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Homboy Industries

On the 1st of June, Al Schleicher took his advisory students to Homeboy Industries. There the students had a chance to look around and to ask questions. They left school late in the morning and they arrived back at school around 4.



LALA Girl's Volleyball Team

On the 22nd of May, LA Leadership's girl's volleyball team competed in The Kids In Sports League. The Lady Lions Made it to second place During the championship game. Although, they had a tough game against the undefeated Lady Bulldogs, they managed to take second place. They showed great determination and heart. Hopefully next year, when they go against the Lady Bulldogs they will take home 1st place.



Speech and Debate

The debate class, lead by Al Schleicher, had their Last tournament of the Year on the 20th and 21st Of May. It was one of The biggest competitions Of the year, with nearly 300 students in attendance. The tournament was held at USC and it was hosted by the Metropolitan Debate League(LAMDL). Senior Vanessa Sanchez went maverick and earned a speaker award. She also went as far as semi-finals before handing the win over to the opposing team as a stance against how she was being treated in the round.. The rest of the team ended the year well.



LALA Girl's Soccer Team

Los Angeles Leadership Academy's girl soccer team participated in the Hola soccer league this past month. The team played well and they gave it their all. The Lady Lions had their last game on May 26, earning them 3rd place against New Village.



New Schedule for Next Year

Next school year, we will be having eight periods, but the period alignment will be different from the schedule we have this year. The periods will be arranged in and according to a blocked schedule where periods 1,2,3, and 4 are on Mondays and Fridays, and periods 5,6,7, and 8 are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Castaway Your Worries Seniors Attend Prom

BY MARIA GALARZA
Guest Writer

On May 27th, LALA's senior class finally had their Prom. After being stressed with finals, Benchmarks, and graduation grades being due the same day, they really needed to relax.

Prom may only last one day, but the preparation for Prom began long before that. It all started in the beginning of second semester when the senior class realized they needed a Prom Committee. That was when Senior Vice President, Anel Torres, took the initiative to search for seniors who were interested in planning Prom.

As expected, over a dozen seniors attended the first meeting and bombarded Ms.Cuprill's office. Several ideas were pitched and the meeting was a wrap. As the days passed and meeting took place, prom committee grew smaller. With only a hand full of people left to organize prom, the responsibility grew and so did the work; however, prom was an unforgettable night.

The event took place at Castaway in the city of Burbank at six in the afternoon and went on until midnight. Students were either dropped off by their parents, drove on their own, or rode in a party bus. The venue had a beautiful view from the patio and was spacious and elegant in the inside.

The first seniors arrived at six promptly and were amazed at the elegance of the venue and the large space for our seniors. More people arrived, the Dj started playing



Photo Credit: Galarza Family

music, and the Photo booth was bombarded. Everyone was having fun talking with their friends when the food was announced ready. Dinner was served in a buffet style: meat lasagna, chicken, steak, bread, salad, pasta, and chips with salsa. Everyone went to serve themselves and kept on going for seconds because they had unlimited food for the night. Later on, red velvet cake, carrot cake, chocolate cake, and other equally delicious deserts were taken out for everyone to enjoy.

The dance floor was opened by the announced homecoming King and Queen, Albert Luna and Laura Torres. They danced a slow song together and then next came the song everyone was waiting for to join the dance floor, El Caballo Dorado. Everyone

who knew the steps rushed to get a spot and then stayed for the fast version. The DJ kept people on the dance floor the entire night and the waiters made sure everyone was well hydrated.

The large variety of music allowed everyone to enjoy themselves and dance the night away.

One of the members of Prom Committee, Mayra Leon, stated, "I feel good knowing that people had a good time and that everything turned out to be good." I believe all of the seniors that attended could agree that everything turned out well. The first major Senior event has now passed, now come several others, and seniors will culminate their experiences with LALA at graduation day.

Elections: Who Are the Leaders of Tomorrow?

BY LAURA TORRES
Guest Writer

As the school year comes to an end so does the current ASB government's term. As they prepare to step down an entirely new group is preparing to step up and take on the responsibilities of representing a student body.

Before they could take on the challenge they had to convince their peers that they were the right man/woman for the job. This year's election, unlike last year's, allowed both current juniors and sophomores to run for all ASB positions.

The following are those who ran: Moses Gonzalez for ASB

President, Alejandra Rosa for ASB Vice-President, Debie Guzman for ASB Secretary, Jasmine Herrera and Valerie Jimenez for ASB Treasurer, Bryan Pena and Mikayla Roberts for Senior President, Andrea Solis for Senior Vice-President, and Tania Sanchez for Junior Representative.

Since there were no opposing candidates for their positions, Moses, Alejandra, Debie, Andrea, and Tania all won by default. They still had to give their speech but they did not have to participate in the question portion.

On the other hand the two can-

didates for both ASB Treasurer and Senior President had to participate in the question portion. This part consisted of the current ASB President Maria Galarza asking the two candidates a question and then they each had the opportunity to answer without being interrupted.

This gave the students a chance to learn more about both candidates before they voted the next day.

The votes were counted and the new ASB Treasurer and Senior President for the 2016-2017 year are Jasmine Herrera and Bryan Pena.

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Teacher's Corner: Think, Thought, Think

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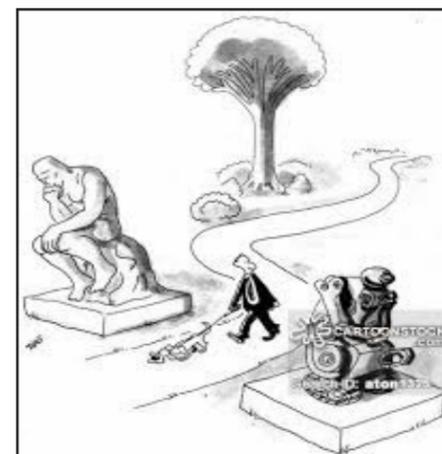
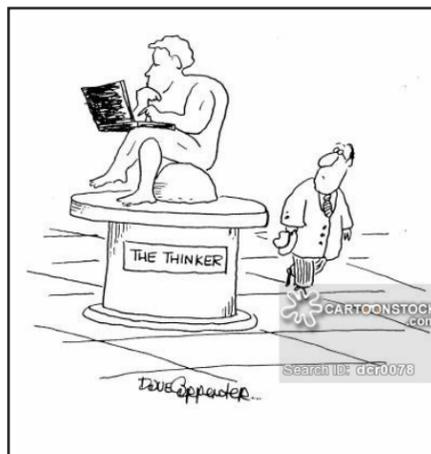
“I think, therefore I am.” ~ René Descartes

And so it became known from the father of modern Western philosophy that the “self” exists. Frequently, educators use the term “critical thinking” to describe what is necessary to teach in high school, and in all schools for that matter. What is further interesting to me is how each person defines critical thinking. I often hear different answers.

On a daily basis, we hear people say, “I am overthinking this,” or “what was I thinking?” Both are considered complete opposites on the spectrum of thinking. On one end is thinking too much which causes internal conflict and despair. On the other end of the spectrum is not thinking at all which causes poor decision-making. For me, I often wonder how I can strike a balance in my own thinking, and then how do I teach this to students.

Critical thinking can be defined as deep analysis, assessment, and reconstruction of the very problem or question that one is trying to figure out. Let’s look at all three to see if we can discern the three parts as a whole.

Analysis is when we examine and break information into “parts” by self-identifying the motives or causes of the problem. We make inferences and find evidence to support our hypotheses. Key words at the analysis level are classify, compare, contrast, discover, examine,



and theme. If we identify the motives and causes these specific ways, we lay a strong foundation for critical thought.

Assessment is when we check ourselves for accuracy, logic and fairness. We create a set of criteria so that we can judge our own validity of ideas. Key words at the assessment level are interpret, prioritize, measure, justify, deduct, disprove, prove, and conclude. If we can check ourselves with a set of criteria created by us, we lay a second layer to the foundation for critical thought.

Reconstruction comes from what we do after our self-assessment. We can begin to combine all of the elements that we found into a new pattern, or we can begin to propose alternative solutions to the problem/question. Key words at the reconstruction level are improve, predict, modify, invent, discuss, design, develop, and build.

All three levels combine to create the whole of critical thinking. All three

are driven by the “self” in order to analyze, assess, and reconstruct. To be better critical thinkers, we must include the self as a way to self-identify, self-assess, and self-construct the building of knowledge. This way, we push forward our own thinking, and the thinking of others. Descartes was right when he pushed the thought of the “self,” now how can we do this everyday without overthinking or not thinking at all? How do we do this in all of our classes without quitting or complaining that it is too difficult? I am not sure, I’ll have to think about it.

