until brown on all sides.

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# UNIQUE TRAVEL STORIES

By Skylar Economy  
Staff Writer

It is not everyday that we have the opportunity to visit foreign areas and learn about different cultures. Although many La Jolla High School students have traveled, only a few have encountered uncommon experiences. Not only have these students travelled all around the world, but they also have experienced unusual events that most people will never have the chance to witness.

Senior Kevin Cruz traveled to Sao Paulo, Brazil, this past summer to shadow a Brazilian packaging company and to learn about the stock exchange there. After work one day, he had to go across town to meet his father who was working two hours away. "My dad told me to catch a taxi by myself. I was scared because Sao Paulo is known for crimes, and since I was American, it was even riskier."

The taxi driver immediately picked up on his foreign accent and started asking personal questions about Cruz's family and where he lives.

"I thought I was going to be kidnapped," Cruz said.

The taxi driver eventually found out that his dad was helping to train the Brazilian Olympic track team and he became ecstatic when he heard this.

"He offered me a place to stay if I wanted to come back and we exchanged contact information. It was a taxi ride where I thought I was going to die that turned into a new friendship."



When Junior Maddy Andrews went to China, she had an unusual experience. "Wherever I went, strangers would ask to take my picture just because I am blonde," Andrews said.

Andrews was caught off-guard by the native's friendliness towards blondes.

"I was walking in Beijing and two guys came up to me with a camera and asked to take a picture with me. It was extremely awkward."

After staying in China for awhile, these unusual requests became normal.

"Even though it was strange, I thought it was funny how they wanted pictures. I will never forget this unusual experience, ever."

Last summer when Julia Schroeder was in Germany, she bought herself a cheap ticket to the FIFA World

Cup in Wolfsburg, Germany. She needed to take three trains to get there, and while on the second train, she met three workers who were also on their way to the tournament.



"One of their friends was sick, and they had an extra ticket left, so they offered it to me," Schroeder said.

She arrived at the stadium and realized the ticket she received from the three men was second row seating.

"It was amazing. The whole Swedish soccer team bench was right in front of me, and what was even more amazing was that the German President was sitting right behind me."

Although she was representing the United States soccer team, she had the opportunity to take a picture with the German President. "I still cannot believe it happened! It was definitely the best experience of my life."

A few summers ago, Sophomore Phillip Ryan traveled to Amsterdam with his family during the World Cup; he had an unpleasant experience.

"Since the Amsterdam soccer team was in the finals, the town was extremely dirty and disgusting," Ryan said.

One day, he and his family decided to go on a walk around Amsterdam and got completely lost.

"Of course we ended up in the red light district of Amsterdam, which is probably the worst place to be with your family."

Once they found their way out of the red light district, they decided to get fish and chips for dinner.

"While we were eating, there was a man sitting on a rock, doing meth in the middle of the canal and police boats arrested him."

Although he had a several strange experiences in Amsterdam, when asked if he would return, he answered, "I would go back again. Every store sells wooden shoes and I've always wanted them. I'm actually planning on going backpacking there once I'm eighteen."

From meeting the German President, to being caught in the Red Light District, these students have endured amazing experiences that they will never forget. Maybe next time you travel, you will be able come back with unique travel stories as well!

## Where have you been?

By Chance Rhome  
Staff Writer

It seems that everybody has stories from the countries they visit. However, a lucky few have expanded their travel repertoire and added particularly unique places to their pile of travel brochures. Some La Jolla High School students have gotten the opportunity to visit exotic destinations.

Junior Rozel Hernandez visited Morocco and Marrakesh for a week due to the International Women's 10K tennis tournament. Because of religious differences, she had to watch what she wore while she was there; this came as a culture shock to her. Muslim custom dictates that women dress in a conservative manner, which is quite different from what Hernandez is used to. "Morocco had KFC and McDonald's, which was surprising to me. And there were camels everywhere. You can rent camels from every corner over there." As for whether she would go back, she replied enthusiastically, "Yes, I met a lot of really nice people there. You feel really welcome."

