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On April 6, 2016, a senior from University of California-Berkeley named Khairuldeen Makhzoomi was asked to step off a Southwest Airlines. After his phone interview the previous Sunday night with The Washington Post, Khairuldeen called his uncle in Baghdad about what had occurred in the interview. He was speaking Arabic, and a woman in the seat in front of him immediately turned to glare at him. Making him feel uneasy, he hoped the woman was not going to report him. After hanging up his phone, he noticed that the lady had left her seat. Shortly after, a Southwest flight attendant asked Makhzoomi to step outside of the plane. Three police officers awaited him outside. They eventually called the Federal Bureau of Investigations and pinned him to the wall. Taking Khairuldeen to another room, the FBI began to ask him questions. After several questions, he was let go, but was told that he can no longer fly with Southwest Airlines.



MOSTe

This past 21st of April, Many young girls from Los Angeles Leadership Academy HS and MS Attended MOSTe's Annual Lantern Luncheon. The young Girls came dressed up for the event and met up With teachers at the middle school for transportation. The event was held at the Biltmore Hotel downtown and after many speeches and a nice meal, the girls came back to school in time for the last period of the days. The event has been a tradition for MOSTe and will continue to be held every year.



SAT& ACT

Juniors at Los Angeles Leadership Academy have been creating accounts for college board to register for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the American College Testing (ACT). With the help of Dr. Steve Ortiz, the juniors have been spending time setting up accounts during advisory and after school in B-top.



YPI Dance

Los Angeles Leadership Academy is hosting a dance on the 6th of May. YPI is coordinating And planning the dance. It is scheduled to be from 6-10 PM. The theme is Night of the Stars.



**Once A Scholar, Always A Scholar
 Al Schleicher is Awarded Fulbright
 Scholarship**

BY SANDRA SANCHEZ
 Editor-In-Chief

English 10, English 10 Honors, and Speech and Debate teacher Al Schleicher was awarded the Fulbright Scholarship earlier this month.

The Fulbright Scholarship was founded by Senator William Fulbright in 1946, and it is considered to be the first study abroad program for scholars. When asked about the award, Mr. Schleicher mentioned that the program provides the chance for teachers and others alike to study abroad for research purposes.

Mr. Scheicher also disclosed how it was that he came to apply for the scholarship. "This is something I've known for a long time and I barely applied professionally." A few years back, Mr. Schleicher noticed during an



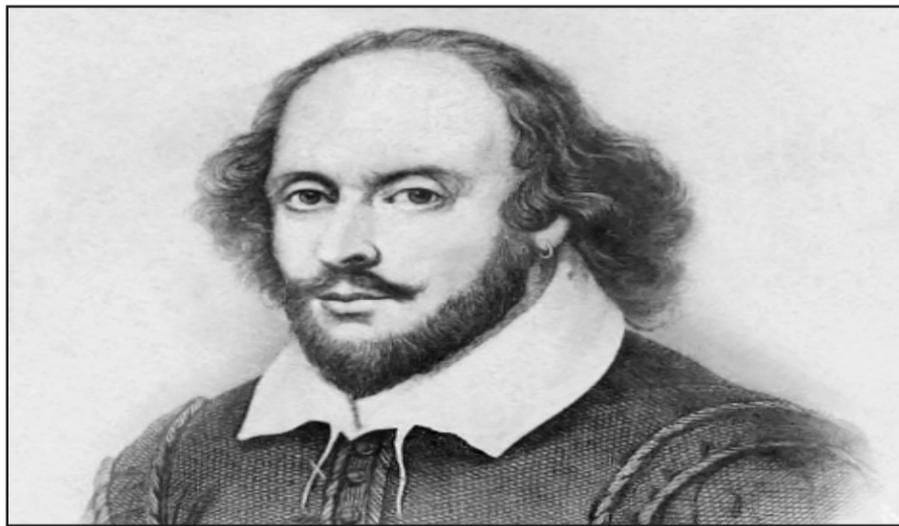
Olympics that the Netherland's debate team had won awards for English against other native english speaking countries such as: The United Kingdom and the United States of America.

This peaked his interest on the subject, "...i thought wow, okay

english is not their first language... They're doing something man, they're doing something." Fast forward to earlier in the year, Principal of Los Angeles Leadership Academy, Ms. Cuprill sent an email to the teachers notifying

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**"To Be or Not to Be?" That Was the Question
 Anniversary of William Shakespeare's Death**



BY ALICIA LOPEZ
 Managing Editor

William Shakespeare was born on April 23, 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon, United Kingdom and died on April 23, 1616, also in Stratford-upon-Avon, United

Kingdom.

Shakespeare wrote 37 plays and 154 sonnets, yet he is most known for plays such as: Hamlet, MacBeth, Romeo and Juliet, Julius Caesar and more.

Also, there are more than 80 variations recorded for the spelling of Shakespeare's name. In the

few original signatures that have survived, Shakespeare spelt his name "Willm Shaksp," "William Shakespe," "Wm Shakspe," "William Shakspere," "Willm Shakspeare," and "William Shakspeare". There are no records of him ever having spelt it "William Shakespeare", as he is well known today.