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Upcoming Events

06/02- Grad Nite at Disneyland

06/03- YPI Senior Dance

06/09- Graduation

06/09- Last Day of School

A Note from Sandra Sanchez:
For the past four years, I have had the opportunity to work on and for this paper. As I embark on this new chapter of my life, I would like to extend a warm thanks to those who have made the regular publication of this paper possible. Also, for your future Editor-In-Chief Jocelyn, I want to tell you how much I believe in you. You will face quite a few obstacles with this job, but you will learn so much. Do well and keep my child alive. :)

The Voice Ch-Ch-Ch Challenge

May/June’s Challenge

The first student to answer the question: How many puns are in the paper?
Will receive
A Special Prize

You Must: Be the first to show Mr. Steed where the puns are located.

The first student to answer the question
will receive the prize.



News & Features

The Farm and its Importance

BY: RENE GAETA
Staff Writer

Multiple projects are in process at Los Angeles Leadership Academy farm: some projects are currently in progress, some are planned for the future, and some have been completed. Head farmer, Britt Browne, provided an insight to the farm.

“The farm began in the second year of LALA’s operation for almost a full year by Julia Carr and her partner Daniel. LALA was awarded a Kaiser grant for 50k and so the team built the stairs and paid for basic labor. The farm then fell fallow for a number of years. It was worked a few years ago by Patty Kestin, fell fallow for another few years, worked by Faye beginning in 2015 and then I came into play in August 2015.

We are lucky to have 3.5 acres of our own underdeveloped hillside land on this campus. The mission of Leadership Farms is very much aligned with the mission of the Los Angeles Leadership Academy; to develop socially and environmentally conscious free thinkers and future leaders by engaging in active learning, self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Our goal for the site is to turn the hillside into a sustainable food source, a place for learning, health, reflection and dialogue. We are creating a safe place for our students to engage in the real world, make decisions, witness change and leave a legacy.

Our project will accomplish this mission through four main goals:

Urban Farming: Growing a sustainable source of food to revive our healthy school lunch program and give our community access to healthy food. Partnering



with LA chefs to grow as a true self-sustaining farm business entity.

Education: Integrating all aspects of farming and food production into the school curriculum. Teaching life skills, green economy careers and vocational training. Entrepreneurship Program: This includes an internship program for the students in the restaurants and on the farm.

Community Building: Reconnecting students with the land and their agricultural heritage.

Funding will support these goals and enable us to grow organic food for our school lunch program giving our students one additional serving of fruits and vegetables a day.

Fundamentally, the future of our farm program relies on the

fertility and health of our soil. I also believe that the future of our society relies on this same understanding and compassion for healthy soil. I agree with Satish Kumar who speaks of Soil, Soul & Society to be the new trinity for our age of sustainability in education. As a global society we need to embrace our natural diversity and share the knowledge that we ourselves are very much part of nature; that what we do to nature we in fact do to ourselves; and that the earth is soulful. To bring about change in the world we must be the change we wish to see,” (Browne, May 10, 2016.)

The Farm is open every Thursday after school. Everyone can take a project from Britt Browne or relax and finish homework. The Farm is a healthy and growing environment that wishes all students to come down and help.

Transgender



BY: ALICIA LOPEZ
Managing Editor

Google defines transgender as “denoting or relating to a person whose self-identity does not conform unambiguously to conventional notions of male or female gender.” In simple terms, someone who is transgender identifies as a different gender than what was written on their birth certificate. Those who transition from male to female are referred to as transgender females and those who transition from female to male are referred to as transgender males.

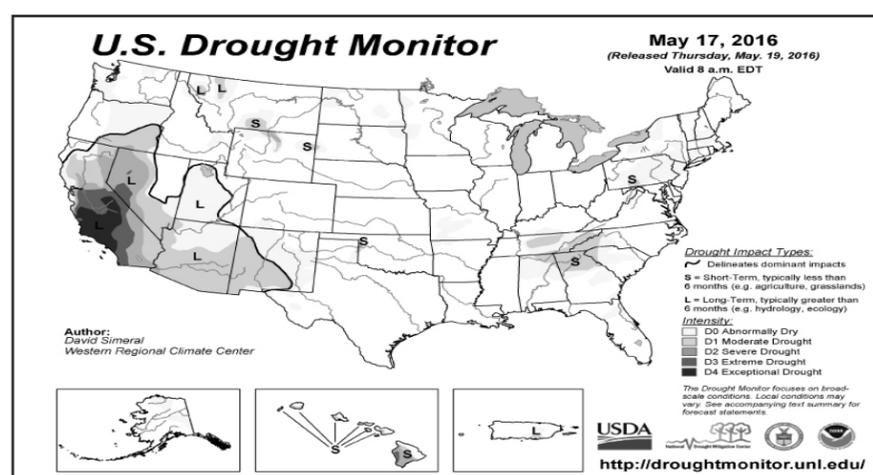
Some transgender people take hormones and blockers to achieve their physical goals. According to the University of California, San Francisco’s Center of Excellence for Transgender Health, “The use of cross-sex hormones (estrogens in male-bodied people and androgens in female-bodied people) to balance gender (induce or maintain the physical and psychological characteristics of the sex that matches the patient’s gender identity is increasing around the world.” Also, some transgender people undergo various surgeries in order to achieve the physical representation of the gender they identify with. Surgeries include: sex reassignment surgery, breast augmentation surgery, male chest reconstruction, adam’s apple removal, and sometimes even facial reconstruction.

In the U.S.A, disagreements have arisen concerning which public restroom transgender people should use. According to Reena Flores from CBS News, North Carolina practices a law “which stops local governments from passing anti-discrimination rules and requires transgender students to use bathrooms assigned to their biological sex at birth.” President Barack Obama publicly expressed his disagreement with North Carolina during a press conference in London by saying, “when it comes to respecting the equal rights of all people, regardless of sexual orientation, whether they’re transgender or gay or lesbian -- although I respect their different viewpoints -- I think it’s very important for us not to send signals that anybody is treated differently.”

Drought: What is it?

BY: LEO MERO
Staff Writer

California’s drought is an immense problem that the state has been struggling with for the last four years. It is important to understand that El Nino doesn’t completely disregard California’s drought. California is still suffering from a rather dry and hot season. The dry temperatures collectively impacts California all together. According to a publication by (RT Question More, Published time: 15 Sep, 2015 05:39), they said, “After four years of drought California is now at its driest for 500 years, scientists have found. The heat has left the Golden State with almost no snowpack in the mountains, which is critical for replenishing the state’s water reservoirs.” California finds itself in its driest state ever in the past 500 years. What does this mean? Many negative factors can lead from this situation. After receiving hot and burning climates California has begun to experience more wildfire burnings according to the same blog from (RT Question More, Published time: 15 Sep, 2015 05:39), “This fire season alone, typically from May to January, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire protections, California has seen about a 1,000 more wildfires compared to last year.” Besides from climate fires California has had implement various economic changes due to the threatening drought. It’s important to understand how heavily the drought has impacted the state in an economic



stand point. “The drought is costing California about \$2.7 billion this year, according to a new UC Davis study... In their latest estimate of the four-year drought’s economic effects, professors at the University’s Center for Watershed Sciences said the drought has reduced seasonal farm employment by 10,100 jobs this year. When indirect job losses are thrown in, including truck drivers, food processing workers and others partially dependent on farming, the impact on payrolls comes to 21,000.” (Document by Dale Kasler and Phillip Reese). Nonetheless we still do not know why these droughts come and go. Droughts are an epidemic transition between humid and dry seasons. A drought is caused after decreased precipitation af-

fecting stream flow, soil moisture, reservoir lake levels, and groundwater recharge. This event is scientifically considered a hydrological drought. Although at times rain can appear to solve California’s drought issue it is clear to say that the drought is still not over. Water reservoirs are being filled and rain has had an evident increase throughout the past few years, however California still owes many water to the land. According to CBS news in a report posted on 4:42 AM. PDT March 16, 2016, “California entered this water year... with a huge water debt to pay back. To ease the drought, the Northern Sierra would need to end the water year with 150 percent of average precipitation, or about 95.59 inches.” This means that California still has a long way to come in terms of recuperating great amounts of water.



News & Features

Twenty Dollar Bill Change

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Wednesday, April 20- Jacob J. Lew, The United States Treasury Secretary, announced that Harriet Tubman, a historical civil rights icon, is to replace President Andrew Jackson on the 20 Dollar Bill. Lew called the drift “the essential story of American Democracy.”

Harriet Tubman was an American bondswoman who escaped from slavery in the south to become a leading abolitionist before the American Civil War. She was born in Maryland in 1820, and successfully escaped in 1849. Yet she returned many times to rescue both family members and non-relatives from the plantation system. She led hundreds to freedom to the North as the famous “conductor” on the Underground Railroad, an elaborate secret network of safe houses organized for that purpose. Tubman was chosen by the Department of Treasury as the new face of the \$20 bill because according to the department she was the most ideal female icon that represented liberty in her time.

