



### Girl's Volleyball Team

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The after school program, Youth Policy Institute, opened up Volleyball for girls in Los Angeles Leadership Academy. The girls that are joining or will be joining are: Kimberly Aguilar, Andrea Solis, Monica Garcia, Alejandra Rosa, Samantha Sovalbarro, Alejandra Ibarra, Katherine Garcia, and Evelyn Santizo. YPI decided it would be a good idea for a new sport; moreover, many students voted for volleyball. If any girl from any grade level is interested in the Girl's Volleyball Team, practice is on Tuesday's and Friday's from 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. In addition, knee pads and shoulder pads are required.



### Adopt a Family

BY: **EMILY GABRIELA GONZALEZ**  
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Adopt a Family is an event that is held annually by AI's advisory were our school, Los Angeles Leadership Academy, donates necessary supplies to a family who is less fortunate. This year we have adopted a small family, a single mother, age 28, and her two sons, ages 10 and 6. If you wish to donate, the family have requested the following items: school supplies, toiletries, clothes, or toys. The last day to donate is December 15, 2016. For additional information you can contact AI or his advisory.



### Anti-Trump Protest

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On Saturday, November 12, 2016, students, teachers, and the principal from Los Angeles Leadership Academy participated on a peaceful protest in Downtown L.A. against the president-elect, Donald Trump. Several students from different grade levels who joined were: Andrea Ochoa, Ileen Perea, Karla Altamirano, Jocelyn Perez, Mikayla Roberts, and Edwin Baños. The teachers who participated were: Ms. Lindsay, Ms. Wirtz, and Ms. Estrada. Ms. Cupril, LALA principal also joined with her family. The students, teachers and principal gathered outside the school at 9 am to create posters and walked to a train station. They began walking from Westlake/MacArthur park to the U.S. Federal Building in downtown Los Angeles where more than 100,000 flooded the streets and blocked traffic.



### The Running Club: 10k Race

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On November 5, 2016, the Running Club ran the Hard Rock cafe 10k (6.2 miles) on the corner of Hollywood Blvd. and Highland Ave. The students who participated in this event are: Kimberly Aguilar, Rudy Fernandez, Matias Stocker, Carlos Arellano, Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. Juarez. They are looking forward to participating in more marathons, but their overall objective is to train and run the LA Marathon on March 19, 2017. If you wish to join, practices are held Mondays and Thursdays at 3:15 p.m.



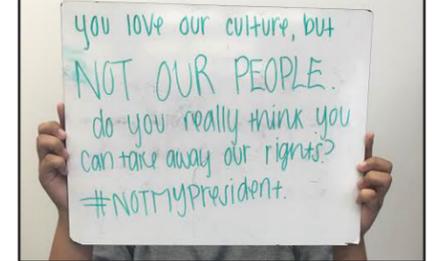
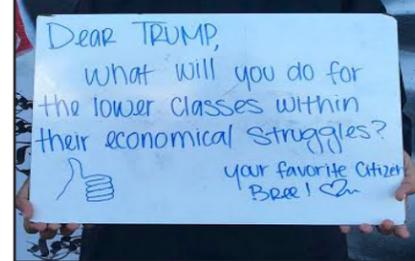
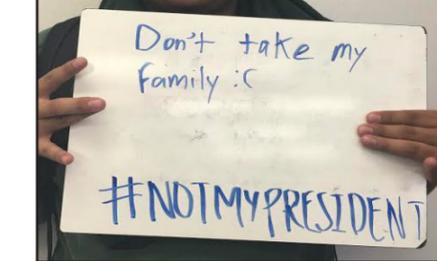
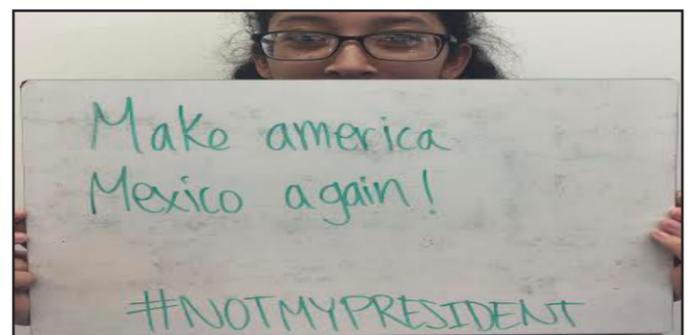
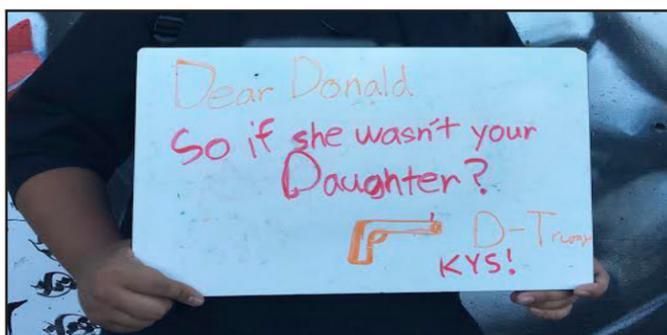
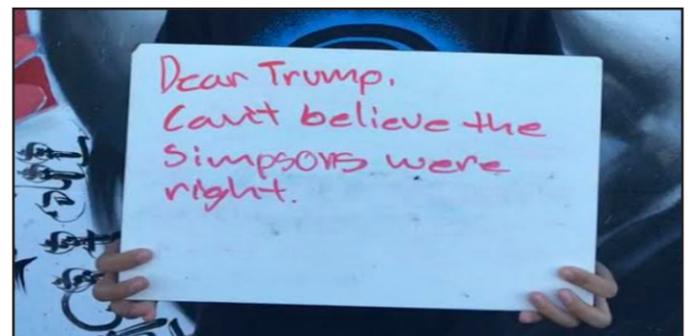
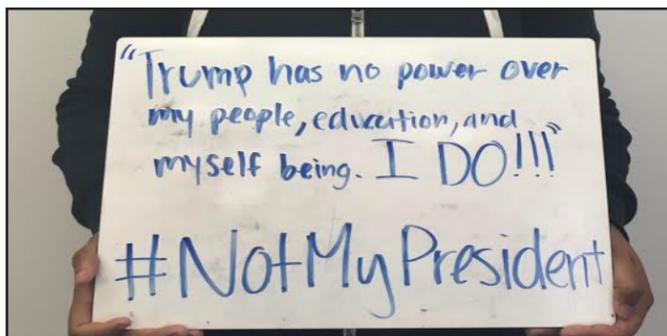
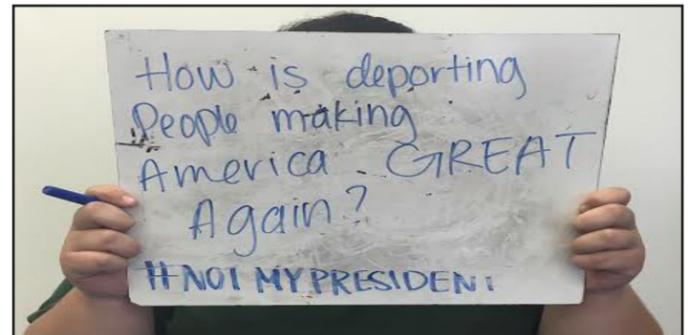
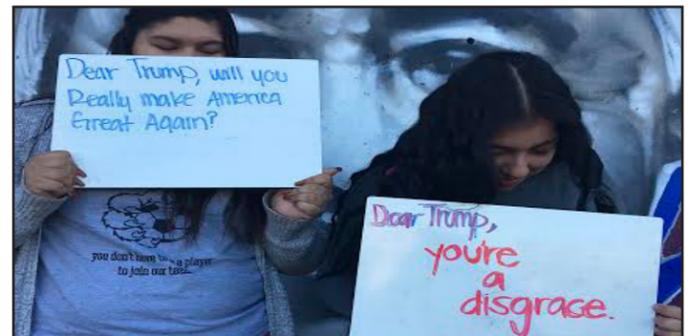
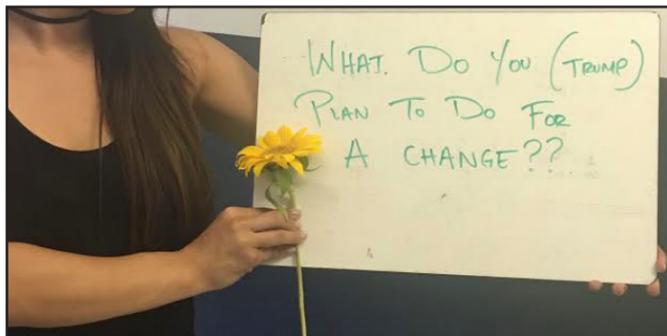
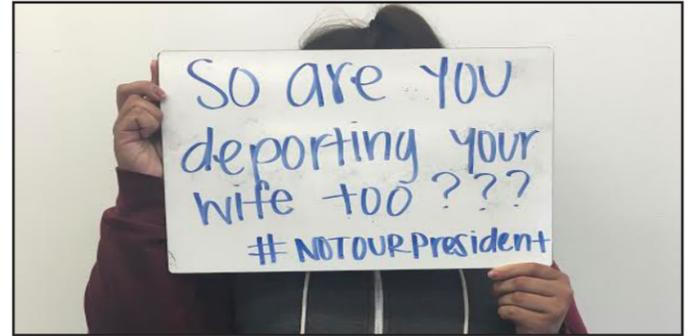
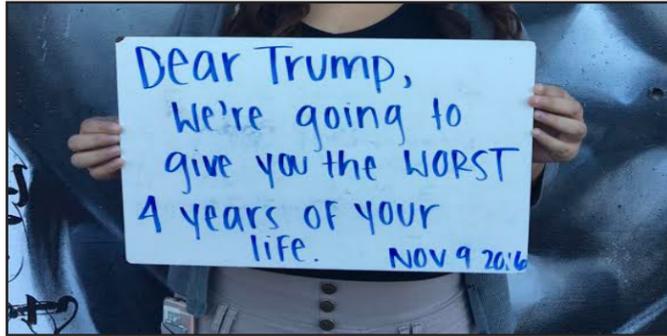
### Green Vs. Gold

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On December 2, 2016, we had a Green vs. Gold assembly where students as well as teachers were allowed to engage in a game of dodgeball. Also, honor roll students were awarded with a pin and a new scholar pass.