According to an article written by Jillian Rodriguez, Shakespeare is responsible for over 1,700 common words in the English language, including: elbow, champion, blanket, fashionable, gloomy, puking, swagger, and amazement. This is vital because no other person in history has contributed as many words to the English language than Shakespeare. Biography.com states, "his writing is the second most quoted after the bible."

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Teacher's Corner: My Day As A Cook

BY MR.C Math Teacher

It was a different experience. I always used to watch my dad take out the big chunks of Mesquite from the big brown bag. I felt like I was cheating using charcoal briquets and lighter fluid. Would he be proud or disappointed?

I venture on with the help of Mr. Juarez, Moses Gonzalez, and the king of Lincoln Heights Mr. Juan Zepeda. He gave me the best advice, "it's almost there." I gained the confidence and left the grill alone.

After a while, I look over and the coals are partially white. As I feel the heat against my skin, I decide to throw the first pattie on. After a while a familiar bubbling of the scarlet liquid over the top of the burger begins to form. I think, just a little



a more. Then at the perfect moment I flipped the glistening meat. The sizzle signaled the potential for a wonderful treat on such a hot day.

I continued to watch the burger carefully. After it was ready I had to test it and heat the buns until they were slightly toasted. Delicious, I thought. I was ready. Luckily that's when the best senior advisory of the 2015-2016 year from room 305 arrived.

I started to grill lots of burgers, cheeseburgers

mostly. However it would not have been successful without the help of Steven E. If grilling isn't his passion, it could be. He was giving great advice. Helping out at just the right time, giving a helping hand. I had the help of a grilling master.

Within an hour or so, my advisory was fed. I sensed a deep feeling of accomplishment. Even though I had a lot of help, I fed some people some good food. Would he be proud or disappointed? He would be proud, very proud.

Have an opinion? Write for The Voice

Submit your opinions to the editors at

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Upcoming Events

- 04/26- Cafe Con Leche Con La Directora
05/03- Parents in Action Meeting
05/03- AP Spanish Language Exam
05/04- AP English Literature Exam
05/05- AP Calculus Exam
05/06- AP Art Exam
05/11- AP English Language
05/27- PROM

YPI NEWS

Youth Policy Institute will Be hosting a dance at The highschool on the 6th of May.

What: Night of the Stars Dance
Where: LALA Highschool
When: May 6, 2016
Time: 6-10 PM

+Any questions, ask a YPI member.

The Voice Ch-Ch-Ch Challenge

April'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

A Mission to Stop Domestic Terrorism

BY **AHIESSER AGUILAR**
Staff Writer

Saturday- April 2, Individuals and Activist groups gathered from all over Los Angeles to Anaheim to protest against Race Supremacy and the KKK.

The KKK rally stabbings that took place in Anaheim on February 27th has caused many individuals to set up a march themed, "No Room For Racism."

At least three dozen protesters met at Pearson Park. Danny Valdovinos, one of the protesters and his group decided to meet up at the Disneyland main entrance and then move north towards Pearson Park to meet up with the main group of protesters.

As Danny's group began to walk towards Pearson Park, twelve officers on motorcycles from the Anaheim Police Department (APD) and three cruisers were seen near Ball Road heading toward the main group's direction.

"The police were there to keep the peace," said Officer Daron Wyatt APD spokesperson.

At Vermont and Harbor Boulevard, in a small alley-like street, forty Anaheim Police Department Riot Squad officers waited in two lines. Danny's group notified the main group coming down from Pearson Park about the riot squad via Facebook Messenger.

Danny's group finally met up with the main group on Harbor and South

Street. The group decided to move East to avoid confrontation with the riot squad, but they were forced off of several streets following direct orders from police officers commanding them to stay on the sidewalk.

"I don't get why they aren't helping us," said activist Sabrina Houde. "In LA, the police helped us. When we try to protest in an area that would cause a much greater effect, we're not allowed to?"

The protesters made their way through police barriers chanting "stop domestic terror" and "this is a peaceful protest."

Nate Van, one of the protesters said, "I think it's bullcrap that the riot squad show up for no reason. In Anaheim, it's always a problem. Other protests from other organizations have had a bad history with the APD."

When asked what mood the officers were in, Nate answered, "We tried to march and we get assaulted by the police. They pushed us hard, yelled at us. They also struck us with batons". The officers pushed anyone who was near the protest back onto the small streets of East Clifton Avenue and Haster Street.

Officer Daron Wyatt said that he did not know about the riot squad, but that the officers were present to maintain order.

One protester, Anthony Hernandez, tried to run away by using the street as an escape route since the the tension was occurring on the sidewalk, but was quickly stopped by

two riot squad men and arrested. "We wanted a peaceful protest and you can see what the results were," Nate said.

"There are videos of police assaulting us and it shows how racist and evil Anaheim Police Department is." There is a video recording of an Anaheim Police Officer on a Motorcycle ramming into the sidewalk where the protesters were peacefully marching. "It was clear to the officers that we wanted to peacefully protest against the KKK, but they treated us as if we were starting a riot," said Danny Valdovinos.

The shouts of the APD and the protesters were so noticeable that the streets began crowding with observers. Some citizens even joined asking how the protest was illegal.