There are other unique travel destinations such as the one Senior Eliana Pransky went to. She took a trip to Fiji and New Zealand for two weeks on a break from school. "It's an island culture. It's expensive there, but very laid back. It's the ultimate Hawaii." Her family was there due to one of her father's work conferences, so she spent much of her time relaxing around the hotel, conveniently located on the beach. In fact, that was her favorite part of the trip. "In the water, there were many shallow areas in the water. It was clear, not cloudy; you could find neon purple and blue starfish. It was just so bright." Pransky could not think of a single bad thing about her trip and is looking forward to going back to Fiji someday.

Such trips provide excellent opportunities to observe other cultures firsthand and develop an appreciation for life beyond our borders.

# LJHS GLOBAL



"In [France], without parents or familial assistance, I had to learn to rely on myself--an attribute that stayed with me even after I returned to my hometown," senior Quinn Miller said.



## FROM \_\_\_\_\_, WITH LOVE.

By Karina Bistrong  
Staff Writer

By Sophia Sowers  
Staff Writer

La Jolla High School is filled with diversity. Many of its students were born in or have studied in other countries. La Jolla's warm weather and sunny skies can be appreciated by those who have experienced a different climate.



Rakel & Maren  
Andreasson

Norway's west coast is across the ocean and it is a long way from home. In August, juniors Rakel and Maren Andreasson moved to La Jolla from Bergen, their hometown, with their family. Their dad was offered a position as a psychiatrist at UCSD. Both sisters agree that the snowy weather in Norway cannot compare to San Diego's warm climate, but their hearts remain in their home country with the rest of their family and friends. "The biggest change has to be the school system; it is completely different in Norway. Schools there have only one classroom and teacher instead of [a period system]," Maren shared.

Masha Matusova

San Diego is much easier to pronounce than Nizhny Novgorod. When she was just four years old, junior Masha Matusova moved from her homeland in Russia to San Diego. Matusova moved to the United States with her immediate family, but she still visits her extended family every few years. Russian is Matusova's first language. "I like being able to speak Russian because I can talk in the middle of a crowded place and no one will understand me," she explained. Matusova prefers Californian weather because Russia is really hot in the summer, and the weather here is "simply perfect."

Tony Tran

When he was just two years old, senior Tony Tran moved to San Diego from Vietnam. His mother's side of the family accompanied him, his father's side stayed in Vietnam, and only visits occasionally. Tran described Vietnam as being humid, rainy, and uncomfortably hot. "I like the United States better because there is a wider diversity of people," Tran said.

Grace Henahan

The language barrier is one obstacle students must overcome in order to study abroad. Many students are not fluent in another language, thus they choose to study in a country where the populace speaks the same language as they do. Senior Grace Henahan is not one of those students. Henahan studied abroad in Kobe, Japan for one month this past summer. She has taken four years of Japanese classes and is nearly fluent in the language. After traveling to Japan for a family vacation, she fell in love with the culture and the food and decided to study there.



"People should definitely go and visit Japan, it is so beautiful and I highly recommend it. The people are so friendly and kind and they love Americans. It is the most fun place ever!" Henahan stated enthusiastically.

Henahan said she would unquestionably consider living in Japan and she is even applying to a couple colleges there.

Diversity surrounds everyone, regardless of where they are or where they came from. It brings change and new experiences, and allows one to accept and adapt to change. All of the students of La Jolla High may look Caucasian, African-American, Asian, or Hispanic; but those words only say the least. They are too broad for clarification and are just used to classify race. There is much more diversity in this school than one would think. So, take a second to ask someone, where are you from?



# PASSING THE TORCH

**By Sarah Devermann and Tim Rayner**

*News Editor and Contributor*

Football has always been a popular sport at La Jolla High School. The Vikings began playing the game in 1924, only four years after the American Professional Football Organization (currently NFL) was founded. The La Jolla High football team is now finishing its 88th season.

Through the decades, La Jolla has strived to stay current with this ever-evolving sport. When the nation did away with the concussion-prone "leatherhead" helmets quite a while ago and when touch-downs became six points over a mere two, La Jolla followed. But the success and growth of the school's team would not have been possible without the many coaches who dedicated much time and effort to the team.