## We Reject the President-Elect



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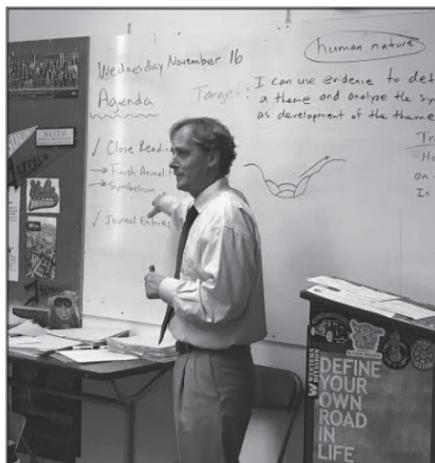
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THE HEART OF A LION  
Al Schleicher

BY: JOCELYN PEREZ  
Editor-In-Chief

Although many teachers have left Los Angeles Leadership Academy, one teacher remained through it all. For seven years, Al Schleicher, known as Al, has been the English 10, English 10 Honors, Speech and Debate, Public Speaking and Communication, and Journalism teacher. Al has impacted and empowered his students through the years. Bryan Peña, a senior in LA Leadership, expressed, "He is real. He says things the way they are. He pushes us to succeed in class. He knows how life works, so the advice he gives us may be raw, but they are always genuine and will lead us to success."

Born in Inglewood, California, Al is a true LA native; living there for a few years then eventually moving to Hawthorne, California. He attended Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance, California. In high school, Al was a 'B' student and didn't participate in many clubs or after school programs. Due to long distance, Al took the bus from his neighborhood to school everyday in his first years of high school and later began driving. Al graduated high school and moved out of his old neighborhood. He attended San Diego State University and received his B.A. in Political Science. After graduating from SDSU, Al moved to New York and studied Political Science and International Relations. Moreover, in New York, he worked on an internship at the Council on Foreign Relations. Al then returned to California and attended Loyola Marymount University, where he received his M.A. in Secondary Education. The following summer of that year he started looking for a job. At that time, Al heard of Los Angeles Leadership Academy, and was interested in working there because he believes in the idea of social justice.

In addition, Al sent his resume to the executive director of LA Leadership Academy, Roger Lowenstein, and waited for the principal to contact him. Al noted that there were only two days left to apply and he was one of the last people to be interviewed for the position. He walked into Room 117 for the interview and impressed the principal like no other teacher had done. About three hours



later that day, Al received a call from the school and was hired two weeks before school began by the principal, Linda Igoe, and the assistant principal, Mark Campbell. Moreover, Al began teaching at LALA in 2010.

Al currently teaches English 10, English 10 Honors, Speech and Debate, and Public Speaking and Communication. Al started and began coaching Speech and Debate in LALA a year after he first started working. He also engages in scholarly interests in and out of the school. In school, Al focuses on his research and writes his observations in his classroom, though he doesn't share his information with most people. Al is big on discussion and visual literacy. He believes that by speaking in discussions, you are acquiring English. Outside of LALA, Al stays academically and does a lot of professional development. Al is involved in the Writing Project in Cal State University and is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English. Moreover, Al is one of the board directors of Loyola Marymount University for school of education that is in charge of teachers.

Additionally, Al was awarded a prestigious scholarship called the Fulbright Scholarship for a trip to Europe to observe and conduct research on speaking and debate. He applied to the scholarship last October and won the award in January. When asked about his feelings on his nearing trip abroad,

Al mentioned that he feels a bit nervous with everything he has to do, specifically when moving to a different country. On the other hand, Al is excited of where he will be staying in the Netherlands. He received an email, notified that he will be living in a nice apartment near a river. When asked if he will miss LALA, Al responded, "Wherever I go in life like San Diego, Japan, New York, Washington D.C., I don't miss the places, I miss the people. The same thing goes with LALA, I won't miss LALA, I'll miss the students and the teachers I worked with. I like this group of teachers, I think they have a future. I think if the teachers stick together, they'll be a really good group. So I'll miss working with them. For the most part, I'll miss the people, not so much of the place."

Al's future plans consists of moving to Amsterdam until June and go backpacking to the West of France and North of Spain for a month. He hopes to read books and meet new people. Al mentioned that when he returns from abroad, he will figure out what he wants to do. Throughout his years of teaching in LALA, Al always reminded his students to work smart the first time than twice as hard. In addition, Al wishes his students take time to make good decisions for their future. When asked his last advice for students, Al said, "You have to think five years ahead. You have to think like where do you want to be and map yourself backwards." Al always believed in a quote from Socrates, "The unexamined life is not worth living." He is a big believer in reflection. Al believes it is important for young people to take this quote through their future to reflect and plan what they want to be.

Have an opinion?

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Upcoming Events

- 12/13/16- Coffee W/ Principal and Parent Workshop 4-6 P.M.
- 12/14/16- 6-12 Week 20/ End of the Semester- Grading Session: All Teachers, Benchmark #2.
- 12/16/16- Last Day of First Semester.
- 12/16/16- LALA HOLIDAY PARTY.
- 1/9/16- 6-12 Final Fall Semester Grades Due.
- 1/10/16- First Day of School-Second Semester.

YPI NEWS

- 12/3/16- Toys for Tots Christmas Toy give away.
- 12/9/16- LALA YPI- STEM/Robotics Competitor.
- 1/2/16- YPI Winter Break Program Begins.
- 1/26/17- Pre-Cash 4 College.

+Any questions, ask a YPI member.

The Voice Ch-Ch-Ch Challenge

December's Challenge

The first student to answer the question:  
Will receive  
A Special Prize

**You Must:** Be the first to color in and complete the Activity Page.

The first student to show Ms. Estrada will receive the prize.



# Teacher's Battles: Mr. Robinette

BY: **KAREN GARCIA**  
Guest Writer

Mr. Robinette grew up in Cary, North Carolina and completed his Bachelors of Science in Secondary Mathematics from North Carolina State University. Mr. Robinette is one of the newest members in our school and he teaches Algebra 2, Statistics, and Precalculus. So far, he likes LALA because the staff and the students were welcoming.

Originally, Mr. Robinette went to North Carolina State University for engineering. He had an internship and got half way through the program; however, he wasn't happy with a desk job. He eventually found his passion for teaching through coaching and working at the YMCA as a sports camp coach for a number of summers. At some point, Mr. Robinette ended up switching his major and did not look back.

When he went back to North Carolina, he was planning to get his masters degree; however, he did not end up doing so because he needed to find a job after being diagnosed with cancer. Mr. Robinette was diagnosed with cancer eight years ago. He first noticed a lump on his hip and doctors told him it was a cyst or lipoma which is incredibly common. Robinette says that the lump on his hip was the size of a marble and almost got a biopsy; however, he thought it wasn't a big deal.

About three years later, it had gotten bigger and it was the size of an egg. This was in 2011, when he was moving back to North Carolina from California, and wanted to get it removed. The doctors in North Carolina also said it was a cyst or a lipoma, and followed through with the surgery. When they actually cut open to remove it, they were expecting it to look essentially like a piece of chicken fat which it didn't. The surgeons were unclear about what the lump on Robinette's hip was and began to test it.

The initial diagnosis came in as an Ewing's Sarcoma, which is a really tough type of cancer. Robinette ended up taking treatment from the doctors at Duke and immediately scheduled for a follow up surgery within a couple of weeks. However, there was one or two things on the genetic test that did not match up with the diagnosis as an Ewing's Sarcoma. Therefore, the day before the surgery, the doctors cancelled it and confirmed the doctor's suspicions. Robinette was diagnosed with angiosarcoma fibrous histiocytoma, which is not nearly as serious as an Ewing's Sarcoma.