The riot squad stood off the sidewalk and made way so that the protesters could continue their march. The protesters continued to march south until they reached Katella Avenue. They turned west and marched up Harbor Boulevard towards Disneyland. A man wearing an Intercoast College sweater began to yell slurs at the group in front of the Howard Johnson Hotel.

An officer was sitting at an opposite corner and advised the man to calm down avoiding what could have turned into an argument. The group managed to reach Disneyland and to protest at the main entrance. The protesters had spread anti-KKK awareness in Anaheim without any more direct confrontations.

Fulbright Story Continued



them of the opportunity to apply, and after looking into it further, Mr. Scheicher found that the Netherlands was available and he applied.

Asked what he will be doing, Mr. Scheicher responded that he will be researching, observing, conducting interviews, and researching some more. He will be spending five months in the Netherlands looking closely at what is they do when it comes to acquiring the English language, which means he'll be researching how it is that they know the language so well. He explained in detail how the scholarship enables him to take the time to learn all he can. "It's called an inquiry project, you're going there with a question and you're doing research." The title of Mr. Schleicher's project is the following: Why the Debate? How the Study of Argumentation and Debate Increases Language Proficiency.

According to a Fullbright Press Release, since its inception, 53 alumni have received Nobel Prizes, 85 have received Pulitzer Prizes, and 360,000 individuals have had the opportunity to conduct research. The program operates in over 160 countries worldwide and is primarily funded by the State Department.

After hearing the good news, Mr. Schleicher said that the first person he told was his mother. Excited about the news, he shared it on Facebook and many old as well as new friends shared their thoughts and congratulated him. Past teacher at LA Leadership Academy, Ms. Phyllis Rosen commented, "This is wonderful news, I'm so happy for you about this." Anne Blythe Neary from Greenwich, Connecticut commented, "Al-this is amazing!!!Congratulations!!!! So proud to have been part of your media team at ASU!!!!"

Mr. Scheicher is scheduled to undergo this research endeavour sometime next year.

University Spotlight

Mount Saint Mary's University

BY **JESSICA BARBA**
Staff Writer

Mount St. Mary's is a private all women's college located in Los Angeles. According to msmu.edu the school was established in 1925 and from its opening has been recognized for its academic progress and its focus on preparing the next generation of citizen leaders.

"The Mount" has two different campuses, Chalon and Doheny. At the Chalon campus, which is located in west Los Angeles, they offer the traditional baccalaureate program.

They offer more than 30 majors and concentrations. Students are also allowed to choose a minor to enhance their academic experience. At the Doheny campus, which is near Downtown Los Angeles, they offer associate, accelerated, and graduate programs.

"The Mount" is very ethnically diverse. There are 15% Asian/Pacific Islander, 8% Black, 57% Hispanic,



12% White, and 7% Multi-Racial.

The most popular majors are Nursing, Pre-Nursing, Psychology, Business, Biology, Sociology, Pre-Health, and Liberal Arts.

During the year of 2014-2015, 200 Associate degrees were awarded, 516 Baccalaureate degrees, 172 Masters degrees, and 26 Doctoral

degrees.

According to msmu.edu 95% of MSMU seniors felt that MSMU contributed to their problem-solving and critical thinking skills. They also learned how to work as a team and the knowledge of a particular discipline.



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LA Leadership Academy Has Spirit Week

Disney/Marvel Day



Twin Day



Dress to Impress



Sports Day



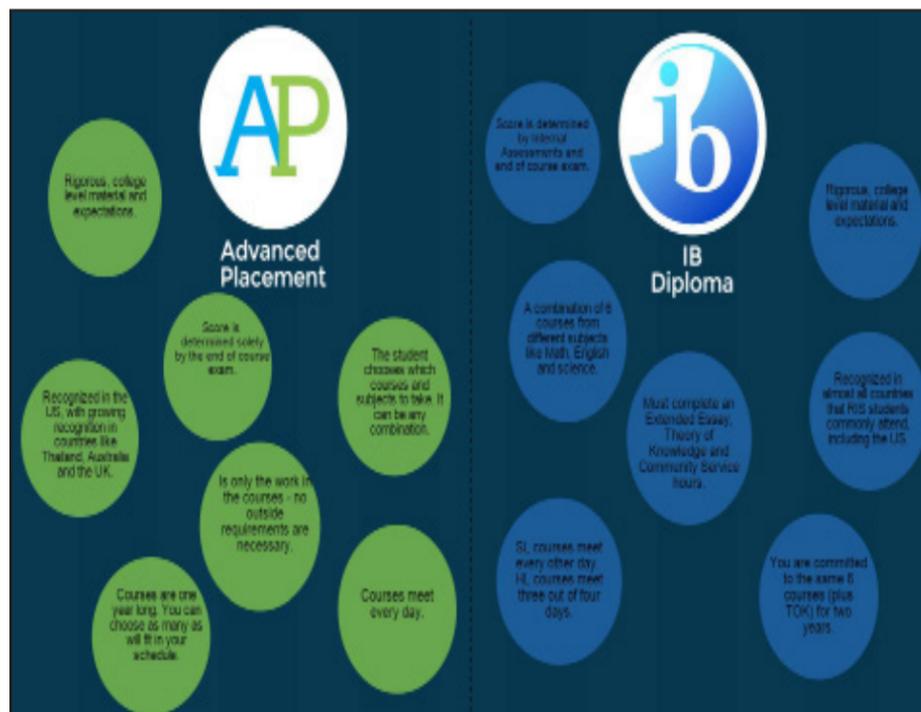
AP/IB Courses: What Are They?