The \$20 bill is not the only design expected to change. Jacob Lew stated in an interview by CNN on May 16 that “When we started this conversation not quite a year ago, it wasn’t clear to me that millions of Americans were going to weigh in with their ideas,” he told CNBC, “We’re not just talking about one bill. We’re talking about the \$5, the \$10, and the \$20. We’re not just talking about one picture on one bill. We’re talking about using the front and the back of the bill to tell an exciting set of stories.”

So far, the \$20 is the only one to have an icon officially announced. According to the Government’s treasury website, the \$5 and



\$10 are also scheduled to change. The new \$10 is to celebrate the history of the woman’s suffrage movement, and ideas feature images of Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Alice Paul, alongside the Treasury building. The front, however, will remain the Portrait of Alexander Hamilton; but designs may be expected to change.

The new \$5 will honor historic events that occurred at the Lincoln Memorial in service of our democracy, and ideas feature Martin Luther King Jr., Marian Anderson, and Eleanor Roosevelt. The front of the new \$5 will retain the portrait of Abraham Lincoln.

According to the Government’s treasury website, the first step of changing the face of currency has been taken. The department has requested for people to send in design proposals or ideas on who should be on the face of the new currency bills. The department asked people to share their ideas through social media by using the hashtag “#TheNew10”.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing develops and produces U.S. currency notes (Paper Money) designs. The bureau has relied on a series of concepts which capture the core values of the United States during a specific time period. In 2003, the bureau of engraving and printing started to incorporate symbols that represent



american values on U.S. notes. The United States is a Nation that was built through liberty, and therefore focuses symbols that represent liberty on its currency.

Lady Liberty’s torch is presented on the \$10 bill. The Statue of Liberty is the most known symbol of the United States that represents freedom simply by the statue’s name.

Many ideas and design proposals are being made towards this century’s currency designs, but according to CNN Money in the same article, “The soonest that a new \$20 note will be issued is in 2030,” it took the department 15 years to develop the \$100 blue ribbon bill. The reason why it will take years to develop is because they want to take advantage of making these bills as authentic as possible. “This level of technology is why our counterfeiting remains at less than .01% of currency in circulation.”

Attendance

BY RENE GAETA
Staff Writer

Schools in California are funded by the state allocating tax revenue to the schools on a per student basis. This is referred to as ADA - Average Daily Attendance. In other words, students need to attend school in order for the school to receive money to pay for the education students deserve.

Field trips cost money. Because of the school buses that need to transport all the students costing a few hundred dollars for each bus each time we take a trip, going off campus for educational enrichment can be expensive. Certain places like museums have entrance fees, but university visits are typically free because we do not have to pay for a tour guide. When there is a field trip, keep in mind that the school also has to pay for substitutes for the teachers not instructing those students who do not attend the trip. Substitutes are paid by the school.

The school loses money for every student who does not attend school. The students miss out on important information for the days they miss. If the student continuously misses school, it can form a habit in the student to think that missing out in any other situation is alright. The student will have a negative mindset by him or her coming to believe that being present and on time is not important. The reality is that punctuality and simply being there at a job or any other obligatory function is not only important to keeping a job, but is also a sought after characteristic which defines a person as being reliable.

The attendance rate is important because there is a higher possibility that students are more likely to succeed in academics if they attend school constantly. It is difficult for the teacher and class to make progress if most of the students are not there. The loss of money is caused by the absence of students. Consistent absences will form a bad habit in the student. The students will also not be able to understand the material being taught in class because they are now delayed by all the make up work that



they will be assigned.

In ancient Judea (now the southern region of Israel), rabbis founded several schools around the region and recommended parents send their kids to schools starting at the age of six. The Aztec Triple Alliance is widely considered being the first nation to make education mandatory for every single child. About a two hundred years ago, most students were taught at home, by their parents. According to Education News, “Although formal schooling was not widely available, education was important to the early American colonists. Quickly realizing that simply teaching children to read and write at home and in church was insufficient, colonists began to establish public schools in the early 1600s with the founding of the Boston Latin School in 1635. By the time of the American Revolution, some other colonies, like Georgia, were at least partially funding public grammar schools.” (ADMIN April 16, 2013).

By not attending school, the school loses money for every individual who is not present when roll is called. The student is in danger of not obtaining vital information or being overwhelmed with extra work. The loss of money because of a student’s lack of attendance can reduce the number of field trips that a class can take. The scarcity of attendance can also result in teachers and other faculty losing their jobs. Events such as prom and grad night will not be without the requisite attendance numbers.

Earthquake

BY ANGEL SALAZAR
Staff Writer



Earthquakes are the vibrations caused by rocks breaking under stress. The underground area along which the rock breaks and moves is called a fault plane (<http://www.ga.gov.au/>).

The location of the start of the earthquake is called the hypocenter. On the surface directly above the hypocenter is called the epicenter. Earthquakes in California are common because of us being located along the San Andreas fault. Fortunately for California, most earthquakes are too small to feel, but there are always those that come along that are strong enough to have us falling.

The question is when will this earthquake hit California and when it does what should we expect? The earthquake that hit us in 2014 with a magnitude of 5.1 in the metropolitan Los Angeles area was the biggest to hit since 2008. Now the controversy of when a big one will come again has started. With a report written by a scientist at NASA’s jet propulsion laboratory which stated that we are in for an earthquake with a 99.9% chance of being a magnitude of 5.0 or larger, the speculation began as to when it will hit the greater Los Angeles area with the window of probability suggesting its occurrence by April 2018.

According to, LA Times, “Such an earthquake would be even larger than the 1906 earthquake of San Francisco, a magnitude-7.8 earthquake that became the nation’s deadliest, causing an estimated 3,000 deaths from the shaking and resulting fire.” Many are saying that the earthquake that the San

Andreas fault is sending our way will be a 8.0, which is much worse. This magnitude will affect where they go to school, where they work, and where they stop to get a cup of coffee. So everyone should be ready for the worst. With past earthquakes destroying buildings like the church at San Juan Capistrano or knocking down trees like at Fort Tejon in January 1857, (earthquake.usgs.gov).

These types of earthquakes can cause damage to large buildings especially those that are older and if the quake lasts for long enough, it will knock some of them down. Try to guess where such an old building can be found that is used throughout the day? If the guess was LALA, that is correct.

This is one of the main reasons that LALA has the students do earthquake drills. All schools on the west coast practice these drills because anything could happen at anytime.

We are lucky that no major earthquakes have hit the U.S.; unlike Nepal where the 7.8 earthquake on April 25th 2015 destroyed about 16,000 public and private schools killing almost 9,000 people, injuring 22,000, and damaging or destroying nearly 800,000 homes (www.theatlantic.com).

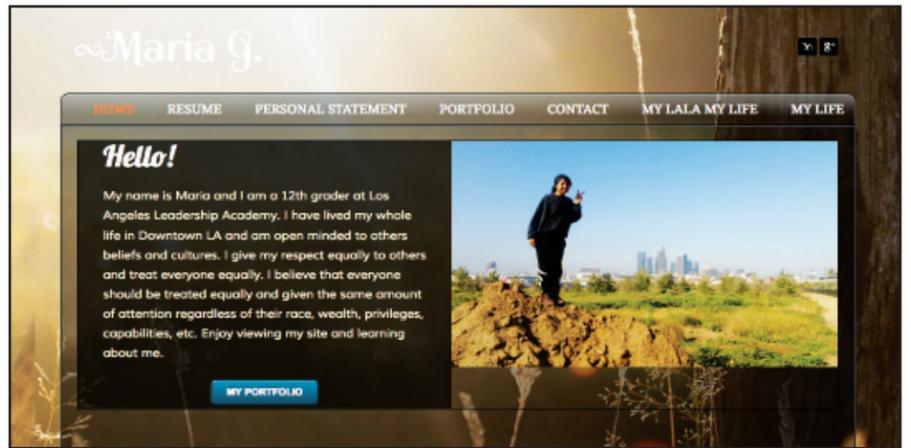
This was the worst earthquake to hit in 2015. Just remember to always drop, cover, and hold on.



Senior Edition

My LALA, My Life

BY JESSICA BARBA
Staff Writer



“My LALA, My Life” started with the class of 2014, the three senior advisors which were Al Schleicher, Phyllis Rosen, Mark Campbell decided that there should be a capstone because they believed that seniors should have a proper conclusion to their high school experience. This led to the senior project that serves as the capstone or culminating project of the students’ experience at LALA. It is also the final benchmark or research project for the senior class. The project required four slides explaining how the students were “scholars, activist, creator, and social.” That same year they came up with the name “My LALA, My Life.”

The class of 2015 did a not so good job on the project according to an undisclosed source and that led Ms. Cuprill to adding different requirements to “My LALA, My Life” so students would gain something greater from the experience.

This year’s project is comprised of different parts. The first part of the project is a Senior Thesis, which is a research based argumentative position paper that students complete during advisory and on their own time. The second part of the project is two reflection essays. Students are required to reflect on their experiences as students at Los Angeles Leadership Academy. Lastly, an Online Portfolio must be completed. Seniors have to record and post a 2-3 minute introduction of themselves and an introduction of their Senior Project.