A year later, Mr. Robinette says that he started noticing that it was coming back and noticed it was flat like a "pan-

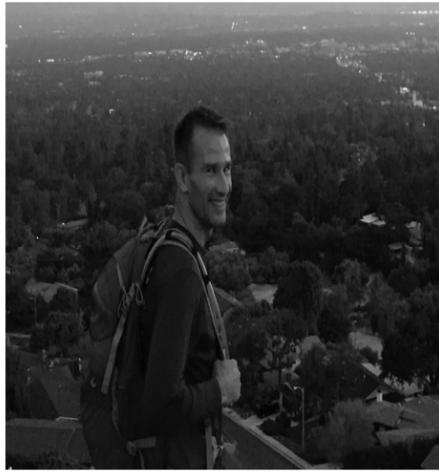
cake". When asked about the surgery scar, Robinette states, "I have been able to convince the number of people that I have been bitten by a shark because I have a big scar on my hip." A year later, his cancer metastasized (the process by which cancer spreads from one place to another) to his lung and it was showing signs of it spreading to his hipbone. He did a wedge resection and removed a piece of his lung where it had spread. With his hip, they did some biopsies and confirmed it had metastasized to his hip, which was incredibly rare. Mr. Robinette is the first medically documented case of this cancer originating in soft tissue and metastasizing to the bone. Doctors do not have a treatment for what he has; moreover, they are experimenting treatments as they go along.

Mr. Robinette's type of cancer is in the bone of his hip which allows the option of radiation therapy or chemo. Both of them had pros and cons; for example, a side effect of radiation was 10-13 years from now, he could have other types of cancer. Unlike radiation, chemo treats your entire body.

The first round of chemo, Mr. Robinette says that he flew through it with no side effects. He really attributes to the fact that he takes care of himself by eating healthy and getting plenty of physical activity. That is a big reason to why he had no side effects, last time, and minimal side effects this time.

With the chemotherapy, Mr. Robinette will lose his hair. He says that he never told a lot of people he was on chemotherapy beforehand. This time, he knew his cancer would become visible, so he figured to let people know what was going on. Robinette further explains, "They start asking questions but I mean, it's not like I'm trying to hide anything. What I have is not nearly as serious as to what other people have. So I don't try to get attention for it. I've sat across from someone while I was waiting to get an MRI and all his hair was gone. All he had was these marker stains on his head because he had brain cancer. His is in his mid 30s, married, has a kid, and his cancer is more serious than what mine is, and he's got more of a table as far as what he can lose. I've got something serious, but I consider myself very fortunate. So I try not to take away from other people that have it much worse than I do." In addition, Mr. Robinette says he knew he was going to lose his hair, so he decided to shave his hair and own the look.

Something challenging he has faced and made him depressed was when he received the news of the cancer growing again. When asked about his thoughts on resurgence of his cancer, Robinette quoted, "I am the kind of person, if there is something I can do about it, I am going to do something



about it. It is really incredibly frustrating. It's there, I want it to go away, and I can't do anything about it to make it go away any faster."

Mr. Robinette feels that he has lived his life forever. This situation has made him grateful for the things he has and has changed his priorities regarding how he spends his time. When asked about what motivates him, Robinette says finding a solution to a problem and helping others; that is one of the reasons why he teaches. Robinette continues to say, "When I can get something to click with someone that they've been working through, that is something very rewarding to me."

When asked to share a quote, Robinette shared Henry David Thoreau's, "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them." Mr. Robinette believes people often sell themselves short. He knows many people that are capable of doing so much more than what they currently are, just because they hold themselves back. He is a big believer on dreaming big. Robinette's final words of wisdom for students in LALA are, said, "...the seeing it through is what a lot of people don't do. You don't know what is possible until you actually go out there and go after it."

# El Comienzo Del Nuevo Año



BY: **LILIBETH HUERTA**  
Staff Writer

Cada año comenzamos con un nuevo año y le pidamos paz y armonía que nos bendiga con todo lo que viene y nos espera. Que nos traiga mucha alegría y que nos de un año mejor de vida. Cada país es diferente y lo celebran a su manera y tenemos diferentes tradiciones. Todo el mundo y en cada país se reúnen con sus familiares para llevar a cabo la celebración del nuevo año pero. Si algunos no pueden reunirse con sus familiares, se reúnen con la gente que conozcan. Se empieza con una gran cena y todos conviven. Unos celebran con champaña y otros con alcohol. La mayoría de la gente comen pollo o hacen cosas sencillas porque muchos no tienen dinero para comprar cosas que uno quisiera comprar. Otros no hacen muchas cosas.

Cuando se hace en grande el año nuevo, la celebración de nosotros, los Mexicanos, hacemos que los niños chiquitos rompan una piñata para que el nuevo año vea la alegría que llevan. También nos ponemos a platicar de lo que hemos vivido y vemos lo que podemos mejorar para el nuevo año. De postre, nosotros comemos una ensalada de frutas con ponche para que el nuevo año nos reciba con esperanza. La gente lleva a cabo la celebración con un baile Mexicano y es el baile Dorado.

Los Mexicanos tenemos una tradición de llevar cada vaso con doce uvas y cada uva que consuma se pide un deseo. Todas las uvas se lo tienen que comer a las doce de la media noche. Algunos Mexicanos celebran sencillamente porque al amanecer, muchos tienen que trabajar y es por la misma razón que algunos no lo celebran. La tradición de nosotros los Mexicanos es que prendemos un vela para que el año nuevo nos encuentre con luz y que nos ilumine a un buen camino. Otra tradición es de lavar toda la ropa que no se ha lavado, la razón es para que el nuevo año vea que no tenemos nada sucio y que nos encuentre con todo limpio hasta la casa, el carro, etc. La última tradición es cuando todos los miembros de nuestra familia se visten o usen el color rojo porque simboliza el amor, la armonía y la paz. Además da suerte para todos especialmente para las mujeres solteras porque les puede traer un novio en el nuevo año que empieza.

# Is Cursing a Sign of Intelligence?



BY: **FRANK GUZMAN**  
Guest Writer

Is profanity only a bad thing, or can it be a good thing? According to washingtonpost.com in the article Why it's a good sign to curse a lot, the stereotype is "people curse because they CAN'T find anything intelligent to say." People believe in this theory, but this theory is wrong. Studies have shown that those who use slang words usually have a bigger and better vocabulary than others who do not. In the article written by Ana Swanson for The Washington Post, explains each test and how it was done to get the results.

Again on Why it's a good sign to curse a lot the author explains of a study by psychologists Kristin Jay of Marist College and Timothy Jay of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts suggest that cursing can actually be a sign of high intel-

ligence. The researchers carried out a 3-study test in which a group of college students were given different task. The first study had the students perform a task, in which the students had to say as many slurs as they can come up with. In the second study, they had the students write as many slur words as they were able to. In the third study, they had them write down the words again, but had to take a personality test while doing so.

Their results revealed that those who were able to think of more slurs word were able to think of more taboo words. They say that taboo words are correlated with have a bigger better vocabulary. Of course, those who thought of fewer words in the first two categories also thought of fewer in the third. Those who knew more slurs were able to speak fluently with them. The researchers then

wrote, "Fluency is Fluency," which means if you say a word right, no matter what word it is, it's considered correct. People who were able to recall a lot of bad words also tended to be eloquent in general. This infers that swearing isn't necessarily a sign of low vocabulary.

Why it's a good sign if you curse a lot.com quoted, So what exactly is cursing a lot a sign of? Researchers haven't confirmed one answer, but they say that swearing can be a sign of having a tendency toward anger, anxiety and depression. They also found that those who curse had a hard time getting along with others. In contrast, cursing is also considered an indicator of healthy verbal abilities rather than a cover for their deficiencies. Cursing is a way of showing emotions for themselves or others. It is a powerful way of expressing yourself, but others may find it unpleasant. Other studies have shown that college students are most likely to use curse words; however the group tends to have a larger vocabulary than the population in general. Is cursing a sign of intelligence or is it a sign of having low social status and intelligence you decide?



# News & Features

## Gossip Isn't the Only Thing that Goes on in the Girl's Restrooms



BY: **EMILY GABRIELA GONZALEZ**  
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Many girls who attend or have attended Los Angeles Leadership Academy can agree that our school's restrooms are not in the best condition. So what can the school do to change them? To begin with, students need to discuss what is wrong with the restrooms. So far, there are rarely any toilet seat covers, toilet paper, hand soap, or paper towels. The ceiling is broken in the second floor restroom as well as one of the toilet seat tops. Additionally, students need to figure out how to fix these problems and who they can talk to; to resolve these issues.

There is a shared responsibility role between the school staff and the female students must do to improve our restrooms. LALA staff must make sure that there are always enough toilet paper, toilet seat covers, paper towels, and hand soap throughout school hours because those are our basic necessities when students have to go use the restroom. In addition, the girls that use the restrooms have the responsibility to make sure they keep the restrooms clean. When female students see that there is no supplies they should notify and inform a staff member to resolve that issue. For instance, if there are missing toilet paper, someone

should take the responsibility to ask a staff member to replace the toilet paper.

When asked about her thoughts on the girl's restrooms on campus, LALA senior Sandra Flores expresses, "There is never soap and the floors are dirty." Many girls would agree with this statement. At times, the girl's restroom can become really dirty that times, but that is a problem that the girls and staff members can solve. Aside from the dirty restrooms, there are several issues that many female students face on a daily basis in school hours. For example, there is graffiti on doors and walls, wet paper towels on the ceiling, paper towels stuffed in the soapbox,

broken toilet seats, sink floods, and out of service toilets and a broken ceiling due to flooding on the third floor boys bathroom above.