BY **RENE GAETA**
Staff Writer

Students who maintain excellent grades, are looking for rigorous work, or want to get a head start in college are able to take AP (Advanced Placement) or IB (International Baccalaureate) classes during high school. The AP or IB classes are roughly equivalent to undergraduate college courses. After an AP or IB class, students typically take the end of the year exam corresponding to the subject, which can earn them college credits and accelerated placement in college. Both final exams are given in May, but AP scores are graded on a 1 to 5 scale with a 3 being a passing score while IB scores are graded on a 1 to 7 scale with a 4 being a passing score.

The College Board Advanced Placement Program began when educators from three elite prep schools—Andover, Exeter, and Lawrenceville— and three of the country’s most prestigious colleges—Harvard, Princeton, and Yale— recommended that secondary schools start encouraging high school seniors to engage in independent study and college-level work, and that exams be used to allow students to enter college with a head start. In 1952, a program was launched introducing advanced courses in eleven initial subjects.

During the 1960s, the College Board—a private company— began a long-term effort to train teachers. During the 1970s and 1980s, an increased number of high schools began adding AP subjects to their advanced academic offerings. There are currently 37 courses and exams available through the AP program.



The following are a few of the courses available:

- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Chinese Language and Culture
- Computer Science A
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- Environmental Science
- European History
- French Language
- German Language
- Government and Politics: Comparative
- Government and Politics: United States
- Human Geography
- Italian Language and Culture
- Japanese Language and Culture
- Latin: Vergil

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. The organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. In 1968, the IB organization was created in Geneva, Switzerland. In 1971, schools in the United States of America began teaching IB.

The IB program offers four programs: the primary years program, the middle years program, the diploma program, and the career-related program. Currently in the U.S., there are 1,714 schools that offer one of the four IB programs and as well are 1,671 universities that recognize the IB program.

The IB Diploma Program (only for high schoolers) has three core elements and six subject groups.

The three core elements are:

1. Theory of Knowledge (TOK), which students reflect on the nature of knowledge and on how we know what we claim to know.
2. The extended essay, which is an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4,000-word paper.
3. Creativity, activity, service, in which students complete a project related to those three concepts.

The six subject groups are:

- Studies in language and literature
- Language acquisition
- Individuals and societies
- Sciences.
- Mathematics
- The arts.

These subject groups are separated from higher level (HL) and standard level (SL). Each student takes at least three, but not more than four subjects at higher level, and the remaining at standard level. Standard level subjects take up 150 teaching hours. Higher level comprises 240 teaching hours. After completing the IB Diploma Program, a student not only receives college units, but also an IB Diploma which many top universities take highly consideration in student applications.

Overall, whether AP or IB, these classes still give high school students an insight into college level educational rigor. Even if students do not pass their exams in May, these classes still give a valuable opportunity for students to experience how college level classes may be.



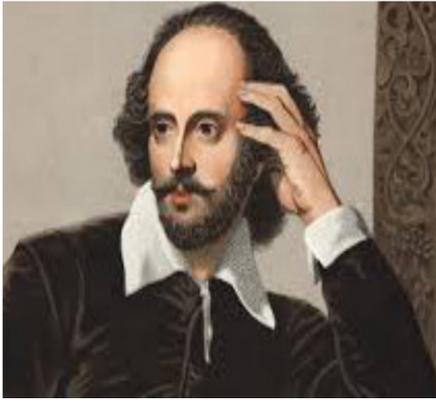
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LALA'S Annual Day At the Park





Shakespeare Story Continued



William Shakespeare had two older sisters, Joan and Judith, and three younger brothers, Gilbert, Richard and Edmund. His father was John Shakespeare, a leather merchant, and his mother was Mary Arden.

William Shakespeare married his wife, Anne Hathaway, on November 28, 1582, and together they had three children, Susanna, the eldest, and Hamnet and Judith, the fraternal twins.

He married his wife when he was 18 and she was 26. His only granddaughter Elizabeth, daughter of Susanna and John Hall, died childless in 1670.

Shakespeare therefore has no living descendants. Also, according to No Sweat Shakespeare, one of Shakespeare's relatives on his mother's side, William Arden, was arrested for plotting against Queen Elizabeth I, imprisoned in the Tower of London and executed.

By 1592, William Shakespeare was acting and playwriting, and by 1597, 15 of the 37 plays written by Shakespeare were published, according to Biography.com Editors.

Little to no records exist of Shakespeare's education thus creating some speculation about his work and his existence, since no birth records exist.

His lack of academic records nurtures suspicion in the authenticity of his work, yet whether or not he wrote his own work is irrelevant because his work is a major contribution in today's society according to the sources found in this article.