In celebration of La Jolla High School's 90th Anniversary, the remaining former football coaches will be the Grand Marshals of the Homecoming

Parade: Samuel Harvey, Richard Huddleston, and Dave Ponsford. Coach Ponsford will represent the trio at the event.

The parade will take place during half-time of the school's Homecoming Game on November 4.

What is clearly evident is that these men take a lot of pride in this 88-year-old franchise that has been a finalist in CIF three times and won in 1993. However, this pride runs much deeper. What most people do not know is that there is a legacy of coaches dating back to the late 1940s, starting with Samuel "Walt" Harvey.

Harvey was the head football coach at La Jolla from 1948 to 1953. He then left to go coach at Lincoln High, then Crawford High in 1957, bringing home a CIF championship title in 1961. He retired in 1968.

In Harvey's last two years of coaching at Crawford, one of his players was none other than Dave Ponsford. According to Ponsford, who went on to be the head coach at La Jolla for 11 years, "[Coach Harvey] is really the one who inspired



*Photo courtesy of the LJHS Alumni Association*

**Featured:** Samuel "Walt" Harvey (center) and attendees at his 92nd birthday from left included Eddie Olsen, Andy Skief, Roger Shafer, Stan Wyatt, Dick Blodgett, and Coach Dave Ponsford.

[him] to coach and to teach."

In 1981, Ponsford, having been the Linebacker coach at Hoover High for some years, came to La Jolla High School the same year as Richard Huddleston. Huddleston was selected to assist the now late head coach Gene Edwards with the varsity team, while Ponsford headed the Junior Varsity team. When Edwards retired in 1989, Huddleston stepped up as head coach and was assisted by Ponsford. Dur-

ing his term as head coach, Huddleston brought La Jolla to the CIF Finals three times, in 1991 and 1994, winning the title in 1993.

By the time Huddleston retired in 1997, Ponsford was ready to take his dream job as head coach. Ponsford coached for 11 years until 2008, when he retired and passed the torch to his assistant, Rey Hernandez, who had been with the La Jolla program since 1990.

This legacy has led to a big-

ger sense of tradition and pride among the coaching staff, which carries over into the weight room (emblazoned with the motto, "No Pain, No Gain" on the main horizontal beam), in practice, and ultimately on the field.

Coach Hernandez is still the head coach at La Jolla today, and is extremely grateful to be able to carry on such a legacy. Meanwhile, Ponsford continues to teach history--just like Walt Harvey.

## Through the Decades

LJHS Homecoming games from the past



*Photos courtesy of the LJHS Archives*





# Sport of the Month

# MOTOCROSS

By Jon Real  
Staff Writer

The idea of competing on a course with steep jumps and obstacles at speeds of up to 60 mph with only a helmet to protect themselves is terrifying to most people. But Motocross is one of the fastest growing sports in America today. Established in 1906 but not given much attention until the 1980's, it is currently shown on multiple television stations, and attracts its fair share of adolescent competitors.

All forms of Motocross involve the essential motorcycle,

yet there are many variants of the sport. One of the main forms is a Freestyle version in which the judges score the bikers on their stunts. However, the majority of the other variants are based on typical racing format. No matter which form of competition Motocross takes, all forms use the volatile mix of speed and stunts to impress the bystander.

"It's a very physical [sport]; one thing people don't realize is how athletic it is," said Jacob Gonzales, a junior at La Jolla High School.

Motorcycle races are usually multiple laps without breaks;

it is easy to see the danger in manhandling a bike through turns, jumps, and obstacles. Higher level competitors cross train and have a workout regimen to keep in shape for racing.

There are many rewards that come along with the difficulties of this sport. Since Motocross is highly televised, its more famous athletes often land very lucrative sponsorships. Ricky Carmichael, who was the top ranked athlete in Motocross, makes eight million dollars yearly. Major networks like ESPN are in part responsible for the rise in popularity of the sport that has caused these never before seen salaries.

While it is one of the harder sports to engage in due to the cost of the motorcycle and travel expenses, the sport has grown along with its sister



Cameron Page (top left), Jacob Gonzales (top right) and Ryan Sutton (bottom).



Photos courtesy of Cameron Page, Jacob Gonzales, Ryan Sutton

sport, BMX (Bicycle Motocross), which made it into the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Due to this increase in popularity

it seems that Motocross will stay a major part of the sports community for the foreseeable future.