You may be asking yourself, why do we care about this restroom problem? Well, with our restrooms being in bad conditions, there are germs being transferred. Moreover, the flu season has already begun; meaning that there is a chance that anyone can easily get sick. Next time you use the restroom, whether you are a girl or boy, be sure to do your part and keep your restroom clean.



## Selling Snacks in School

BY: **CHRISTIAN RODRIGUEZ-MUNOZ**  
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Nowadays, students are doing everything they can to get some cash in their pockets; ranging from getting a job, to annoying their parents for money. However, some students in Los Angeles Leadership Academy High School have taken another option, selling snacks on campus.

Selling snacks in school has become very big, since everyone loves junk food and dislikes school food. The snacks that are being sold the most by students are: chips, candy, and soft drinks. The reason that these snacks are the best to sell is because they are exactly what people want. Furthermore, students tend to not want the school food so with no other option they go and buy some chips or candy. When ask



why he would rather eat chips than school food Lucian Cuauhtemoc Suarez, sophomore, said, "I question if that food is edible, it taste like plastic." What made these kids want to become sellers and start their own business? There are many students that sell items at LALA High School, but didn't want to speak out to The Voice because they were afraid of getting

caught and punished. When interviewing and asking students that were willing to speak about why they sell, an anonymous student said, "I started selling as a way to help my family. I know that selling things at school won't get me a lot of money but just being able help and contribute to my family really makes a difference."

Cynthia Cuprill, the principal of LALA, has made it very clear

that selling snacks on school property is against the rules. Although there is no policies against selling chips in school, there are policies against bringing in outside food; although, many students still continue to do it. The reason being that no matter what, the students will not want to eat the food the school provides.

Students that sell should continue to sell because they are learning to start a business and work with other people. Not only that, selling snacks gives students a certain sense of responsibility that is not typically learned in school. Therefore, it is more beneficial to allow students to build these skills that will be needed later in life.



HOCO 2K16



BY: **KIMBERLY ZAVALA**  
Staff Writer

On November 18, 2016, there was a homecoming for the Los Angeles Leadership high school students. Homecoming took place down the street of the high school, in the rooftop of LALA middle school. As you may know, for any homecoming there is a Prince and Princess for freshmen and sophomores, and a King and Queen for juniors and seniors. Here at LALA, there were many students running for those positions. The students that were running for Princess were: Michelle Sotelo, Isabel Campos, Shannon Juarez and Angie Gomez. Those who were running for Prince

were: Natalie Contreras, Cesar Diaz, Albert Huynh, Luis Velasquez, Edwin Baños, Byron Ramirez. In addition, Harvey Robles, Yulissa Jimenez, Kimberly Aguilar, Kimberly Zavala and Monica Garcia were running for homecoming Queen. For King, Jose Sanchez, Mikayla Roberts, Leonel Mares, German Tello, Jose Roblero and Rodolfo Fernandez .

The candidates had to convince the other students to vote for them. For example, some gave out cookies, candies, cupcakes, chips, food, and anything teens would like. There is also a budget that the candidates have, which is \$50. To win voters, they must be friendly, nice, and respectful to others.. They also have the opportunity to put posters on



the hallways; the posters are not allowed to be bigger than 8.5 x11 inch paper. If the candidate have posters bigger than that, they will be disqualified and will have their posters teared down.

Now you were probably confused why a girl would run for King and a guy run for the position of a Queen. According to the student handbook, there are no rules or regulations that stop a student to run for cross gender Homecoming court. When asked why she ran for Homecoming King, Mikayla Roberts, LA Leadership senior responded, "I'm running for King because a girl can be King too." When asked why he ran for Homecoming Queen, Harvey Robles, LA

Leadership junior said, "Because I feel very passionate and emotional for the LGBTQ."

Homecoming 2016 was lit! For all those that thought is was going to be lame, it was pretty fun. Then around 8:30 pm, the Homecoming court was announced. Those who won were Natalie Contreras for Prince, Shannon Juarez for Princess, Kimberly Aguilar for Queen and Rodolfo Fernandez for King. After they were announced, a song was played for them to slow dance together. After that, the party continued and everyone continued dancing and having fun. Sadly, it was time to end Homecoming and the students returned home. Homecoming 2016 was a night to remember.

Where's Ortiz?

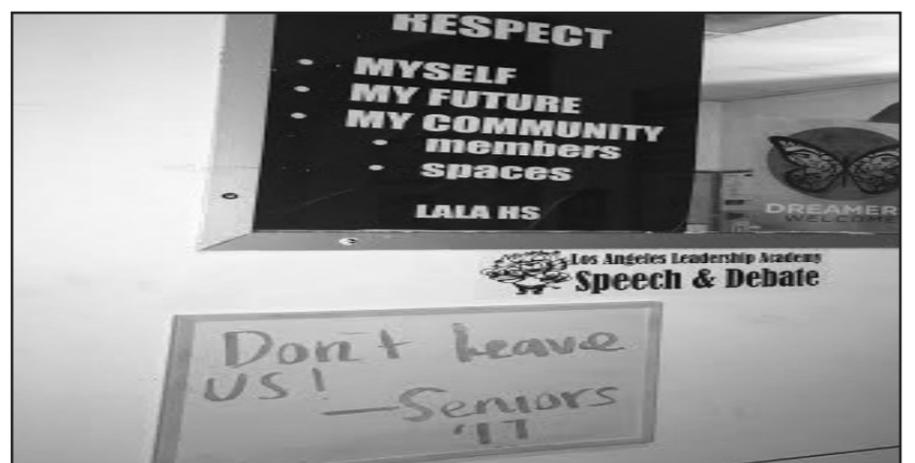


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Photographer & Staff Writer

Why do counselors end up leaving at the wrong time? Mr. Steve Ortiz, known as Dr. Ortiz, left Los Angeles Leadership Academy on Monday, November 7, 2016. Ortiz has been working at LALA since July, 2015. Ortiz explained his first day at the job in LALA as nervous, but excited like any new job. He got to meet all the students and staff, and felt welcomed. He liked the school because it was small. Ortiz found LALA online, he saw the position and applied for it. Ortiz began his new position on Tuesday November 8, 2016.

When questioned how Ortiz felt about his new job, he replied, "It's bittersweet. I'm excited about the new opportunities that are going to be available, but I'm sad to leave behind LALA. I feel like I made a great con-

nection with the students and teachers. I'm going to really miss working here." Ortiz found a position as a counselor at Arroyo High School. He found this position online, and applied for it and was hired for the position. He was determined to get the job because the school opened many opportunities and it was closer to home. Many students from LALA asked Ortiz to stay, but the reason he decided not to stay was because he was presented with several great opportunities at the new high school. Ortiz said, "It was very difficult to pass up a big opportunity. At the end of the day when I weighed my options, I felt moving to the new school was the best decision for me professionally". Although Ortiz left good memories, he left for another school, he didn't care about how the LALA students felt or how him leaving would affect the seniors. When asked if he had any



advice for the students, he responded, "Don't give up, strive for excellence. Never stop believing in yourself. I recommend that all students keep developing connections with the teachers and friends because they will be great sources of support for you in the future. Never settle for mediocrity." On the other hand, Ortiz will be attending the seniors graduation. When asked if Ortiz would still help any student from LALA, he said, "I will still help anyone who needs my help, just email me. I plan on giving the seniors my contact information if they want to contact me. Just know that I will be really busy, since I'm at a new school that has a lot of students."

Ortiz is currently a counselor at Arroyo High School, helping prepare students for college and career readiness. He hopes to collaborate with

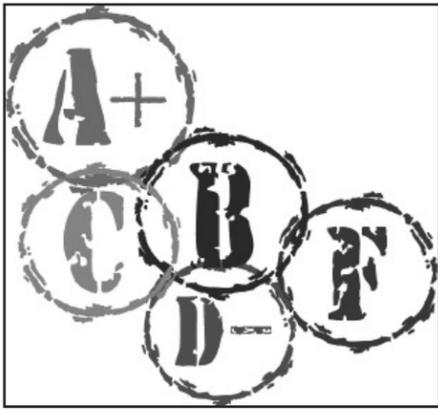
the teachers and parents. When asked about what his goal in that school was, Ortiz said, "I want to make sure that my students are going to be successful at school and in life." When asked a student, a senior, about how he felt about Ortiz's leaving, they said " Well it sucks because he was going to help me out in second semester, and he told me he was gonna be there to support me until I graduated."

One of Ortiz's favorite quotes is by Eleanor Roosevelt. It states, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." When asked why he liked this quote, he said, "It reflects optimism to me." Meaning it talks about the future. Ortiz had a great experience in LALA. He said, "LALA will always have a big part in my heart. I won't forget the students and the staff, or the place. I will miss it dearly." Ortiz will be missed.



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## You Can Do It!



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Attention Los Angeles Leadership Academy, Thanksgiving break has just passed which means first semester is coming to an end on December 16, 2016. Grades are going to be due soon and winter break begins in December 21, 2016 to January 16, 2017. Finals are also near, so be well prepared these last few weeks and study hard. There are less than two weeks left of school; therefore, students should be concerned of maintaining good grades.