Most Notable Works By Shakespeare:

- Hamlet
- Macbeth
- Julius Caesar
- The Tempest
- Romeo & Juliet

Passover Not Under

BY STEVEN GARCIA
Managing Editor

Passover is the eight day festival that is celebrated in early spring. Its purpose is as a day of remembrance of the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

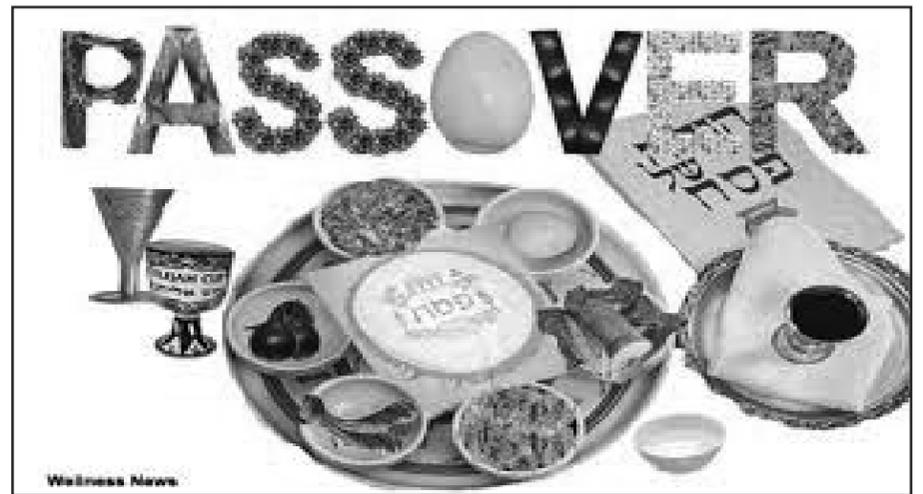
The word Passover is derived from the Hebrew word of "pesach" which means to "pass over" and refers to the time The Angel of Death "passed over" the homes of the Jews sparing them and their first born children while the first born in the houses of the Egyptians died during the finale of the ten plagues.

Passover is predominantly celebrated by those of the Jewish faith and Samaritans. The Samaritans are an ethnic group whose members are unified by the common religious background of the Levant (referring to a large area in the Eastern Mediterranean), beginning from the Israelites or Hebrews of the Ancient Near East (most Middle Eastern countries). Samaritanism is an Abrahamic religion that is similar to Judaism. Samaritans believe that their worship of the Samaritan Torah or Samaritan Pentateuch is the correct religion as that of the Ancient Israelites.

The first time Passover was celebrated was on the first anniversary after the Israelites were emancipated from Egypt; it was celebrated during the actual Exodus.

The Passover signifies the night the Israelites were liberated from Egypt. The celebration of Passover is used as a memorialization of the last plague in the Bible. It demonstrates the devotion of those who are grateful for God's gracious deliverance of Israel.

Jews are supposed to observe Passover for seven days according to the Torah, beginning on the 15th of the Jewish month Nisan-usually in April. The first night includes a special seder (ritual dinner, pronounced say-



der). Traditional Jews do not work on the first and last two days of Passover, while outside of Israel, Jews engage in a second seder on the second night. The typical seder plate on a table consists of a lamb bone, roasted egg, any green vegetable to dip in salt water, bitter herbs made from horseradish, and Charoset-paste of chopped apples, walnuts and wine.

According to the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), "On the table, there are three Matzot (unleavened bread) on top of each other. At the start of the Seder, the middle Matzah is broken and the largest piece is hidden. During the Seder the children hunt for it. The one who finds it receives a small prize. Four small glasses of wine are drunk to represent the four expressions of freedom, which refer to the Israelites being brought out of slavery. The wine symbolises joy and happiness." An additional glass of wine is placed and the door is left open so that the prophet Elijah can visit and announce the coming of the Messiah, during Pesach. The Haggadah is then read to tell the story of how the Israelites

fled Egypt. At the seder, everyone has a cushion to lean on to remind them that they are now free, and slaves no more. Everyone gets an opportunity to read from the Haggadah. Then the youngest child asks four questions, and the father answers each one.

Though Todd Silverstein - a science teacher at Los Angeles Leadership Academy - has done seder when he was younger, he has not done one in a few years. He remembered going to his uncle's house for the ritual dinner and being able to drink wine at an early age. He felt like there was a lot of mysticism to these dinners and actually feared them. "I remember my sister and I would bring the wine to the table, and unknowingly, my dad would nudge the table a little just to make it seem like Elijah had in fact came to our house. This made me freak out, thinking that we just let a ghost in our house." Being just his wife and he, Mr. Silverstein has not done a seder, but will definitely host one when his own family expands.

LALA Students Gogh to LACMA

BY MARIA GALARZA
Guest Writer

On April 19th, Los Angeles Leadership Academy students from Ms. Jimenez' art classes had the opportunity to attend a fieldtrip to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA). It is known as the largest art museum in the western United States and consists of nine distinct art buildings. This way all visitors have the opportunity to explore world history through unique pieces of art that he or she finds intriguing. Each of these buildings allow visitors of all ages and backgrounds to have an enjoyable trip with their admission ticket and/or special ticketed exhibitions: Pavilion for Japanese Art, Bing Center, Art of the Americas Building, Hammer Building, Ahmanson Building, BP Grand Entrance, Broad Contemporary Art Museum, Resnick Pavilion, LACMA West.