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## Dear Varsity Hopefuls,

Advice from returning players on how to make the team this season

By Jordan Linsky  
Staff Writer

Emerging on the field beneath bright night lights while sporting a varsity letter is a dream that every young athlete hopes to accomplish. However, it is not easily obtained when many other students share the same fantasy. Varsity sports at La Jolla High School are extremely prestigious and demanding; it takes hard work and determination to make any of the teams. Lucky for aspiring athletes, varsity players from every winter sport offered advice and recommendations on how to make tryouts go smoothly and make playing on varsity a possibility.

Vikings soccer has an exceptionally successful program. Last year, the womens' team won CIF and make it to state finals and the boys' team with a promising future, making the team takes hard work. **"Be fit. At my tryout, I took a few kids out on purpose to show that I was physical.**

**That's how I made varsity as a freshman. Play without fear,"** said junior and varsity boys soccer captain, David Beary.

Wrestling at LJHS is also very successful. Last year, the team had several athletes place very well in CIF, junior Erik Gomez being one of them. **"Put in hard work, go to practice every day. Follow everything your coach says and in practice always go 100%, or else your team might not get everything it needs from you,"** Gomez said. Although wrestling is not a sport that high school students think about trying out for straight away, it is a sport based on dedication and fitness.

One of the more popular winter sports which attracts a crowd is boys and girls' basketball. **"Players need to get fit. We [took on] a lot of players who have skills but aren't fit. If you want to be on varsity, work out, shoot a lot, and do something little like going to**

**the rec and playing,"** said senior and varsity member, Kevin Cruz. Girls' basketball senior varsity member, Ashlyn Warny, also offered advice for aspiring athletes. **"Start getting in shape now. We do a lot of running and conditioning. Get ready to work. We always go 100 percent in practice."**

Land sports are not the only athletic teams with an outstanding reputation. Making it all the way to CIF finals last year and losing in a heart-breaking defeat by Bishops, girls' water polo is a sport that requires strong individuals. **"Swimming is a big factor. You have to have good endurance. Be able to swim and keep up, and tread water. Be a good team player and have a competitive spirit!"** senior Darby Broekema said.

Sporting at La Jolla is taken extremely seriously, but with some advice from varsity players and hard training, making varsity is open to any ambitious athlete.

## WHAT IS CIF?

By Ashley Westhem  
Staff Writer

Fall sports are coming to a close and CIF is around the corner, but for all of those who do not know what it is, here is the lowdown.

The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) organizes competitions in which stellar athletes participate.

Divided into ten sections ranging from the Northern

Section (Chico High School), the Central Section (Santa Cruz High School), Southern Section (Palm Springs High School), to the San Diego Section (La Jolla High School), CIF is the governing body for all high school sports in the state of California.

CIF was founded by high school principles in Los Angeles in order to standardize rules and team structures between schools. It is also intend-

ed to prevent abuses such as "school shopping" by athletes and coaches of public schools (which are not allowed to recruit). CIF also requires all student-athletes to sign a waiver promising not to use steroids.

The CIF playoffs are the high school equivalent to college NCAA tournaments, or the NBA/NFL playoffs. Teams must have good section rankings to make it into the CIF playoffs and to compete for the

section title. The banners in the big gym with yellow stars indicate those teams that have advanced to the finals (round 5) and won CIF since the school's opening in 1922 (CIF was founded in 1914, just before the school's opening).

The section champions that had high strengths of schedule, and finished with top state rankings then play each other in the state playoffs. Advancing to state playoffs is a huge accomplishment that only a handful of Vikings have achieved despite the school's ninety years of competition.

This year's CIF contenders for

La Jolla High School include women's volleyball led by captains Ryan Farley and Megan Micheletti, women's tennis led by captains Alison Klein, Blair Bryce, Izzy Poulin, women's field hockey led by captains Aubrey Sloan, Ashlyn Warny, and Kenzie Kepper, women's cross country led by Jordan Linsky, Meghan Carroll, Danielle Collins, and Lauren Roberts, and men's cross country led by Daniel Farkas, Daniel Hamilton, Spencer Kennedy, Lonnie Clark, Zachery Wallace, Ethan Hammershaimb, and Owen Rice, and women's golf led by Juliette Garay.