The seniors in LALA should be the most concerned about their GPA this semester because it determines whether or not they pass the

Aug 19th: "I'm boutta get this 4.0"  
Sep 25th: "Few B's won't hurt"  
Oct 1st: "C's get degrees"  
Oct 10th: "I'm just trynna graduate"

school year. Seniors had struggled with balancing school work and college applications. Although the seniors are a bit overwhelmed with everything, all their hard work will pay off. When asked about how he feels with college applications and school work, Angel Colon, LA Leadership senior expresses, "Sometimes I feel really overwhelmed, but I am confident that I'll be able to finish everything on time if I use my study hall time wisely." School can get really stressful and overwhelming especially in the ending of the fall semester due to all of the finals and projects. In addition, these are tips students can use to stay on task in order to pass this fall semester.

Students can also go to the Youth Policy Institute program after school for help or to teachers during their office hours. As all students know, there is a study hall from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. so students can go to to receive additional help from teachers and finish any missing work from any class. Students should take advantage of this time to complete all the work they need before it's too late to turn in any assignments or retake exams.

To pass this semester, students must pass all their classes, including advisory, study hall and intervention, with a good GPA. In addition, students must take their time wisely and not fool around or be distracted. Maintaining good grades consists being more organized and responsible with the time and the amount of work that students have. Also, being responsible is very important for students because they will be going to college soon and students need to start maturing. Moreover, students should be coming to school on time and not miss school during the last few weeks

of the semester. Being absent can also affect a student's GPA because students will miss lessons and work. In addition, all the work will add up and can become stressful.

LALA has before and after school tutoring for all students that need help with anything they need. Additionally, the school provide various materials and places students could complete school work like: lap tops, school supplies, a library located at the second floor, places to study, College and Career Center, and printing machines.

Students must take advantage of this time because they need to have a good GPA to pass this semester. Don't forget! The last day to turn in work is on December 16, 2016. Prepare these few weeks with Stress Relief lotions, focus, and confidence. Study for the last finals. Try your best and it will all pay off eventually. "The road to success is not easy to navigate, but with hard work, drive and passion, it's possible to achieve the American dream," a quote from Tommy Hilfiger.

## Anxiety Towards School



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Anxiety is a mental health disorder that causes the feeling of nervousness and worries. Through Google's medical group, Mayo Clinic and Harvard Medical School (HMS), it is a very common disorder and more than three million United State cases per year. In addition, anxiety impacts age groups 14-60, the most impacted group; however, it can occur at ages 6-13 and 60+.

Anxiety has many symp-

toms such as depression and mood swings, but we are going to talk about the changes in grades. Anxiety can lead to a disorder known as School Refusal in which children will have trouble going to and staying in school. In addition, some children won't even leave their house because of this anxiety. According to the ADAA (Anxiety and Depression Association of America) "Starting school, moving, and other stressful life events may trigger the onset of school refusal. Other reasons include

the child's fear that something will happen to a parent when they're in school, fear that they won't do well in school, or fear of another student." The pressure of going to school and doing well in school can be challenging for some children who suffer from anxiety.

School Refusal can really drop a kids grades because of all the absences that go along with it. According to the ADAA, "Children who suffer from school refusal tend to have average or above-average intelligence. But they may develop serious educational or social problems if their fears and anxiety keep them away from school and friends for any length of time." Most of these kids shouldn't deserve bad grades because it is an actual disorder that affects many children. I suffered from school refusal and know what's it's like trying to do whatever you can in order to stay at home. I had good grades when I entered school; however, I had missed the last week and a

half because of school refusal and all my grades dropped drastically. It got to a point where my best friends came over to my house because they were worried about me. From that point on I started to force myself to start going to school. I still do miss a lot of school however I still try to come as much as I can in order to pass my classes.

If you do suffer from school refusal, the first thing you should do is talk to a parent and explain to them what's going on. Next, you should schedule a meeting with the principle to inform them about what's going on and how they can fix the problem. If you still can't get out of the house, there is always online school, but it won't be the same as actually going to school. School Refusal affects many students so don't feel as if you are the only person affected by it. It may seem hard to overcome this fear but with the right help, you can get back on track and continue to do well in school.



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## Society's Sluggish Views

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You walk past a mother breastfeeding her young child outside of a restaurant, would you make it obvious that you are disturbed with a look on your face, or would you understand that a baby needs to eat and allow her to breastfeed in peace without feeling awkward? There are controversies on whether breastfeeding in a public atmosphere should be protected by the law, or whether it should be abolished because there are minors exposed to nudity.

Interior to the law there are only two states, (Illinois and Missouri) that protect a woman's right to breastfeed. From Breastfeeding law.com, Jake Marcus, J.D. states, "Under Illinois law, a mother's right to breastfeed in public is protected, but a mother considering whether to breastfeed her baby in a place of worship shall comport her behavior with the norms appropriate in that place of worship." This is stating that it's okay to breastfeed, for example in a restaurant within the same atmosphere as children, but when it comes to the "word of God" they shall respect it meaning they can not

breastfeed in that environment. In the 2006, the 191 Missouri Revised Statutes 191.918, a Missouri law also protects the right to breastfeed in public, but requires that it be done "with as much discretion as possible." In many states there is an absence of law that provides protections for a woman to breastfeed in public; therefore, in many regions like restaurants and shopping malls may ask women to leave. If the mothers refuses to leave, it can get to the point in which a police officer can escort them out, but it is rare. They may also be placed under criminal trespass or even get charged with indecent exposure.

Scientifically speaking, women's breast are designed to nourish, but in the society we live in, they are framed as sex objects. Nicki Lisa Cole, a sociology expert, from the article, "Why Breastfeeding is Taboo" claims, "Women with larger breasts, ...know well the stress of trying to hide them from view in an effort to not be harassed or judged as we go about our daily lives." On the other hand she continues with, "When women are sex objects, we are meant to be seen, handled, and used for pleasures at the discretion of men. We are to be passive recipients of sex acts, not agents who decide when and where to make



use of our bodies." Women should not only be acknowledged as sex objects, therefore shouldn't be afraid to feed their infants in public. With people having that mentality of thinking of women as sex objects, it affects how breastfeeding is viewed.

According to an article called "Hands that Itch to Hold the Spoon" written by Amy Bentley, from University of California Press, discusses where sexualization might have started. Amy Bentley states, "The sexualization of the breast, already

under way by the 19th century, was accelerated by the World War II pinup girl poster, postwar soft porn such as Playboy magazine, and the popularity of such Hollywood icons as Marilyn Monroe." Meaning ever since they made promotion posters by the pin-up girls on World War II, their intentions were already being sexualized. With that being said not only has it been going on in the past, but it is going on now, in what way do you see breastfeeding? Should it be a controversy?

## What Causes the Seasons to Change?



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Brrrrr, once you feel that nice winter breeze you know it's almost time for everyone's favorite holiday and season. Most people are distracted by winter foods like tamales and traditional activities like Christmas, but people don't bother to pay attention to what causes this wonderful season. Whether it's winter or summer, the Earth has a peculiar way of preparing itself for the

changes that are yet to come. As the season changes, everything on Earth changes; the people, animals, plants, and the planet itself as it rotates around the sun.

In order to comprehend how the seasons change, first you must understand how the earth and the sun work. The Earth rotates around its axis once every 24 hours and travels around the sun once every year. According to ScienceNetLinks, an online website dedicated to science,

Earth is tilted at a 23 degree angle and scientists speculate this happened in the early years of the planet's existence when there was dust and rocks crashing into each other. Eventually, Earth was hit by many of these rocks creating the Earth's tilt. Remember these are theories and none of these have been accurately proven since no one was around half a billion years ago.

The Earth's tilt plays an enormous part in the seasons. When the Earth's Northern Pole is facing the sun it creates warmth in the north while down in Antarctica it's colder and darker and the same applies when the south pole is facing the sun, it makes days in Antarctica longer and warm. Climate is affected greatly near the Northern and Southern poles. Many think that when the Earth is closest to the sun it is summer

but it all depends on which hemisphere is facing the sun. The Earth takes an elliptical path around the sun but that doesn't affect the seasons.

Now what if the Earth had no tilt? Would it change it's distance from the sun? Or would it change the fact that Donald Trump is our next president? Well it would change the distance, slightly, but there really wouldn't be a great effect on Earth and sorry it wouldn't change Trump's Presidency. With no tilt there would be no seasons. The poles would be perpendicular and the Sun would be at the horizon of the poles all day everyday. Earth would be like spring and fall throughout the entire year.

The seasons bring joy to everyone whether it's summer, winter, spring, or fall. Everyone has their favorite season and they have the Earth's tilt to thank.



## Social Media Obsession



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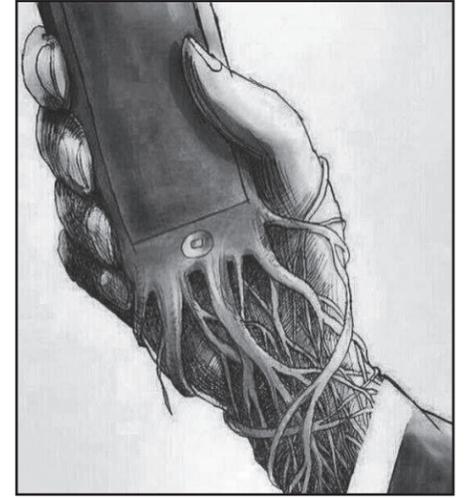
In today's society, teens and adults are obsessed with social media outlets such as Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, etc. According to Amanda Lenhart, from the Pew Research Center in her article "Mobile Access Shifts Social Media Use and Other Online Activities" which was published April 9th, 2015, surveyed teens from age 13 to 17 show that 91%

of teens used their mobile devices for internet. This was conducted from September 5th until October 9th 2014 in the United States to show why teens are obsessed with social media and the internet. Of that 91% of teens that use internet on their mobile devices 24% use the internet almost constantly, 56% use it several times a day: 12% once a day 5% several times a week 1% once a week and 2% less often.