Seniors have most of the month of May to complete their projects. Students are required to turn in drafts of their essays to their English teacher. The research paper is due on May 20, 2016 and the two reflection essays are due on May 16, 2016. Oral presentations will also be presented throughout the month of May, but to accommodate the entire class the

presentation dates will be scattered.

The teachers in charge of grading the project are the senior english teacher, Mr. Steed and all Senior Advisors, Mr. Carrion, Dr. Johnson, and Ms. Lindsay.

According to most seniors who have voiced their opinions on the topic, the project is too much and they feel that My LALA, My Life is not as personal as it should be. It is also hard for them to get the project done when they have other classes in which projects must be completed. According to a senior, “This year it’s more appropriate for seniors going to college because it’s more demanding; requires more researching skills, it also prepares them for college.”

If seniors do not complete My LALA, My Life they run the danger of not passing their English class and not being able to graduate. This project is a big part of their English grade and it also determines whether

they pass advisory or not. They lose the opportunity to do a research paper and be ready for the research papers that will be assigned college.

The topics are topics related to students at LALA. There are things that students believe can approve in the school and students can mention them in their project and that helps Ms. Cuprill improve things for next year.

“My LALA, My Life” is a project that gives seniors the opportunity to demonstrate organizational ability, to complete a data driven research project on a complex topic, to produce both written and oral communications, and to demonstrate leadership skills that have been gained through the four years spent at LALA. This project will be considered for LALA College Scholarships Awards.

Senioritis

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Managing Editor



SENIORITIS

Meg Elison of The Daily Californian reported, “Senioritis can strike anyone at any time, once the victim realizes the end is within view.” Senioritis is the decline of motivation and participation by students concerning academic activities like completing assignments and participating in class. Senioritis can affect high school and college students in their final year of school.

According to Kendall Pope from Huffpost College, there are three main causes of senioritis in college: the realization of the inevitable transition into adulthood, the pressure to find a job after college, and the unknown. These reasons cause students to “Symptoms include having a difficult time waking up in the morning, difficulty finishing homework and the

constant ache of not wanting to be at school” (Emma Zielinski).

Senioritis can be dangerous in the sense that it can jeopardize college admission for high schools students. For example, a student who is already accepted into a college can be rejected due to the decrease in their G.P.A.

According to college life expert, Kelci Lynn Lucier, there are ten cures for senioritis in college. These include mentoring a first-year student, challenging oneself to try something new every week, taking a class just for fun, taking a pass or fail class, and taking a mini-vacation with friends or a romantic partner.

Many arguments have been made questioning whether or not senioritis is an actual disease or just an excuse made by students.

Grad Nite Will Take Place at a Grand Place at Night

BY: ESTEFHANY HERNANDEZ
Guest Writer

Gradnite, one senior privilege of the few, which is to have a day away at an amusement park. So, where will LALA seniors be going? This year the class of 2016 had a minor issue involving whether they got to go to Universal Studios or Disneyland.

The initial choice made was Disneyland, but due to the popularity of that amusement park our school’s request was in later than expected, since many other schools had requested a spot earlier in the year. Therefore, the senior class was told that they would be attending Gradnite at Universal Studios instead.

Many were very upset, some were neutral to the news because although it was not Disneyland, it was still a good choice. Not only was that choice reasonable for some people because of how much cheaper it was, but still Disneyland seemed to be the preference for many despite the price.

A week or so after that news Gloria Velasquez, our school’s office manager, made the seniors gather up for a meeting. The new announcement was that the seniors would after all be attending Gradnite at Disneyland. We were all so ecstatic, cheering at the news.

The excitement in the room was

truly illuminating for our senior pride. Then came the other news, which was the change in price. Money, money, money. Some did not care about the price because they were just happy for having the change of amusement parks made. But for some seniors the change caused a debate whether they should attend or not.

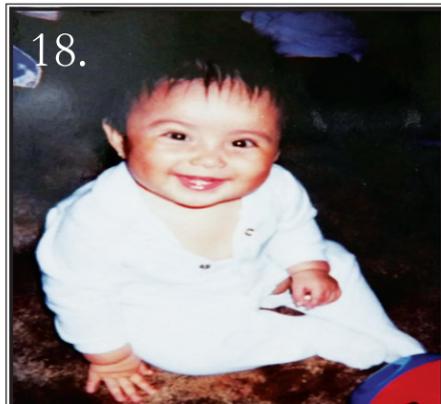
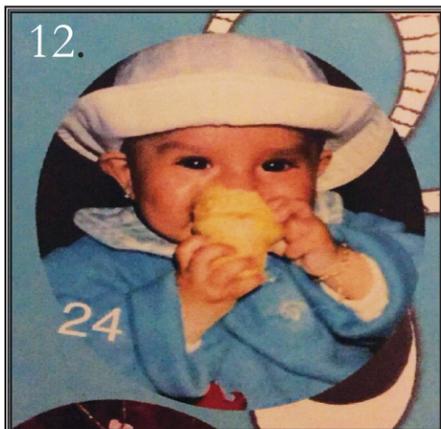
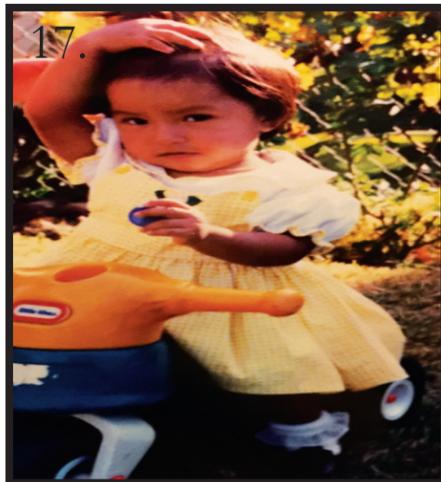
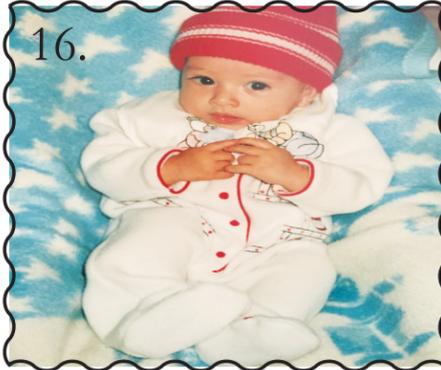
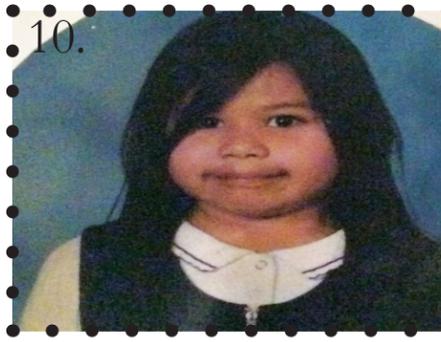
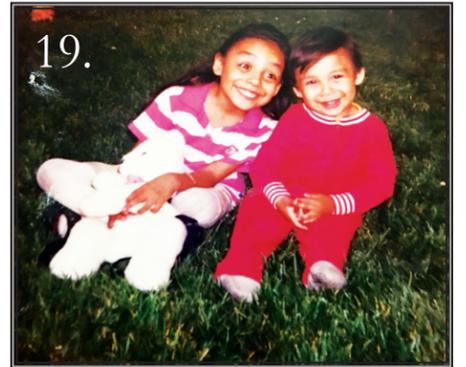
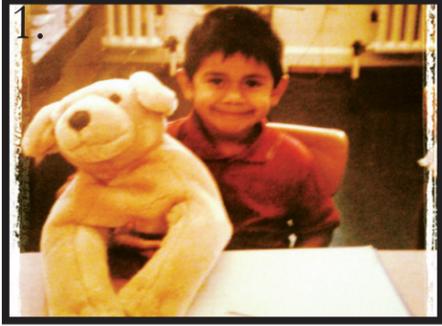
The time frame the money was to be paid worked with many of us and for the remaining seniors which will not attended it is only one event that they would be missing out on.

The ties between every senior has gradually evolved into a positive relationship as a whole. This change was not necessarily looked at as a simple change to us, at least not for the majority of the class. This change sparked an excitement for the senior class, it allowed us to realize the rapid approach of the end of the year.

The proud seniors have been enlightened at the fact of how quick Gradnite and many senior events are approaching. The exhilaration of graduating is causing anxiety and ecstasy, but it is all for the positive advance in our journeys.