# 90th Anniversary Luncheon



From left to right: Ty Eveleth (Counselor), Vicki Eveleth (Psychology/ Volleyball Coach), Rick Eveleth (Athletics), Monteen Solberg (Registrar), Dana Shelbourne (Principal), Beth Benke (Counselor), and Future Viking

## Skylar Economy

Staff Writer

On November 2, former and current faculty of La Jolla High School attended a luncheon in the cafeteria that was organized by the Alumni Association and the PTA. A mix of past and present teachers, coaches, and staff members came together to celebrate La Jolla High’s 90th anniversary, “90 Years on Nautilus.”

J.M. Tarvin, the school principal from 1982 to 1996 was able to reunite with former coworkers, many of whom he had not seen since he left La Jolla High. When asked if the

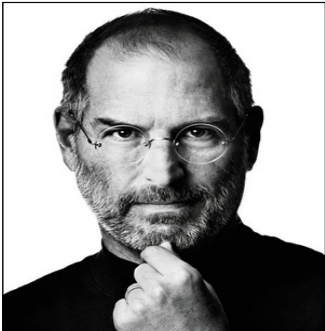
school had changed since he was principal, he replied, “No, it never will. The buildings can change, but the kids and the school won’t.”

Throughout the luncheon, speeches were given to commemorate all of the past and present faculty members. By the end of the reunion the cafeteria was filled with laughter and excitement from alumni and faculty members as they reminisced about their time at La Jolla High. For everyone who was able to attend, it was an amazing experience that reminds us that, “once a Viking, always a Viking.”



From left to right: Ernie Watson (Locker Room Attendant, retired), Bob Allen (Athletic Director/Math), and Gary Frank (Baseball Coach/ Physical Education).

# Good Job



By Sophia Sowers  
Staff Writer

Steven Paul Jobs, co-founder of Apple Inc., died on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 of pancreatic cancer. He was 56. Through his intuition and innovation, Steve Jobs has changed the way we view the world and has advanced technology immeasurably.

Jobs was born on February 24, 1955 in San Francisco, CA. He was put up for adoption by his biological parents Abdulfattah “John” Jandali and Joanne Carole Schieble. He was adopted by Paul and

Clara Jobs and grew up in Cupertino, CA. From an early age Jobs showed an interest in technology.

Jobs may have dropped out of college, but it was his free spirited approach toward inventing that made Apple rise to the top of the computer industry in 10 short years.

Jobs, who was known for his black turtle-neck and blue jeans, is listed as inventor of 342 US patents. Some of the most famous of these inventions include the Macintosh computer, iMac, iPod, iTunes, iPhone and iPad. The creations of Mr. Jobs have transformed the businesses of music and cellular communications and have made the world a much more advanced and convenient place where unheard of luxuries are at society’s command.

Steve Jobs is survived by his wife Laurene Powell and his four children Eve, Erin, Reed and Lisa.

Steve Jobs left this world as a father, a mastermind inventor and an industrial genius, but most of all he left us all with his inspiration:

“Almost everything—all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure—these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important. Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. You are already naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart...” Steve Jobs said.

Inspiring thoughts for us all from a true innovator, Steve Jobs.

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# Snookie for President

By Laura Derickson  
Staff Writer

There are protesters on Wall Street and in downtown San Diego, and the country appears to be bitterly divided, with conservatives on one side and liberals on the other. The country is approaching a presidential election next year with intense debates being held between Obama’s rivals who are trying to capture the Republican nomination.

Meanwhile, at La Jolla High, many students are going about their lives watching Jersey Shore and Keeping up with the Kardashians, seemingly

oblivious to the issues affecting the world outside of our high school.

Does La Jolla High really live up to its sheltered stereotype? The Hi-Tide conducted a cursory survey to find out.