According to "This Could Explain Why Teens Are So Obsessed With Social Media" by Anna Almendrala a Senior Healthy Living Editor at the Huffington Post on June 3rd 2016, teens become obsessed with social media because it's a reflex in their brain. So, this implies that they can't do anything about not liking social media. Recruited a small group of teens aged 13-17 and told them to submit personal photos to a social network similar to Instagram. They told the teens the

photos were looked at by other teens and put 148 photos on a computer and showed them to the teens; while they were looking at the photos they were scanned via MRI. The results were crazy it showed whenever a photo of the teens had seen a large amount of likes it triggered a part of the brain that links to the reward system in your brain that is similar to when someone wins money or eats some good food. Likes are extremely rewarding, according to the UCLA Brain Mapping Center, and shows teens are heavily influenced by a photo that already has a lot of likes. Also, in a phone call between the Huffington Post and Lauren Sherman, lead author of the Brain Scan Study at the UCLA Brain Mapping Center stated "It may be that one of the reasons that teens are such active users on social media is that they're really sensitive to these likes,". Secondly, she said, they're "really sensitive to what their peers are

doing online." This means teens are sensitive and are significantly affected by positive or negative influences online. This matters because we as teens, or if you are an adult and reading this, have to be careful about what is posted online and what to other people online. In the end social media is an outlet of pleasure and reward for your brain but be aware of the natural addictiveness of social media.



## How to Handle the Holiday Blues

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Feeling depressed during the winter months is common for many. Many people feel the "Holiday Blues" and feel stressed about buying presents and decorations. Living in a society addicted to consumerism makes keeping up with others difficult at times. There are a number of things you can do to help yourself feel better. First, try not to feel bad about feeling bad, recognize your feelings and express your emotions through different ways. Remember, many people feel unhappy during the holiday season and there is nothing unusual or strange about feeling sad during the holidays. Here are some tips to help you get through the holidays if you are feeling blue.

Exercising may be the best medicine. According to staff writer Matt McMillen from WebMD, states that exercising releases endorphins and can actually enhance a good mood when performed daily. Also, surrounding yourself with nature is a best way to initiate a sense of calmness. According to Mayo Clinic Staff, in many cases natural light is an actual therapy method used by doctors to treat people with depression. This experience can scientifically promote wellness and good feelings.

There are other ways you can express your emotions when feeling upset or depressed. For instance, talking to friends can be a helpful resource. According to DBSA.org, talk therapy is a method you can use to work through your feelings of depression. It's

also recommended to talk it out with someone you trust. Moreover, scientists like Alan Beck, the administrator of the Center for the Human Animal Bond at Purdue University, claims spending time with your furry companion decreases stress levels. Hugging or petting your animals can actually help cheer you up by releasing serotonin, "the feel good" hormone in your brain. As well as, staying away from negativity; in other words, people who gossip. Although it may be tempting to hear or participate in gossip, it will actually make you feel horrible and defeat the purpose of trying to feel better.

An additional tip, keeping yourself busy during the holidays may help by looking for volunteering opportunities to keep your mind off the depress-

ing weather. Helping others can diminish a percentage of depression and increase a sense of fulfillment to oneself. Likewise, eating healthy or maintaining a healthy diet may be a challenging to do during the holidays, but it may help with balancing your cravings for more carbohydrates. With gained weight, it may build up more depression. Comparatively, focus on the positive vibes, surround yourself with friends and family that make you feel grateful for having them. Spend time with those that make you feel appreciated that you have them in your life. Instead of buying anyone more gifts, you should treat yourself with food or your favorite items. Despite, the holidays being depressing for some people, it is possible to combat against the holiday blues.





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## Christmas Day: A Brief History

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Christmas is a national holiday that is celebrated by religious and non-religious believers around the world. People celebrate Christmas Eve on the 24th of December and Christmas on the 25th of December. Christmas is the day where family and friends unite in a celebration of special quality time, feasts and gifts exchange. However, do people know the real history of Christmas?

Christmas was not always about decorating trees, opening gifts or having parties. Christians honored Christmas as a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25th during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine. However, most people in the early century didn't believe the date December 25th was accurate, according to an article titled, "6 Misconceptions About Jesus' Birth" by "Billy Hallowell", published in 2012 in Theblaze.com.

In the Bible, there is no referenced date of December 25th. In fact, no one knew when Jesus Christ was born. Although, in the third century, December 25th became the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Additionally, the practice of gift exchanging was inspired from the Christian teaching of the birth of Jesus. In the early 18th century, gift exchanging had a special meaning, which was a form of how they would bring gifts to baby Jesus, according to History.com in an article titled "Christmas Time". Christmas continues to have and still has its significant religious meaning for the holiday today.

In 1644, the Puritan settlers opposed Christmas celebrations, they didn't want people to celebrate on December 25th because of the concept of "Holy Day". This couldn't be a holiday because it was illegal in England, the Puritans found no scriptural justification for celebrating Christmas. The Puritans believed that Jesus was born in September, according to an article titled, "History of Christmas" published in 2009 in History.com. If anyone was caught celebrating Christmas they would be fined five shillings, which was a lot of money back then. One shilling is worth one cent in the U.S, according to an article titled, "Time of Christmas" by Christopher Klein published in 2014 in History.com.

By the end of the 18th century, Christmas spread across Europe. People began to show their way of celebrating Christmas differently. During the 1800's, Christmas became popular in Western cultures. In 1870, Congress proclaimed a federal holiday in the United States. The idea of Christmas tree decorations was inspired and popularized by Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. The mistletoe has been one of the most magical, mysterious, and sacred plant from the Europeans. Consider the plant of peace which enemies declare a truce of spouse kisses. Now, Americans celebrate Christmas by decorating their house and buying a Christmas tree with beautiful decorations.

The legendary figure Santa Claus, also known as Saint Nicholas, Saint Nick, Kris Kringle, Father Christmas, or Santa, is originated from Greek Dutch and famous for his mythical story in Western Culture of giving gifts to well behaved children in midnight on Christmas Eve and early morning of Christmas Day. Santa is historically described as an older man in a red suit with a big white beard. This saint would only help the less wealthy kids not all kids. Today's modern Santa, is what most people believed as a kid of how behaving "good" or "nice" will lead gifts under your Christmas tree or stockings from Santa. Although many small kids are believed in the spirit of Santa Claus, little do they know their parents are their Santas.

Today, Christmas is celebrated differently. Most people celebrate in big feasts with their loved ones, eat their cultural food, and opening gifts. Christmas is one of the most favorable holiday because it brings the loving joy of uniting family and friends in a special quality time which includes, gifts exchanging and appreciation. The month of December is one of the greatest month of all because of all wonderful things people can do like watching Christmas movies, Christmas lights, decorating trees, Christmas shopping, and lastly singing Christmas carols around their neighborhoods. Appreciate the spirit of Christmas and have a Fa-la-la day.

"I celebrate Christmas by making tamales with my grandma and my aunts. The day of Christmas Eve all my family gets together to celebrate and at 12 am we give out the Christmas gifts to the kids and we start opening them."  
-Kimberely Zavala, senior

"Celebro la Navidad haciendo pozole y tamales y abriendo regalos en la noche con mi familia y amigos/ I celebrate Christmas by cooking pozole, tamales, and opening gifts at night with my family and friends."  
- Anonymos

"I stay at home with my small family and have a small dinner. We open gifts and watch a Christmas movie. It's usually just me and my mom, my brother and his girlfriend. My family is really small and separated since we have a lot of drama in my family, but you know, it's something. I love it and I'm grateful for it. One thing I love about Christmas is that we play really loud Christmas music and sing to it to tick off my landlord. Ha ha! Oh the memories."  
-Ineliz Ruiz, senior

"I like to celebrate on Christmas Eve with my family. We make a fine dish of our favorite food and gather together around the Christmas tree to open gifts."  
-Anonymos



## High School Walkout

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The results of the election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 was shocking for most Americans, when Donald J. Trump was announced the winner of the Presidential race. According to the presidential results from CNN.com, Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by 48.2%; however, Trump won the electoral vote by 306 making him the president-elect of the United States of America. Furthermore, Trump's victory led many angry Americans in protests across the country. Anti-Trump protests continue to take place as part of the aftermath of the 2016 elections.

Moreover, on November 14, 2016 at 9:15 a.m., students from Los Angeles Leadership Academy joined a walkout with other Los Angeles high schools on a call for unity after the results of the presidential election. However, the school did not organize or give permission for this walkout. Many students were aware of the consequences of participating, which included: attendance records, change in grades, and other outcomes.