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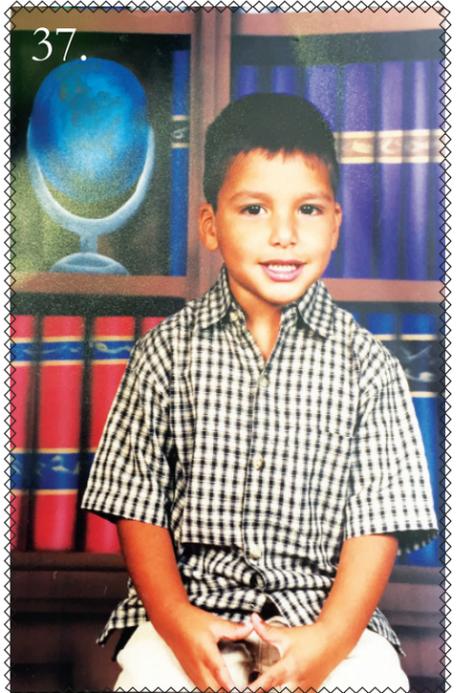
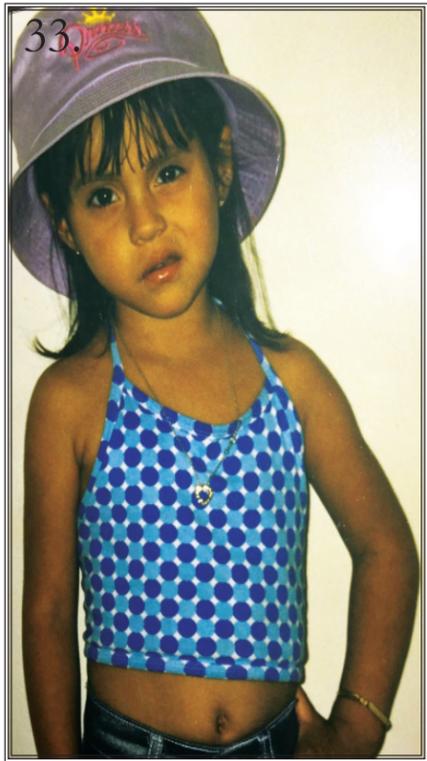
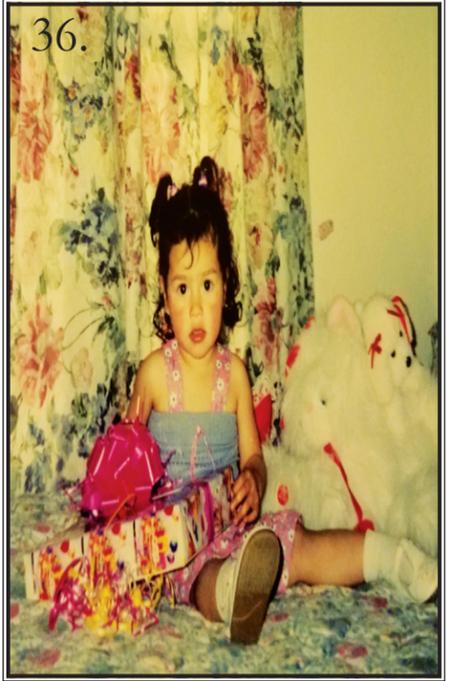
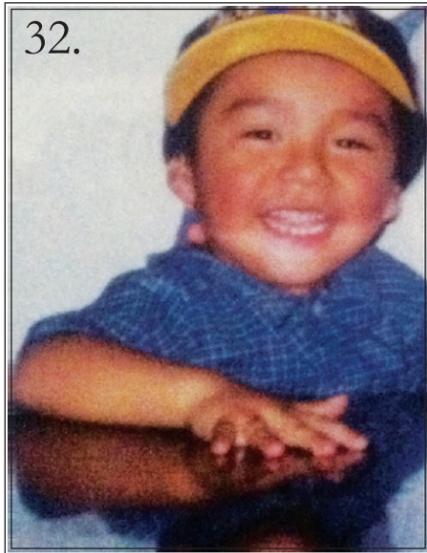
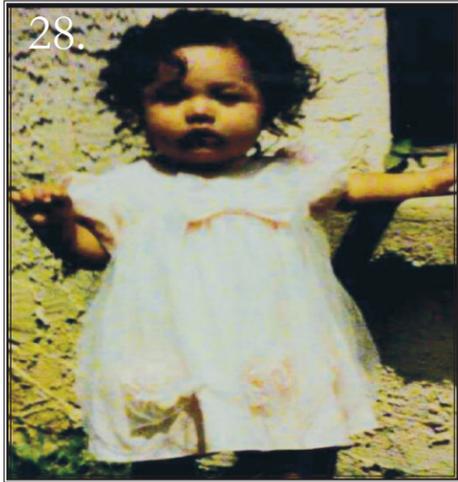
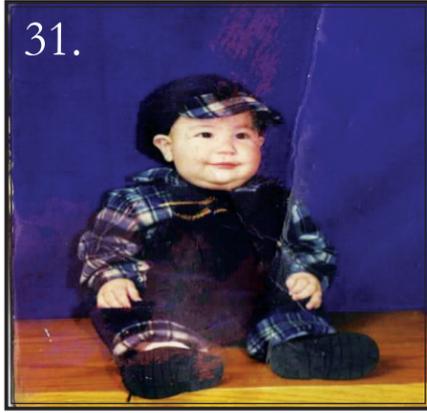


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Senior Edition

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Senior Edition

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UC San Diego



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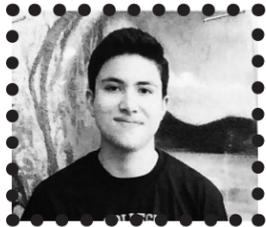
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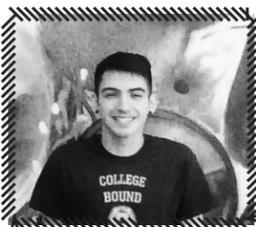
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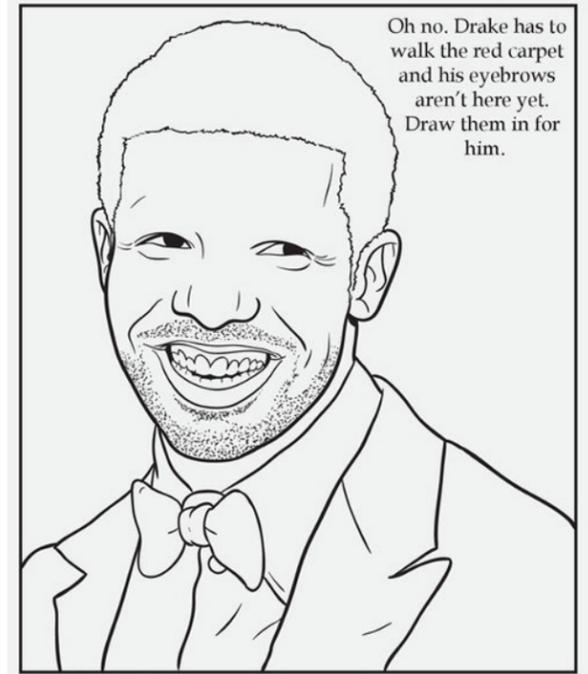
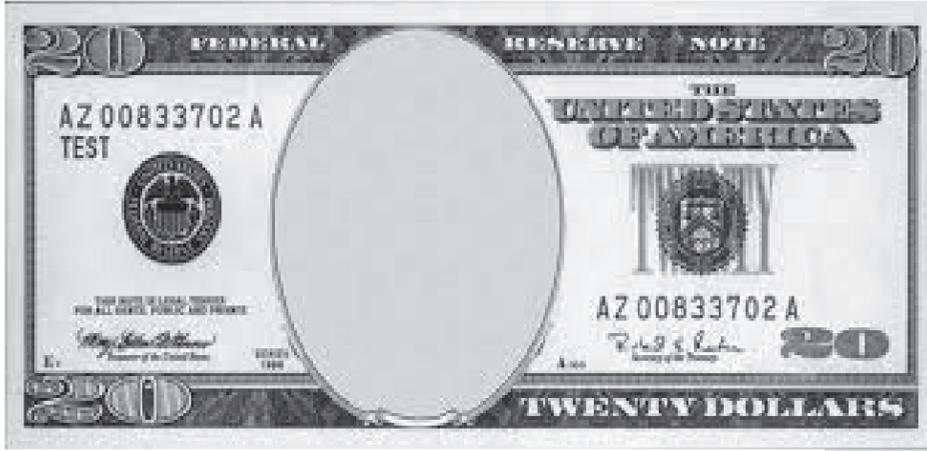
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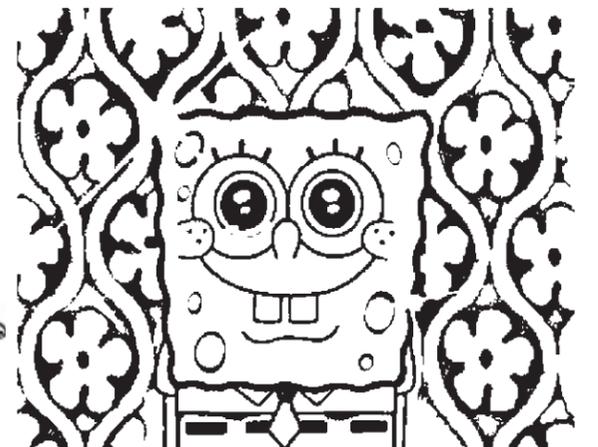
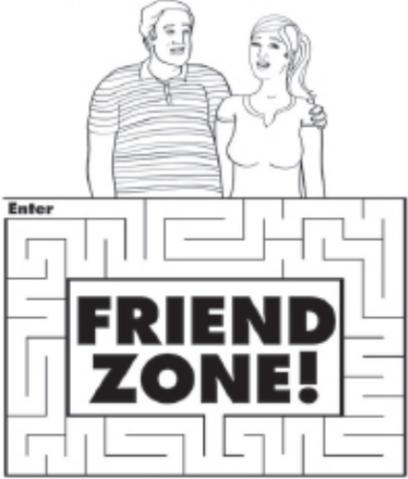
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Cinco de Mayo

BY: **RENE GAETA**
Staff Writer



Cinco de Mayo, The Fifth of May, is an annual event that is celebrated in the Mexican state of Puebla, various other parts of Mexico, and many cities across the United States of America; obviously, it is celebrated where there is a significant Mexican population, but it is also celebrated by many people who are not of Mexican descent.