The survey asked students basic questions about politics. Students in the survey were then asked additional questions to test their knowledge of pop culture. The survey, conducted among a random sampling of La Jolla High students found that everyone in the survey could identify Snookie and the Kardashian sisters. All students but one had watched both of their television shows. However, only one student could name a Republican presidential candidate, and none could name a U.S. Supreme Court Judge. Only two had any insight as to what it

meant to be either a liberal or a conservative.

When asked to thoroughly describe Snookie, the surveyed students were not hesitant to share their extensive knowledge and strong views about her moral values. Statements such as “I hate her,” “she is orange,” and “she always has a drink in her hand,” were used repeatedly. When the same students were asked to express their opinions about the upcoming election, however, most stood silent.

One student responded to the questions by saying, “I really don’t understand what the point would be in knowing all of this [about politics].”

To a La Jolla High student, apparently there is no point. In following the news of the day, the Supreme Court Chief Justice is John Roberts Jr.

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At A Glance

LJHS Choir

By Laurel Miller  
Staff Writer

Among the many different types of instruments in the world, the most beautiful and versatile of all is the human voice. La Jolla High School has a wonderful choir taught by Mrs. Henderson. She began teaching choir to pursue her life-long passion for music. Students of Mrs. Henderson's choir class learn to sing, sight read, and cover the basics of music theory. The genres they sing include traditional, pop, jazz, folk, and world. According to the La Jolla website, choir is "a vocal music course designed for all students who would like to sing, but lack the background for an advanced performing group." The course allows students who enjoy singing the opportunity to participate without the pressure associated with the pursuit of a career in music. Mrs. Henderson grades her students on how well they participate in class and in performances, as well as on their knowledge of basic theory. This class is currently raising funds for a trip to Disneyland, where it will be attending a workshop and participating in a recording session. Mrs. Henderson also teaches a choral ensemble class, which requires auditions. Students must have singing experience and well-developed sight-reading skills. This class performs in both Madrigal and ensemble festivals, community functions, and on TV and radio. Students must be able to sing in French, German, Latin, Spanish, English, and Italian. The advanced class is raising money for a trip to New York where it will perform at Lincoln Center. In the next performance Mrs. Henderson's choir classes and the band will perform Christmas songs. Choir will also be performing a Christmas song with Jazz Band. Do not miss the concert that will surely make it feel like the holidays!

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Classics Revisited

A New Take on an Almost Forgotten Album

The members of Led Zeppelin not only built the Stairway to Heaven--they ascended it, and reigned from their perch as demi-gods of rock-n-roll. However, it seems that history has unfairly forgotten many of the lesser known, yet still top-notch, songs from their album *Led Zeppelin III*.

By Quinn Miller  
A&E Editor

"The heaviest band of all time..."

"The biggest band of the '70's..."

"Unquestionably one of the most enduring bands in rock history..."

So decreed *Rolling Stone* of Led Zeppelin, the English rock band made up of singer Robert Plant, guitarist Jimmy Page, drummer John Bonham, and bassist/keyboardist John Paul Jones. The band has remained arguably one of the most famous in the world, even after disbanding over thirty years ago. Many of Led Zeppelin's most popular songs ("Dazed and Confused" and "Whole Lotta Love") are characterized by long, heavy rock-infused solos and driving bass lines. Conversely, its 1970 album

*Led Zeppelin III* showed off an entirely new side of the band, as the album veered away from hard metal into a more folksy, acoustic sound. *Led Zeppelin III* was recorded between January and July of 1970 and released later that year. Plant and Page composed most of the songs during their stay at an isolated cottage in Wales called Bron-Yr-Aur. The acoustic and folk rock influences which had been present in the band's previous two albums were brought now to the forefront in *Zeppelin III*. The album received lukewarm reviews, in part because its break from the familiar surprised listeners. Nevertheless, it represented Led Zeppelin's versatility and separated them from conventional rock bands. The album starts out with the established: "Immigrant Song" is a pre-metal Nordic anthem in which Plant alternatively screams and moans the lyrics. It is followed soon after by "Celebration Day," which continues on in the same heavy-rock vein.