On the bus ride to the museum, several conversations took place based on the question: "Have you ever been to LACMA before?" For several students the answer was "No." Being the first time that LA Leadership Academy has had a field trip to LACMA, this response was not very shocking; however, this allowed the students to have an open-mind to exploration and observation of the artworks.

Upon arrival, students were amazed at the way the museum used street lamplights in their main entrance to create an interactive artwork. Not much time passed before the first students began playing between the lamp poles and posting videos on their Snapchat with the LACMA filters. Afterwards, everyone separated into groups with a dolsen who would guide them through the tour. Everyone was able to engage



in conversations with the dolsens while learning about art created by Andy Warhol, Picasso, Michelangelo, Diego Rivera, and various other well-known artists.

Once the tour culminated, students dispersed throughout the vicinity and continued their art exploration or searched for a local food source. LA Leadership Academy students and staff visited the museum's LACMA Cafe located in the Bing Center and the Coffee and Milk cafe. On a search for a different type of meal, some students found the local food hot spot on Wilshire Boulevard and Spaulding Avenue. Various Food Trucks are stationed on Wilshire and are ready to take an order. Whether someone wants a burger with fries, a huarache, shrimp tacos, carne asada and rice bowl, boba, horchata, or any of the other amazing food options, they will provide the food desired.

With full bellies, the students then continued their art exploration. The great extent of the museum allows visitors of all

art knowledge levels to enjoy their visit. A person does not necessarily need to know Rembrandt to admire his detailed paint portraits or know of Pablo Picasso's Blue Period or Rose Period to understand the emotions he conveyed. Everyone was free to explore and enjoy the well-secured artwork along with the interactive works.

The students had a great time at the museum, and some students strongly suggested others should attend. Admission for adults is at an affordable price of fifteen dollars, for seniors and students with a valid identification, admission is at a low ten dollars, and all children under the age of seventeen enter for free. Additionally, all Los Angeles County residents receive free admission after 3 pm every weekday, and it is completely free to everyone on the second Tuesday of every month.



Earth Day

BY JOCELYN PEREZ
Staff Writer

Celebrated on April 22, Earth Day, an annual worldwide event, is held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson, it is now organized internationally by the Earth Day Network and celebrated in more than 192 countries each year.

Earth Day was first celebrated on March 21, 1970 during the vernal equinox that year. Earth Day was the brainchild of John McConnell, a peace activist and creator of Earth Day. McConnell put forward the idea of Earth Day at a UNESCO Conference on the Environment in 1969. He believed it is important to awake the people to the idea of saving the planet. On the first day of Earth Day, about 20 million people united to protest the industrial revolution.

Earth day was established in 1970 after damages from a 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson was inspired to create a national "teach-in" to raise awareness by educating the public on environmental issues. In the spring of 1970, Nelson organized a widespread grassroots demonstration that encouraged actions intended to benefit the planet and to increase awareness of the need to protect and recycle our planet's resources.

On April 20, 1970, Nelson gathered 20 million people across the U.S. to discuss the issues surrounding the protection of our environment. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, Nelson wanted to inform everyone about air and water pollution and force environmental issues permanently into the political agenda.

Earth Day obtained support of both

republicans and democrats; the rich and poor. Later that year, the Environmental Protection Agency was created by executive order to manage and to impose national pollution regulatory legislation, ("Earth Day - April 22 | Earth Day Network." Earth Day Network. N.p., n.d. Web. 15 Apr. 2016.)

Today, approximately one billion people worldwide engage in Earth Day activities every year. Women, men, children, and communities around the globe unite in cleaning the environment and discussing problems of saving our environment. Americans are more involved and aware of the environment due to witnessing droughts, bipolar weather, and increased global warming. Many suggestions about helping the Earth through recycling, saving water, reducing air pollution, tree and plant growth, decreasing animal extinction are implemented on Earth Day each year.

In celebration for Earth Day, little ideas like switching off lights, using recyclable bags, and planting a tree every year can have big impacts to our environment, ("Earth Day: Facts and Significance - Conserve Energy Future." ConserveEnergyFuture. N.p., 27 May 2013. Web. 16 Apr. 2016.). For transportation, big companies are producing and selling hybrid and electrical vehicles, which do not need petrol or diesel. In 2012, more than 100,000 People rode bikes in China to save fuel and decrease carbon dioxide emissions. With the help from the people, the environmental issues can be solved, (Neuborne, Ellen. "Fun Facts About Earth Day." Parents.com. N.p., n.d. Web. 15 Apr. 2016.).

Is Privacy An Issue?

BY LEO MERO
Staff Writer

Privacy is the ability of an individual or group to have personal space wherein actions of self actualization can take place without the need to justify them to a broader world – in short it is the notion that a person can be an individual without scrutiny. The boundaries and content of what is considered private differ among and between cultures and individuals. Privacy is a concept with which governments and people need to deal to balance the rights and needs of the individual with the need for safety and security of the group.

At the time of the Revolutionary War, a central privacy issue was freedom from government intrusion into personal affairs and into personal space both physically and mentally. The Founders detested the use of general warrants and writs of assistance. Another example is Benito Juarez, national hero and president of Mexico, who for three years sought constitutional reforms to create a democratic federal republic (Encyclopedia Britannica Inc., 2016. Web. 29 Mar. 2016.), came up with the idea that "Respect for the rights of others means peace." However, we stand in an era where privacy is ours, but with restrictions.