The most common misconception is that “Cinco de Mayo” is the day Mexico celebrates its independence; this is wrong. “Cinco de Mayo” celebrates the “Battle of Puebla,” which took place on May 5, 1862. Mexico celebrates its “true” independence on September 16, which is why most people in or from Mexico do not celebrate “Cinco de Mayo.”

In 1821, Mexico gained its independence from Spain after a difficult struggle. Even though Mexico had its independence, the national economy was in ruins due to internal political takeovers and wars, such as the Mexican-American War 1846-1848 and the Mexican Civil War of 1858. During this time and because of these wars, Mexico had accumulated heavy debts to several nations, including Spain, England, and France. When Mexico stopped making loan payments, France used the opportunity to expand its empire into Mexico.

In 1861, Napoleon III, king of France, sent 6,500 soldiers to Mexico City with the goal of making his relative, Archduke Maximilian of Austria, ruler of Mexico, but they did not expect strong resistance near Puebla at the Mexican

forts of Loreto and Guadalupe. The resistance was led by General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguin who took charge of a smaller, poorly armed militia estimated at 4,500 men.

“Cinco de Mayo” is celebrated because the Mexican army won the battle despite being smaller and being ill-equipped.

In certain areas of the United States and Mexico, “Cinco de Mayo” is celebrated with festivals and fiestas. Parades usually start about 11 a.m. The parades consist of marchers dressed as French and Mexican generals with soldiers following them. The original army of General Ignacio is dressed with machetes and old-fashioned rifles. Paraders wearing skirts and flowery hats represent the women who traveled with the army to cook and care for the men. Those portraying French soldiers carry knapsacks with wine bottles sticking out of them.

At mid-afternoon the “Battle of Puebla” begins in the plaza. Rifles and cannons shoot in the air. At nightfall, the Mexican and French generals meet face-to-face for a sword battle. The Mexican general wins. The fiesta also includes speeches by government officials. Since fiestas are a part of “Cinco de Mayo”, there are lots of games and lively dances, mariachi music, traditional food, and colorful Cinco de Mayo decorations. At night there are piñatas for the children and the celebration ends with beautiful displays of fireworks. People wear clothes of red and green, the colors of the Mexican flag.

Van’s Competition

BY: **ANGEL SALAZAR**
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Recently LA Leadership Academy High School held a competition relating to Vans Shoe Company. This competition invites students from grades 9-12 to draw on and paint blank white shoes in whatever manner they desire. This year we had a couple of LALA students enter.

This competition started January 4, 2016 and ended May 11, 2016. Maria Galarza, Brandon Garcia, Andrea Solis, and Nyah Garcia were the participants for this year’s competition. Each created his or her own unique design.

The winner of the competition obtained \$25,000 for the school’s Art program. Those that were chosen for the final received a trip to New York, (sites.vans.com).

The initial round of judging - wherein the top 10 high school submissions in each region were determined - took place between April 11 and April 15, 2016. 50 high schools in total advanced to the next level. The second round of judging consisted of 50% public voting and 50% of the submissions scored in the initial round - the first round of judging. This round was sent to Vans designated third party agency and took place from April 27, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. PT to May 11, 2016 at 5:00:00 p.m. PT.



The finalist round will take place in Los Angeles/Orange County, California in mid June 2016. The submissions of the five finalist high schools will be displayed at a location in Los Angeles/Orange county of Vans choosing.

In addition to the \$25000 for the school’s Art program, Laguna College of Art and Design may independently offer a scholarship to students at finalist high schools.

Recently the top 5 high schools were chosen. The finalists are Eastern High School, John P Stevens High School, Monalua High School, Orange High School, and Sandy High School.

Our school is sadly not one of the finalist schools, but there will always be next year.

Mother’s Day

BY: **JOCELYN PEREZ**
Staff Writer



The history of Mother’s Day dates back to the ancient traditional spring festival, which the Greeks devoted to Rhea the wife of Cronus and the mother of many gods of Greek mythology. The Ancient Romans celebrated a spring festival, called Hilaria to glorify Cybele, a mother goddess. The special occasion in honor of Cybele began about 250 years before the birth of Jesus Christ. The celebration became the Ides of March and was celebrated with the giving of gifts in the temple of Cybele in which lasted three days. The celebrations were so scandalous that followers of Cybele were prohibited from Rome. Early Christians celebrated Mother’s Day on Sunday June, 4th in honor of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ.

In England, Mother’s Day was a celebration for all mothers and was later called, Mothering Sunday. Mothering Sunday was a day when servants were given a day off to attend their mother’s church. People would go to church to honor the Virgin Mary.

Children celebrated by giving gifts and flowers to their mothers. Mothering Sunday ended by the end of the 19th century. The idea of Mother’s Day resurged after World War II when American servicemen brought the idea to the United States.

In 1872, Mother’s Day was established in the United States by Julia Ward Howe, an activist, writer, and poet. Julia urged women to stand with her against war. Howe encapsulated her message in her Mother’s Day Proclamation, written in Boston in 1870. She commenced Mother’s Day ceremonies on the second Sunday in June. Julia held the ceremony for many years and did not stop

in her efforts to establish the official celebration of Mother’s Day.

Her idea spread and eventually became the Mother’s Day we now celebrate each May according to “Mother’s Day History,” (History & Origins of Mother’s Day).

Mother’s Day is an annual holiday honoring motherhood that is celebrated by giving mothers and other mother figures gifts, flowers, and cards. Mother’s Day is now one of the largest holidays for consumer spending. American families celebrate the common holiday by giving mothers a day off from hard working. At times Mother’s Day has been a day of an opportunity for inaugurating political or feminist issues.

In 1968, Coretta Scott King, wife of Martin Luther King Jr., took Mother’s Day to organize a march in protest for disadvantaged women. During the 1970’s, women’s association also used Mother’s Day as the day to emphasize demand for equal rights and access to childcare, (History.com).

According to the National Retail Federation, Americans will spend an average of \$162.94 per person on Mother’s Day this year, down from a survey high of \$168.94 last year. Total spending is expected to reach \$19.9 billion. Hallmark Cards reports that Mother’s Day is the number three holiday for card exchange in the United States, behind Christmas and Valentine’s Day. It has been reported that approximately 133 million Mother’s Day cards are exchanged annually, according to Hallmark. After Christmas, Mother’s Day is the second most popular holiday for giving gifts, (National Geographic Society, 2016).

Memorial Day

BY: **SETH VERA**
Staff Writer

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance set aside to honor those who died in active military service; meaning during while they were serving in the armed services of the United States, including: the Air Force, the Navy, the Army, the Marines, the Coast Guard, the National Guard, or in any of the reserve corps of the armed services.

To understand where this holiday came from requires an understanding of the public situation at the end of the Civil War. A few years after the southern generals of the Confederate States of America surrendered to the Union generals of the United States of America, many people set aside specific days to remember those who had fallen fighting for their country.

Later a specific holiday was born. Dozens of places claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, but it was declared officially by congress and signed into law as an official American holiday in 1966 in Waterloo, New York, by President Lyndon Johnson, (usmemorialday.org, 2016).

All states that sided with the Union celebrated Memorial Day on May 30, but the states that sided with the Confederates refused to celebrate on that date rather they chose to hold a remembrance on alternate



days, especially the fourth Monday in April, (usmemorialday.org, 2016).

After World War I, the holiday was changed to honoring all who died in military service.

Memorial day is usually celebrated by visiting cemeteries, memorials, hosting parades and family gatherings, etc. It unofficially marks the beginning of summer. Memorial Day is now one of the most memorable holidays.