- Key Tracks**
- "Bron-Y-Aur Stomp"
  - "Since I've Been Loving You"
  - "Tangerine"



But the album soon departs from the established and continues on in a softer tone. Nowhere is the folk influence of the Welsh countryside more apparent than in "Gallows Pole." The song is adapted from a centuries-old English ballad. Page sets the archaic lyrics to a modern tune and accompanies them with a twangy banjo line. "Bron-Y-Aur Stomp," so named for the house it was composed in (albeit misspelled due to a typo during the album's initial printing), is a cheerful, riling song with an injection of country. In it, Plant waxes happily about walking in the woods with

his dog, a "blue-eyed Merle." The album dips into the blues with "Since I've Been Loving You," a melancholy number that features one of the best solos in rock 'n' roll history. Page's passionate, frenzied playing invokes feelings of loneliness and despair; all the while Bonham drives the beat forward. *Led Zeppelin III*, written and released in 1970, emerged at the forefront of a new era, departing from the troubled chaos of the late '60s. Born out of the camaraderie of two bandmates in a rural country cottage, the album reflects this tranquil feeling.

The Written Word: A Lost Art?

By Catherine Sulpizo  
A&E Editor

In a recent class of mine, a classmate remarked to no one in particular, "I'd be a really good writer if I actually liked writing." When pressed about the seemingly paradoxical statement, she clarified, saying that the tedious process of translating thoughts to paper bored her. As the conversation veered into a fierce debate of whether future technology would ever allow for this strange hybrid of author, I began to wonder: why is our generation discounting the written word? Writing, and even reading, are now archaic pastimes, quietly lost in the shuffle of their flashier counterparts. According to a National Endowment of the Arts survey,

the decrease of literary reading has nearly tripled in the last decade, with fewer than half of Americans reading literature at all. Unsurprisingly, the youngest age group holds the sharpest decline. But can anyone really blame us for that? Our generation lives in an age where an hour of free time is harder to come by than a library membership. Ultimately, any precious free time is delegated to the shiniest thing that catches our exhausted attention. The purpose of free time has morphed from relaxation to recovery, and T.V. is the Xanax to the book's multivitamin. I was reading a few pages of a book between school and swim practice when my friend remarked, "How do you have time to read books anymore?" I admitted that it had been sitting in its Amazon box for weeks before I finally pulled it out this morning. At that moment, I saw the tragedy that I had snubbed this so-called timeless classic I was holding for reading thousands of Facebook statuses.

There is something magical about a book, if you stop and think about it (which no one ever does). It contains nothing but blocks of tiny symbols, a concept so bankrupt of any aesthetic appeal that not even the most avant-garde enthusiast could find any beauty in it. Perhaps because of that, a good book is able to transcend our superficial-obsessed culture; it forces the reader to make an abstract leap from those black strings of code to a tangible idea, a veritable slice of life. Our ability to glean bits of life from nothing more than ink and paper may be our most sophisticated talent. The act of reading demands nothing less than full and complete dedication, the requirement to push the pause

**"...the decrease of literary reading has nearly tripled in the last decade, with fewer than half of Americans reading at all..."**

button on our whole lives. For this reason, reading is never a social activity. We don't go and read a book together on a first date nor do you and a friend spend the whole afternoon reading together on a pretty day. It is a solitary art that our increasingly social world has less and less patience for. But it is still an art, one that will manage to limp along as long as the alphabet still exists. Just as a painting is an homage to visual beauty, a book is a homage to intellect. I hold the highest regards for an author. The best ones command a fierce loyalty to that translation of thoughts to paper; they understand the beauty is not found in the thoughts themselves, but in the way the words spell them out. To be a patron of this dwindling art requires an aggressive stance: the will to choose rather than be chosen by our entertainment. It is an exacting hobby, perhaps, but also one of the few that brings self-fulfillment rather than sedation.





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# So You Think You Can (Salsa) Dance?

For most students at La Jolla High School, seeing Mickey Larson whizzing through the hallways in his golfcart is a daily occurrence. A well-loved figure on campus, the LJHS Security Adviser rarely enters a classroom without eliciting at least one “Hey Mickey!” While most know him for his school presence, few are aware of his other profession as a salsa dancer. **Hi-Tide** talked to **Mickey Larson** about his intriguing double life.