It is important we understand where we are in terms of privacy. Privacy is guaranteed to every single human being under the fourth amendment. Which states, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized," (December 15, 1791 U.S. Congress). In other words, we are protected from unreasonable search and seizure of our possessions, persons, and places of existence; therefore, nobody has right into our personal life unless we offer an

explicit door through which people can see. Or, unless we are found in a situation where our privacy poses a threat to the life, liberty, or rights of another whereby our privacy may be violated and taken from us.

This means that "our privacy" is not really ours when we are within a public facility, such as a school, workplace, company, institute, or other sundry locations. That is the major conflict, which this article intends to address. Why do public authority and a public setting have authority over our privacy? It is more of a where we are and what rules surround us type of case. U.S. federal law provides a solution to this topic. Law provides schools the ability to set surveillance videos, search students, and view our work on school computers or through any device connected through school internet servers. Why? Schools have a major responsibility to keep every student as well as the staff safe from harm. This means that when we enter our school, our administration system is responsible for every single student under the age of 18.

Given that schools are granted the ability to even reach extremes just to keep their students safe. In a 2009 case in Safford School District the Court explained that the standard of reasonable suspicion applies to a school administrator's search of a student, (Safford Unified School District NO 1. vs. Redding). Redding is the only case in the school context in which the court found a 4th Amendment violation. The Court placed greater emphasis on the student's privacy interest because she was subjected to a strip search. Just like schools have the right to emphasize security, they also have limits to what they can do in the name of safety. In the Redding case the student was subject to complete humiliation, and was deprived of her 4th amendment rights. So, as students we should understand that we have to give up certain rights in public places because the law, in the name of protection and security forces us to do so. However, we also need to know our rights and expect them to be honored everywhere.

St. Patrick's Day

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March 17th, also known as St. Patrick's Day is the day where we get bruises that come from not wearing green. How much has St. Patrick's Day changed?

St. Patrick was known as the patron Saint of Ireland, even though he was not born there. Patrick was growing as naturally as other kids until, one day a band of pirates landed in South Wales and the leader known as Niall kidnapped him.

The pirates sold him into slavery in Ireland to a man named Meliuc who was a landowner in County Antrim where Patrick was forced to work as a shepherd. He was there in the mountain named Slemish for six years mostly imprisoned. He started dreaming - seeing God. Legend says that he was told how to escape by God with a gateway ship. According to a website called clanhannon.com, he heard a voice say to escape on a ship. The voice said he would find the ship 200 miles away in Wexford where a ship awaited passage back to Roman Britain. Denied passage at first, he was finally able to board and complete his escape from Ireland.

After escaping, he went to Britain then France to tour. Later he went to Lerins monastery and studied under Saint Germain the Bishop of Auxerre. Under the guidance of Saint Germain, he was ordained a priest and helped Saint Germain oppose heresy and paganism. He became a bishop in 423 A.D. It was then that Pope Celestine conferred upon him the name "Patritius," meaning father of his people and he would forevermore be known as "Padraik" in Ireland. He was then given the task to bring the Irish into Christianity.

After 12 years, he dreamed the people of Ireland called him back to speak about God. So he set out to Ireland with the Pope's blessing. He converted the Gaelic Irish, who were then mostly Pagans, to Christianity. Through active preaching, he made important converts even among the royal families. This fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. For 20 years he traveled throughout Ireland establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches, which would aid him in his conversion efforts.

He developed a native clergy, fostered the growth of monasticism, established dioceses, and held church councils.

At the end of the seventh century, Patrick had become a legendary figure. But, what does all this have to do with a shamrock? It is said that Saint Patrick used a three-leafed shamrock to explain the concept of the Trinity. Knowing most of the Irish language it was easier for him to convert most Irish to Christianity. Since Rome fell 16 short years after his death, European civilization would have suffered without his earlier work. In Ireland alone the "light of civilization" would survive thanks to Patrick's monks and monasteries wherein was recorded Europe's knowledge.

On March 17, 460 A.D., Patrick died. At this time the calendar created by Julius Caesar known as the "Julian Calendar" was being used.

On September 2, 1752, Ireland began to use the Gregorian calendar, which is more accurate in terms of accounting for leap years.

Easter

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This holiday is currently and most commonly known for spending time with family, going on Easter egg hunts, and the Easter bunny.

But, Easter is a completely different holiday than the egg laying bunny one. Easter is actually one of the oldest and most important holidays of the Christian church (Christianity.about.com, 2016).

Easter is the day celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ occurring three days after his crucifixion on Golgotha outside Jerusalem, also known in the Bible as "The place of a skull," (dictionary.com).

He was crucified by the Romans ostensibly for treason, but Christians believe that Jesus died to pay the price for humanity's sins. Because he claimed to be the Messiah, the Jews wanted him executed for blasphemy.

Once deceased, the Jews put Jesus inside a small cave-like hole on the side of a hill and rolled a huge stone slab to cover the tomb. Three days after Jesus's interment, he was resurrected. It is highly debated when the actual date of Jesus's resurrection was. It was allegedly on April 9, 30 C.E. (westarstitute.org, 2016).