More than thirty six million people will travel at least fifty miles from home this Memorial Day according to the American Automobile Association or AAA, (time.com 2016). Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day, where family and friends visited fallen soldiers’ tombstones to decorate them with flowers, (thefw.com 2016).



News & Features

Prince (1958-2016)

BY: **JOCELYN PEREZ**
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Prince Rogers Nelson, a.k.a Prince, was an American singer, songwriter, record producer, musician, and proficient on multiple instruments. Prince was born on June 7, 1958 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His father, John Nelson, was a musician; known as "Prince Rogers." His mother, Mattie Shaw, was a jazz singer who performed in Prince Rogers band. Unfortunately, Prince's parents divorced in 1965 when he was just 10 years old. His parents' divorce separated him from his sister, Tyka Nelson.

From an early age, Prince was interested in music and learned to play the piano, guitar, and drums himself. Prince ran away from issues with his stepfather, Hayward Baker, and moved into and was adopted by his neighbors, the Anderson's.

Prince became friends with Andre Anderson and soon formed his very first band in high school named Grand Central, later on known as Champagne alongside with his cousin, Charles Smith, Morris Day, and Morris' sister, Lorna L. Nelson.

Prince's professional career began when he was signed to Warner Bros, in 1978 according to the article entitled "Prince" on Bio.com. Ed. Prince was known as a 'pioneer of sound' mixing rock, funk, jazz, disco, and punk into his own distinctive sound. At age 19, Prince released his first album For You, which was self produced. In 1979, Prince released his platinum self titled album Prince. His hit song from the album "I Wanna Be Your Lover" reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 Chart.

In 1980, Prince followed up with his albums Dirty Mind and Controversy, which became a controversy for involving sexual and religious themes. Prince's fan base grew massively throughout his career due to his unique music and music videos. Prince was embraced by so many people for being different than many other artists at that era. There were no rules when it came to Prince's music.

In 1984, Prince with his band the Revolution launched the classic album Purple Rain with a soundtrack and movie of the same name. Purple Rain earned almost \$70 million at the U.S. box office and \$80 million worldwide. In addition, Purple Rain received an Academy Award for Best Original Song Score. Prince's Purple Rain soundtrack hit No. 2 on Billboard Hot 100 chart; in addition, to his hit songs "When Doves Cry" and "Let's Go Crazy," which both reached



number one. "When Doves Cry" had a unique signature musical flair demonstrating a visionary mix of electronic and funk styles without a traditional chorus.

Tipper Gore, wife of future Vice President Al Gore, once bought Prince's album Purple Rain for her daughter and was outraged from the explicit lyrics of his song Darling Nikki. This caused her to form the Parents Music Resource Center organization responsible for pushing recording industry on labeling albums that might be considered inappropriate for children with "Parental Advisory" labels which still continues to be in use to this day.

Prince became a popular visual icon with his signature curls, flowing jackets, and ruffled clothes with punk written all over. By the end of the 80's, Prince released his eleventh album including the soundtrack for the movie Batman. By the 1990's, Prince developed his own film production company, Paisley Park Films, and later formed a new band named the New Power Generation. In 1993, Prince allegedly wrote "slave" on his face in protest of not owning his work and left his Warner Bros. In that same year, Prince changed his name to "Love Symbol" combining both female and male astrological symbols until the year 2000, where he generally called himself, "The Artist Formerly Known as Prince." In 1996, after disagreements with Warner Bros., Prince released his triple platinum album entitled Emancipation, followed by Crystal Ball (1998) and Rave Un2 the Joy Fantastic (1999) according to Adam Frisk in his article for Breaking News/Web Culture entitled "Timeline: Looking Back at Prince's Career as a Musical Icon," (Global News, 21 Apr. 2016).

According to a 2015 BBC documentary, it was discovered that there is enough unreleased Prince music for almost 100 albums, compris-



ing feature lengths films and secret music videos. According to Prince's collaborator, Brent Fischer, about 70% of the music Prince produced was never released. Legend has it that Prince recorded so much music, he is able to release an album a year for the rest of the century. Although, Prince's producers and friends have told that some of Prince's best music is put in the vault, an actual walk-in safe complete with a combination lock built into its door, located in a basement of Prince's Paisley Park estate.

In 2004, Prince took the stage at the Grammy Awards with Beyoncé Knowles, during the same year he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He released his album Musicology, including a tour which became one of the top concert in the United States. Musicology received him two Grammys. In 2007, Prince performed the halftime show for the Super Bowl XLI on an enormous stage form as his signature symbol among pouring rain.

In 2010, Prince was given the Lifetime Achievement Award from BET and was denominated as one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" according to TIME magazine. In September 2015, Prince released his last album HITnRUN Phase One. On Thursday, April 14, 2016, Prince performed his very last performance at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta. Prince's performance was described as epic in which he 'gave his all,' ending the night with an emotional performance of his 1984 hit song "Purple Rain." According to US Weekly, a fan told, "He sounded amazing and he looked great, but I know he had to reschedule due to the flu and then he had some complications after the concert."

On April 21, 2016, it was reported that the iconic singer, Prince, was found dead at age 57 at Paisley Park, Chanhassen, Minnesota. Ac-

cording to TMZ, it was reported that Prince's plane made an emergency landing on April 15, 2016 in Illinois on its way back to Minnesota to receive medical help. TMZ sources reported, doctors advised Prince to stay in the hospital for approximately 24 hours. His people urged for a private room, but when they were told that wasn't possible, Prince and co. decided to leave. The singer was released 3 hours after arriving and flew home. Prince's representative later announced that the singer was suffering from flu like symptoms. Although, Prince appeared at a concert the next day to inform the public that he was alright. During the show, Prince predictably told the audience, "Wait a few days before you waste any prayers" ("TMZ." 21 Apr. 2016).

After Prince's death was announced many famous artists and celebrities tweeted devastated: @BarbraStreisand So sad to hear of his passing. #Prince

@PaulMcCartney Saddened by Prince's death. Proud to have seen in the New Year with him. He seemed fine and played brilliantly funky music. 3:03 PM - 21 Apr 2016

@Oprah Prince the doves really are crying now. Listening to your music. Remembering you. #RIPPrince 11:49 AM - 21 Apr 2016

@Madonna He Changed The World!! A True Visionary. What a loss. I'm Devastated. This is Not A Love Song. 12:47 PM - 21 Apr 2016

@Celine Dion Terribly saddened by the devastating news... He truly is a legend and a hero of mine. RIP #prince 12:43 PM - 21 Apr 2016

@ChakaKhan I LOVED him, the world LOVED him. Now he's at peace with his Father. Rest in power, @prince, my brother. 10:48 AM - 21 Apr 2016

@TheWeeknd i can't believe what's happening right now i just woke up but it feels like I'm dreaming. we live in a world where Prince passes away???

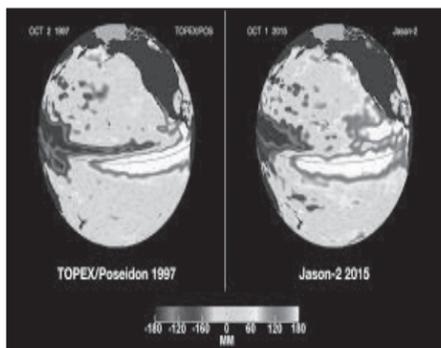
El Niño

BY: **LEONARDO MERO**
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During the last five months, California was supposed to have experienced a rather enormous series of weather changes known as "El Niño." However, many lived through this event with out knowing what exactly it was. El Niño is a temporary change in the climate because of a build up of heat in the central part of the Pacific Ocean around the equator.

Typically, the ocean surface warms up by a few degrees Celsius. At the same time, the place where hefty thunderstorms gestate on the equator moves eastward. Although they might seem like light storms, the phenomenon can have a large impact on the world's climate, because it brings wetter conditions across the southern tier of the United States and parts of South America, and drought in the western Pacific. The northern region of California received considerable amounts of rain during the last few months. Many of those storms were not considered to be from "El Niño" according to the Los Angeles Times.

In a mid-January post by Ron Gon Lin, the LA Times said, "Most of that precipitation — including this week's storms hitting San Francisco — is coming from the typical winter weather pattern in California: cold storms from the northern Pacific Ocean, coming northwest of the state," (January 19, 2016, 2:00 AM). Although there is an explanation for the constant humid weather up north, people still do not know why Southern California has not experienced what El Niño truly promised.



Southern California is still well below average rainfall, with downtown L.A. reporting 52% of normal rainfall since October 1. So why hasn't rain manifested itself in Southern California? Turns out that El Niño is so big, it shifted the jet stream further north, allowing storms to batter Northern California and the Pacific Northwest. According to CBS News in an article posted on (February 16, 2016, 6:53 PM).