**By Taylor Mohrhardt**  
*Staff Writer*

**HT:** What inspired you to become a salsa dancer?  
**ML:** As a kid growing up in New York, the older girls would always stop me and want to spin me

around, and I always loved the rhythm of the music. My cousin told me that he was a professional dancer and that motivated me to be just like him...though I later found out that he couldn’t dance at all!  
**HT:** Why did you start teaching salsa at LJHS?  
**ML:** Some of the kids requested it years ago when I started helping Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Erwin as part of their curriculum. When we started it last year it didn’t catch on and we only had about four or five kids coming routinely...This year it seems to have taken off so I’ve continued teaching.  
**HT:** Can you tell us more about your class’s success?  
**ML:** There is a lot of potential and I do see some talent. Yesterday a kid came in and he had really good movement; I could tell he had a lot of skill. We’re not talented yet, but it’s definitely coming.

**HT:** How does one become a salsa dancer?  
**ML:** A lot of practice and listening to the music because the timing [in salsa dancing] is much different than in conventional music. The timing is what usually kills people, not the steps.  
**HT:** What do you do besides salsa dancing?  
**ML:** I used to like art, but there was bad luck behind it all the time. Every time I do something artistic, something crazy happened. This year was the first time I had dabbled in it for years and I made a mural in my living room, but I dropped it again; not because of the bad luck, but because I like dancing better.

**Mickey’s Salsa Class** *LJHS Cafeteria* Tues & Thurs 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m; free.

## Sarcastic Sartorialist Man Enters Foreign Arena

Editor’s Note: Fashion will always be the source of much debate. But we don’t think it should be limited to answering whether the bandage skirt is the LBD of our generation or what the \*&^% those furry Litas are really hiding. Perhaps its the forthcoming end of the world in 2012, but we have started to ponder that existential fashion question: why should we even care?

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Girls’ fashion is cruel. It tricks innocent young ladies, who simply want to reveal physical traits that are still developing. Fashion trends are

designed to reveal personality traits and comment on the state of the world. Lady Gaga’s iconic meat suit, for example, makes an anatomical remark reminding people that women are, in fact, just pieces of meat (as we all are). Capris are mainly useful for understanding a girl’s personality. Not quite pants and not quite shorts, they scream indecisiveness. The most attention a capri-wearer will receive is from the scientists contemplating the molecular absence of her pants. Suffering a similar crisis of identity is the half-shirt. However, scientists delight in spotting these paradoxical shirts in their natural habitat. After all, a single, trained glance reveals both whether wearers had a live-birth (the presence of a navel) and the current price of gas, which seems to rise proportionately with hemlines. Backless shirts, another product of the fabric crisis, are heavily debated by men. In other words, two impaired men talked about them for five minutes. One determined



La Jolla High School girl visits extended family

backless shirts were entirely too reminiscent of hospital gowns, while the other decided they must be part of Snuggie’s recent expansion into the shirt market. Both agreed backless shirts were not worth five minutes of conversation. What may have been more worthy is the serious problem flying out of the La Jolla High School nest. Recently, LJHS

girls have begun to display a previously recessive cranial feather gene, hypothesized to be the result of a 19th century zoophilia craze. Before hitting a legal roadblock in 1814, interspecies breeding between humans and birds was something of a fad. Scientists are scratching their head’s as to why this unfortunate mutation is appearing now.

And then there is the maxi skirt: the perfect non-conformist piece for every American teenager (besides a ubiquitous Urban Outfitters cardigan). Ironically, the phrase “mainstream” is derived from a 17<sup>th</sup> century painting of women clad in traditional long-skirted garb by a river. Indeed, some maxi skirts appear to be a direct offshoot of this antiquated fashion. The shapeless, baglike maxi gives its wearer a slightly dazed look, as if, perhaps, she has gotten lost returning to her quaint Amish village. Fortuitously, due to the same skirt this girl will escape any male attention whatsoever, except from the occasional man in a horse-buggy. Then there is the *other* kind of maxi, which, despite a deceptive floor-length hem, succeeds in skirting modesty all together. This mainstream-friendly skirt conforms so tightly to the wearer’s pelvis, passerby can note she forgot to slip a pair of dignity on. But let the fashion parade continue. After all, one girl’s trashy outfit is everyone else’s pleasure.