Students marched from LA Leadership to Mariachi Plaza where approximately 300-400 students gathered in the heat. Many students from Roosevelt High School, Garfield High School, Wilson High School, Lincoln High School, Esteban High School, and several other high schools in East Los Angeles were seen chanting during

the walkout. Students walked from Mariachi Plaza through East Los Angeles and arrived outside City Hall for a rally. Along the way, students were provided with water by the Brown Berets each mile. Additionally, several California Highway Patrol officers were seen at freeway ramps to make sure students were not planning on blocking traffic. School faculty members were also in the walkout, but only to make sure the students were safe.

At City Hall, several students were interviewed by several broadcasting television networks. Furthermore, students from LALA were given the decision whether to return to their education or not. Although, not many chose to return to school. When asked her thoughts on her experience and why she chose to participate in the walkout, senior Mikayla Roberts responded, "When we walked out, I felt excited, but a little bit scared. It felt good to be disobedient and stand up for something that needs to be protected, DACA and the Dream Act. I decided to walk out because I know that many people are afraid to speak out because of repercussions. I don't have anything to lose and I feel very passionately about human rights."

The point of students participating in the walkout was to protest for their education, more specifically to fight to keep the Dream Act Scholarship. Although many students disobeyed school's policy, they stood up for what they believe must be protected within their education.





## The End of the Galaxy Note 7



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“Well, what a coincidence, Mr. President! Because that’s exactly what we’re going to do with Obamacare. We’re going to pull it off the market so it stops burning up our wallets.” This is what Mike Pence quoted and responded at a Donald Trump rally in his speech after Obama addressed the Note 7 situations. As of August 15, 2016, one of Samsung’s latest phones, the Samsung Galaxy Note 7, has not done so well with the recent recalls of their exploding phone. The glorious 5.7 inch screen, 1440 x 2560 pixels, 1/2.5” sensor size, simultaneous 4K video, 9MP image recording, and a multitude of fascinating features, the Galaxy Note 7 is easily one of the most advanced Android handsets released in modern day. However,

since the first week of its release people began calling in about their phone exploding from the first time it charged according to Christian de Loooper from Digital Trends.

According to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Samsung has received 96 reports of Galaxy Note 7 phones overheating in the US, these were 23 more than initially stated since the original recall on September 15. In total there have been 13 reports of burns and 47 reports of property damages, according to CPSC. Samsung announced a recall of the Note 7 devices in September and decided to keep on shipping a new form of the Galaxy Note 7’s containing batteries from a different supplier. Sadly this resulted bad with the explosions of overheating still active among the Note

7 users. According to Jane Onyanga-Omara and Brett Molina from USA Today on October 12, 2016, “Shares in Samsung electronics closed down 8% — its biggest daily percentage drop since 2008, according to Reuters — with almost \$20 billion wiped off the company’s value Tuesday.” This will be a pretty substantial loss with Samsung newsroom saying, “As of today, nearly 85 percent of all recalled Galaxy Note 7 devices have been replaced through the U.S. Note 7 Refund and Exchange Program, with the majority of the participants opting to receive another Samsung smartphone.” Samsung took a risky move for its company and claimed they will stop the manufacturing of the phone in the United States on October 11, 2016. However, for the loyal clients still with the Note 7, Samsung will con-

tinuously release updates improving the phone for the better of the user.

For clarification, the unexpected explosions are caused by terrible battery manufacturing, according to Daily Mail that explains the function of the battery. Even with the second model of the phone, the battery has not been stable enough for it to function properly. As stated in “HOW LITHIUM ION BATTERIES WORK IN YOUR PHONES,” by Daily Mail, it explains that the Non-removable Li-Ion 3500 mAh battery is made with two layers of material called anode and the cathode, which is separated by electrically conducting fluids. The Lithium-ions start off in the cathode, a layer of material that includes cobalt, manganese, nickel and oxygen. When these batteries are charged, electricity drives the lithium-ions from the cathode, through an ion-filled electrolyte fluid, and into the anode that is made up of graphite. As the battery drains, the lithium-ions return from the anode back inside the cathode. Batteries can blow up when internal electrical components short-circuit, which can likely happen in an accident when installing the device or dropping it. If you have one of these phones you should try to return it and get a refund, you could prevent the risk of your phone causing damage to you or the ones around you.

## There Maybe a New Member in Our Solar System

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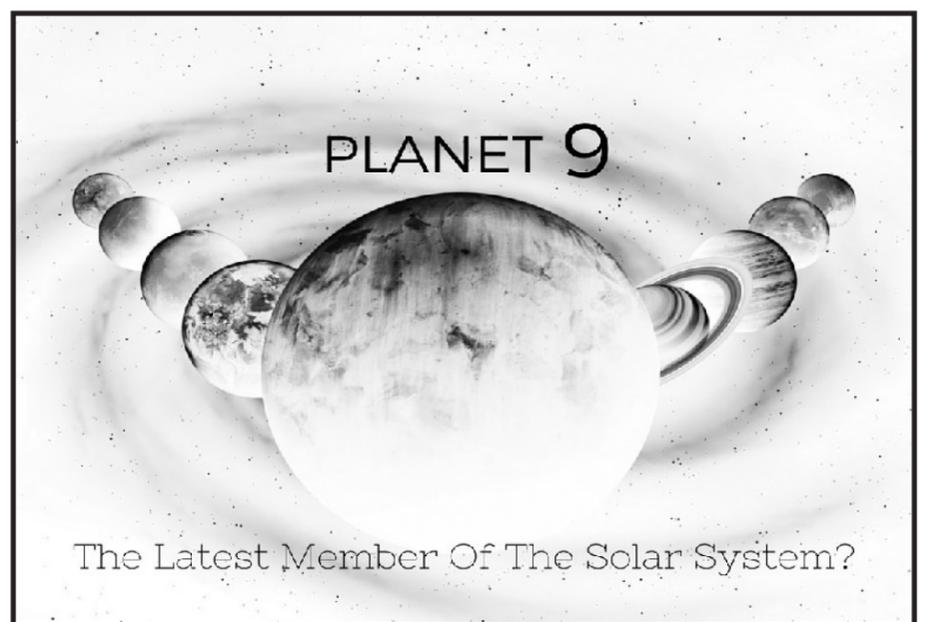
The discovery of Planet 9’s existence was made by Astronomers Konstantin Batygin and Mike Brown according to Caltech University of The California Institute of Technology in January of 2016.

In 2014, it was announced that Batygin and Brown discovered many other objects beyond Neptune that orbit in a cluster, according to The Astronomical Journal. That seemed weird to the researchers because in order for that to happen they would have to be influenced by the orbit of a big planet like Jupiter, Uranus, and Neptune. Leading them to believe that there could be a possibility of another planet 200 times further from the sun. Batygin and Brown also believe that it can be 15 times bigger than Earth, this unknown planet is known as “Planet 9 it even goes by Planet X, or Nibiru” (“The Nibiru Cataclysm: Has Planet X Returned To Our Solar System? - Annunaki.org.” N.p., 17 May 2016. Web. 01 Dec. 2016).

Batygin and Brown from Caltech discovered Planet 9 existed in January 2016 through a mathematical model and a computer simulation (Caltech University of

The California Institute of Technology). The only problem is that they have not seen it because they do not have a telescope strong enough to see the planet and it is estimated that it will take the astronomers at least three years until they have a real images of Planet 9. However, they do know that it has a mass that is ten times bigger than planet Earth. Planet 9 also orbits about 20 times further from the sun, that means that it would take this planet an overall 10,000 to 20,000 years to make one whole orbit around the sun. Caltech University of The California Institute of Technology stated, “Brown identifies Planet 9 as the most planet-y of the planets in the whole solar system. Brown isn’t wrong, this planet dominates a way larger region than any other known planet.” In addition, the Caltech University of The California Institute of Technology continue to explain, “Brown and Batygin were able to explain many mysterious features and icy objects beyond Neptune in the Kuiper Belt thanks to Planet 9.”

Astronomers have always known that our sun was tilted by a mere six degrees but the reason why has always been a mystery. Until now, in January 2016, Caltech announced



the discovery of a group of small objects in the outer solar system acting weird. They were all headed in the same direction which is even more strange because they shouldn’t be doing that. That’s when the astronomers discovered Planet 9 which lead to a research published by The Astronomical Journal that linked our tilting sun to Planet 9. Batygin and Brown discovered that Planet 9’s orbit is tilted about 30 degrees away from the orbital plane. With that, the astronomers used a computer simulation and found out that it would account for the tilt seen in the rest of the solar system. So it means that the sun isn’t tilted,

it is actually Earth and all the other planets, which makes it look like the sun is tilted from our perspective.

Do you believe that Planet 9 exists? People will have to wait until the astronomers capture an image of this so-called Planet X. If it turns out that Planet 9 actually exists, who knows what else could be hiding out there just waiting to be discovered. For more information on Planet 9, search for the following sites, “Curious Tilt of the Sun Tracing to Undiscovered Planet and Caltech Researchers Find Evidence of a Real Ninth Planet” or simply search up, “Planet 9”, “Planet X” or “Nibiru.”