This could be considered a major problem to California, because different parts of the state will be in need of water while some will be overflowed with rich green lands. Fortunately, there is a possibility that Southern California will have rain again. According to Los Angeles Leadership Academy's Environmental Science teacher Mr. Silverstein he says, "El Niño was not the El Niño we all hoped it would be. However, in some ways I'm ok with this. Even if we had a HUGE El Niño, we would still be in a drought. Since we didn't, I'm hopeful that anyone reading this will understand the crisis we are in and have been in for a few years."

New Games

BY: **STEVEN ESQUIVEL**
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Gaming is a passion for many people at the Los Angeles Leadership Academy consider themselves gamers whether they are playing a game on their phones or are the owners of a four to five hundred dollar system.

This year will be a big year for the gaming community because big names in the gaming world will be releasing much anticipated games this year and those release dates will soon be made public.

According to Gamestop's website, a few games already have an official release day. Some of the world's top games that will be coming out this year are the following:

- Top upcoming game release dates
- 10/21/16 Battle field one(PS4 and Xbox One USD 59.99)
- 10/11/16 Gears of war 4 (Xbox One 59.99)
- 12/31/16 NBA 2k17 legend edition (Xbox one and PS4 USD 79.99)
- 12/31/16 Hitman's full experience (Xbox One and PS4 USD 59.99)
- 09/30/16 Final Fantasy XV (Xbox One and PS4 USD 59.99)
- 05/13/16 Doom (Xbox One 59.99)
- Homefront (Xbox One and PS4 USD 59.99)



10/07/16 Mafia 3 (Xbox One and PS4 USD 59.99)

12/31/16 Dead Island 2(Xbox One and PS4 USD 59.99)

05/10/16 Uncharted 4(PS4 USD 59.99)

According to Best Buy, there was a leak on PS4 where they accidentally announced the release of "Call of Duty: Infinite War," although we are not certain when the game will be released, we are certain this version of "Call of Duty" will be called "Infinite War."

Remember to play responsibly. "Never allow the world of fantasy to supersede the practical and important requirements of life."

-Nicholas Steed English 12 Teacher-



Literature Review

CLANNAD



BY KARLA ESQUIVEL
Staff Writer

The story of Clannad, written by Key and illustrated by Jun Misaki, is a wonderfully written and drawn series that can be described as a great work of art in realistic mangas.

With a series of 28 chapters and also a video game, it has been receiving such great praise from fans all over the world. The game was first published in 2004 on Windows and was developed by Key. Four years later, the video game was made into a manga series by the same developer and ran from June 21, 2007-August 21, 2008. The manga and the game have similar stories, but the game has varied endings.

The manga was then developed as an anime series with two seasons. The first season is Clannad and the second one is Clannad: After Story. The anime series was developed by Kyoto Animation. This animation company is known for making other successful anime series like Kanon, The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya, Lucky Star, and many more. With its well drawn characters and its well developed story, Clannad is a series for anyone who wants a good read or to watch a bit of realistic fiction.

The story centers on Tomoya Okazaki and Nagisa Furukawa, two individuals that live through many high school problems, relationship problems, and family problems. As the story progresses, they both begin to date and soon after high school, they decide to live on their own and to create a family.

Along with their story, there is another story where a girl is the only resident of another earth. There is no other life until she creates a companion out of metal bits. She teaches it how to walk and tells it that she wishes to see other kinds of life other than herself and the companion.

The story of Clannad knows how to put into their plot the emotion that each and every character feels so well that the reader sometimes feels that same emotion. In both the manga and the anime the emotional part of the story can be felt, but it is stronger in the anime series. With its amazing soundtrack, voice acting, and style of art, Clannad has undeniably made me feel its emotional impact.

The concept of family always being there and that people should appreciate and enjoy life because it could be gone in an instant are ideas carried throughout the series powerfully.

Movie Review:
Captain America: Civil War



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America divides in two as Cap and Genius, Playboy, Billionaire, Philanthropist, Iron Man, wage war for the independence of the Avengers on the big screen. Earning in excess of \$700 million dollars worldwide in just five days making, this is a film of much promise. "The critics love it, the fans love it, and the box office takings look very healthy indeed," (Moviepilot).

The original events of Marvel's Civil War took place in a four issue comic arc called, Civil War, that were published and released in July, 2006 to January, 2007. Within the comics, the citizens of America had had enough of all the destruction and chaos that occurred during the battles between the heroes and the villains; and as a result, the public wanted the heroes to be supervised and work under elected officials. This caused the U.S. Government to propose the Superhuman Registration Act, intending to register all super-powered beings as living weapons of mass destruction and requiring all costumed heroes to unmask themselves before the government and subject themselves to federally mandated standards.

This causes a rift between the heroes, separating them and forcing them to take sides against one another. Eventually, this resulted in Iron Man joining the U.S. government in capturing those who defied the Act and Steve Rogers taking up the role of Captain America to protect the freedom of superheroes who rejected the Act. Assisting Tony Stark was Spider Man. Spiderman played an important role in the comics because he unmasked himself as proof that he supported the Superhuman Registration Act as it was a law under the Act that all heroes must release their identity to the American public. Because the events lead to a savage and brutal civil war between heroes, Cap realised the destruction that they caused that they had been wanting to prevent needed to stop. In the end, Captain America surrendered ending the battle, and on his way to face trial a couple days later, his was shot and died.

Directed by Anthony and Joe Russo who worked together to make the previous films were the directorial team to bring Captain America: Civil War, thirteenth film of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, to the big screen. This movie continues the events of Captain America: The Winter Soldier and The Avengers: Age of Ultron. The film follows the concepts from the comic, but for different reasons. The Superhuman Registration Act was just an law that was passed in the United States, but in the film the United Nations gets involved and forces the heroes to adhere to the Sokovian Accords. The film was a huge success and action packed with intense fighting scenes that leave the viewer wanting more. All the events add up without any plot holes. In addition, the film gives an inside look at Tony's past, and how, with the Sokovian Accords, the Avengers fall apart.

It is true that the movie was popular with the public and mostly with comic book fans, but there are just some small details that I did not like. For example, I am not a fan of Spider Man, but I am more upset about the fact that Spider Man did not play the same role as in the comics or that he did not have an even more significant role for that matter. Yes, the circumstances were different, but then wouldn't that have called for another hero to take his place?

I also think that the scene in the tunnel was over exaggerated a bit.

On the other hand, we were finally able to witness the Scarlet Witch's true power as she overpowered Vision.

Overall, the film was impressive in how the directors incorporate so many characters into the film, and just how amazing the action was. Captain America: Civil War deserves a rating of five out of five for displaying how difficult it can be when a situation arises within a family that works to tear that family apart.

Literature Review

May Day



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May Day is a set of legal protests in cities all over California on the May 1st. In Los Angeles, May Day was first demonstrated in the year 2006 in downtown Los Angeles and has been held annually ever since. Originally, May Day was held to support immigrant work rights, but this year's focus was on expected anti-immigration laws that will occur if running candidate Donald J. Trump is elected, theming the march "Build Bridges not walls".

Students in LALA were encouraged by Mrs. Cu-pril and Ms. Lindsay to assist the event by informing the students that May Day was an opportunity to have participating students and teachers to demonstrate legally. Though May day is an opportunity to legally demonstrate, many did not take advantage. Elmer DeLeon, 37, a Mexican legal US citizen from Huntington Park, said he was so sad to see the small crowd. "It's disappointing", he said, "Where's everyone?". DeLeon said that in all the years that he has demonstrated and participated in May Day, this year was the smallest group of demonstrators so far.

Students that wanted to assist the march were told to meet at the school early Sunday morning. At the school, students drew posters and waited for peers. According to Joseph Crystalball, LALA senior, students that wanted to go did not have to worry about transportation because the school provided a bus; the bus left from the school at 9:30 AM and arrived at Broadway and Olympic at 10:30.

LALA was not the only school to participate in the march, students from Lincoln High school and Santee Education Complex also joined the march; College students also participated. UCLA student, Grace Nsavu, 22, is an immigrant from the Congo who came to the United States in 2001, after the attacks on 9/11. When asked why she decided to march, Grace said, "Trump has empowered people and has given them a voice through rhetoric his rhetoric-- and that voice sounds like racism, bigotry, and hate." Grace, being from the Congo, has said stories like hers often get lost in immigration debates. Gloria Carrasco said she marched because she does not believe she is anything anti-immigration supporters say about illegal immigrants, "I'm not a drug addict, I'm none of what he says" referring to Trump's speech when he announced he planned to run for president of the United States when Trump said, "they (Mexico) are sending people who have lots of problems. Carrasco said she only came to the United States to work and to build opportunities for her and her family, "we want to send a message, no more racism. No more hate." She said she recognizes the need for immigration laws but that Trump is using discrimination and hate like Peter Wilson to win an election.

Although the LA Times said in an article published prior to the protest saying that the LAPD was preparing to arrest anti-Trump protesters, Police made no arrests at Sunday's rallies, according to Sgt. Barry Montgomery of the Los Angeles Police Department. According to the LA Times, the March was "fairly small and peaceful. Police reported no arrests."