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**Al's Puzzle**

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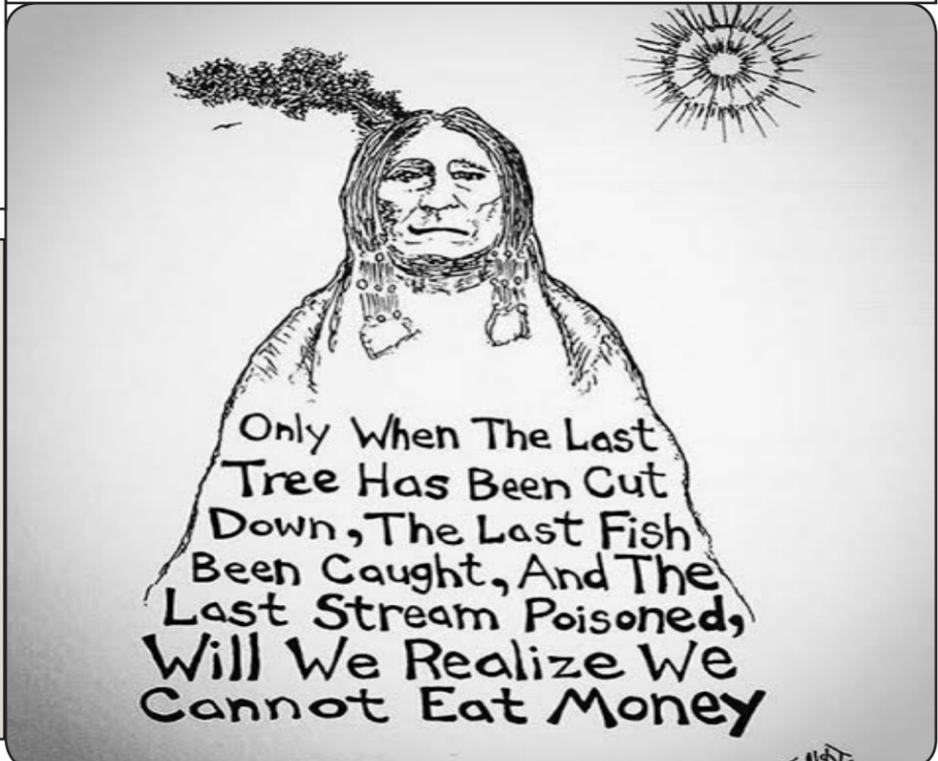
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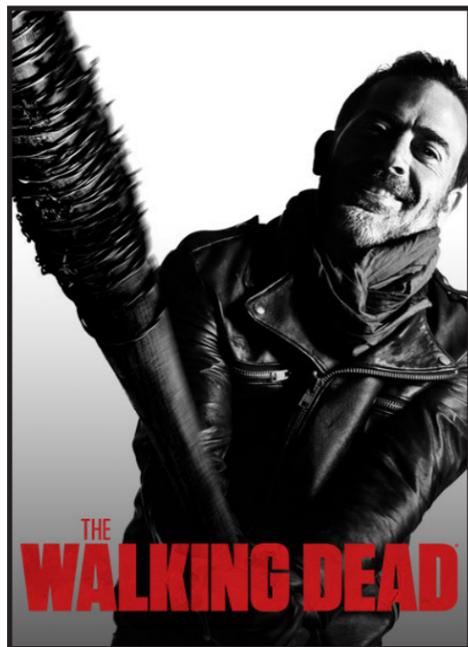
-Socrates





Series Review

The Walking Dead



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An American horror drama television filmed in Georgia created by Frank Darabont, is a series based on the comic series The Walking Dead written by Robert Kirkman. According to the website thewalkingdead.com, The Walking Dead is based on county sheriff Rick Grimes waking up from a coma, and finds himself alone in a world that is dead and taken over by zombies. Grimes seeks out for his family and on the way he find other survivors; in addition, they try to take over the zombies. I personally don't watch this show, but what I do know is that these strangers stick with each other to survive a zombie apocalypse, some will survive and some won't. I have seen few episodes, but it didn't interest me.

The Walking Dead has about 12.1 million viewers for each episode, with about a total of 19.1 million viewers for their whole series with the top three ranking, according to Dominic Patten on deadline.com. The Walking Dead has had the best numbers since season one and till now during season eight. The premiere of The Walking Dead season seven, had the total of 17 million viewers and a ranking of 8.4. The talk show called "Talking Dead" has about 7.6 million viewers each episode that is aired after The Walking Dead. The Walking Dead has improved 34 percent on viewers for each episode and new season also stated by Dominic Patten on deadline.com.

The first episode of The Walking Dead was first aired on October 31, 2010 according to IMDb.com. I personally do not watch The Walking Dead, but I have been told by numerous amounts of people that is a great show and something you will get addicted to. The Walking Dead is aired on AMC at 9 p.m. This series has been nominated for many awards like, the Golden Globes USA, Primetime Emmy Award, and more. However, this series has not won all the awards they were nominated for, The Walking Dead did win the Primetime Emmy Awards for best prosthetics makeup for a series in 2012 and 2011, according to IMDb.com. Personally, this show does not catch my attention, but it does catch many other viewers.

What You Do as a Poll Worker



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On November 8, 2016, the presidential election was held and many high school students, such as myself, volunteered to help regulate the voting process. The poll worker positions are distributed to schools, recreational centers, family run businesses, or senior citizen centers. There are two types of poll workers in a precinct; an inspector and a clerk. The inspector's job is to make sure there are sufficient material to allow everyone vote, fill in for a clerk if needed, help anyone who is struggling with filling out the ballot, and helps keep the crowds of eager citizens move from point to point. They receive a stipend of \$240. As for the clerk, it is performed all of the manual tasks and receive a stipend of \$140 if attended a two hour training seminar, but if you choose not to attend you receive \$115.

The day begins at 6 am for us poll workers in order to have everything set up before 7:00 am; because voting must commence at that designated time even if the place isn't set up. Where I was working the rules were broken in our precinct because the inspector showed up 5 minutes after 7:00 am and we had to ask the voters if we could have 10 minutes to set everything up. The inspector assigned us with the task of setting up the booths and later gave us each certain jobs to do outside our location. For instance, I was told to place signs indicating where the polls were being held. In addition, to putting up the signs, I had to pin up signs warning people of the consequences with interfering with anyone voting or the ballots. Also, the American flag must be pinned up with the stars facing the left because that is the way the US is accustomed to reading. The last task is to announce, "The polls are now open." After that

is out of the way we begin to let the voters in.

The inspector assigns one out of five jobs to each clerk. One must get the name and signature from the voter while your co-worker has to locate his name and address to cross him/her out of this index. The index arrives in a pair of three packets containing their address as well as their signature and has to be switched out with another every hour to update the list. The next job was to hand the voter their ballot and instruct them on how to vote if they inquire you to do so. The following job is to give out forms for people to fill out if they are voting in another precinct to ensure no one tries voting twice. The last job that is given is to make sure every ballot is filled out correctly by having the voter insert their ballot into a machine that checks for mistakes ranging from marking outside of the designated location to voting for more than one president. If no mistakes are found the ballot slides in, but if one is located it is spat out and the voter decides if he wants to fix it or just have the clerk insert it manually. At 8 pm you must announce, "the polls are now closed." When the polls close and everyone has voted you pack up, count the votes, fill out a document with the amount of ballots casted as well as those voided, then mail a copy of the document in a yellow envelope. If you are not a student then your inspector can tell you to go with him to drop off the materials and the enclosed ballots.

If you want to wait over three weeks to get paid for a 15 plus hour day then working the polls is the perfect job for you. Remember to wear some comfortable clothes for that day if it were to arise.

Series Review

Empire



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Empire, the new sexy and powerful drama, written by Lee Daniels and Danny Strong, is based on a family affair with a powerful music company, Empire Entertainment in its center, filmed in the west side of New York. Lucious Lyon a hip-pop titan who started off on the street's becomes the owner of a powerful music company, Empire Entertainment in New York. Owning the company with his three sons and ex wife that are all very talented. This is not a perfect family that has no type of problems, in fact it is the total opposite. During this show, the Lyon family goes through ups and down, fighting with each other, and their horrible past of being on the streets comes back to haunt them give them even more problems. The family will go through a major issue that affects the whole family and company. Their old life of selling drugs to the wrong people are finally coming back to them. Now that they finally have money and fame, it is changing their attitude in a whole different way. Apart from Andre and Jamal, my personal favorite characters, Hakeem has the most changed attitude in the family.

Empire has about 12.2 million viewers for each episode; however, the viewer rate has gone up to 13.10 million for each episode in 2016. Empire cost about three million dollars per episode to make, according to Justin Brooks, who currently works for the channel FOX, in an article titled, "How Much Money Did the New Fox TV Series Empire Make". This show has caught more and more people's eyes during the new season and episodes. Empire had made the most top timeslot series telecast in the demo of the Big Four Networks. The most common age of the viewers are between the age of 18-49; however, there are many younger viewers, just as myself. There can also be viewers that are older than 49 that could honestly love this series as well, according to Rick Kissell in an article titled Ratings: fox's Empire' Hits season low, still dominates Wednesday.

According to IMDb.com, the series Empire has an overall rating of a 7.8/10 out of the 28,846 people. In my personal opinion, Empire is the perfect show to watch if you love a series about music drama. Many viewers do say that Empire has so much drama, it leaves them wanting to see more after each episode. Each new episode, gives the audience everything they were expecting. Even though this series only came out in 2015, it still has many viewers and great reviews. I recommend to watch this family drama with the Lyon family in FOX Channel on Wednesdays at 8 p.m.