There is absolutely no connection between the egg-laying hare and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Easter bunny first arrived to America brought by German immigrants. They

believed in an egg laying hare called "Osterhase." Their children made nests where the bunny could lay its colored eggs, (History.com, 2016). Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and became the symbol for Easter.

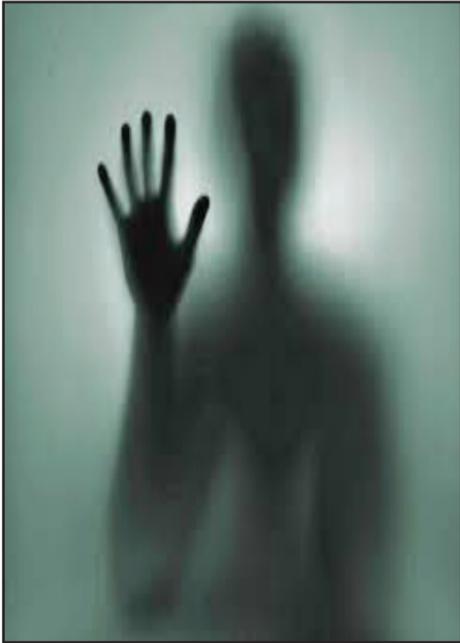
Easter never falls on the same date as the year before. Easter is calculated to be on the first Sunday after the Pasch full moon, which occurs on or after the vernal equinox.

The Pasch full moon is the time when the date of Easter is determined. The vernal equinox is the spring time event where the sun crosses over the celestial equator, and night and day are equal on the sides of the planet.

Usually on March 20 with the autumnal equinox on or near September 22. Because of this equinox change, Easter can occur anywhere between March 22 and April 25, (infoplease.com, 2016).

Easter is also known as the movable feast because it never lands on the same date each year.

Easter is important for certain people. Some believe it is the day to celebrate Jesus's resurrection, some believe it is a day to spend time with family, some believe it is a day to go on egg hunts and eat chocolate bunnies, and others believe it is a downright foolish holiday.

*Literature Review***Supernatural Genre**

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The Supernatural genre has been expanding through many media sources including movies, books, magazines, social media, and television. Supernatural has beings from other dimensions and from different worlds. The fantasy genre does have beings from other worlds, but the thing that separates these two is that supernatural adds horror, thriller, suspense, mystery as well. Fantasy is more like an adventure with some smattering of potentially frightening elements included.

Anyone can see that Harry Potter and the show Supernatural are very different from each other. They both have strange creatures like dwarves, angels, demons, talking animals, and ghosts. Supernatural has that extra thing added to it, which is the unknown, the macabre, the gothic, the terrifying. The audience does not know what is going to happen next due to the horror and paranormal being added. Whereas in Harry Potter the audience has an idea of what is going to happen because of the character's actions and what they say, in the supernatural genre, the audience does not know what is going to happen to the main protagonists. No one knows whether they will defeat the next demon or if they will end up becoming the next demon.

The unknown is what makes the supernatural genre so unique and different from fantasy. Nobody knows what something is or who they are or what their intentions are and that creates a sense of fear mixed with suspense. It also adds up to the audience or reader to keep on reading or watching until the end. The audience or the reader wants to know how it ends, and will not stop reading or viewing until they do get to the end and find out.

**Movie Review:
Batman V.S. Superman**

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The long awaited battle between heroes Batman and Superman clashes on to the big screen, daring viewers to choose sides between two iconic childhood idols. Along with the help of Wonder Woman, the fate of the world and humanity rests in their hands as they fight as "Gods among men."

Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice was produced by Warner Brother's Studios and was directed by Zack Snyder. Starring Oscar winner Ben Affleck, as Batman/Bruce Wayne, Henry Cavill, as Superman/Clark Kent, Gal Gadot, as Wonder Woman, and Jesse Eisenberg, as Lex Luthor. With a running time of two hours and thirty-three minutes, the film continues where Superman: Man of Steel left off introducing the audience to the conflicts between Kal-El and the Dark Knight. With a budget of \$250 million, Batman vs. Superman has earned \$805.5 million in U.S dollars.

Superman's beginning appeared in a short story, illustrated by Joe Shuster and written by Jerry Siegel (while still in high school), titled "The Reign of the Superman", and was self-published in his fanzine, Science Fiction #3, depicting Superman as a villain. Later on in June 1933, Siegel developed a new character, who he also called Superman, but now as a heroic character. Even after multiple revisions and difficulties, Superman's new debut was in Action Comics issue #1 in June 1938, and was the beginning of the original run of the comic book series Action Comics.

In early 1939, due to the success of Superman in Action Comics, the editors from the comic book division of National Publications (the future DC Comics) requested the creation of more superheroes for its titles. As a result, artist Bob Kane and with collaboration from writer Bill Finger, created "the Bat-Man". The Dark Knight first appeared in Detective Comics issue #27 in May 1939 beginning with the character's origins.

Wonder Woman, the warrior princess of the Amazons, first starred in All Star Comics issue #8 in December 1941 and first cover-dated on Sensation Comics #1, January 1942. Her persona is of a heroine fighting for peace, justice, and gender equality, which has made her a famous and popular feminist icon, who was created during World War II by William Moulton, an American psychologist and writer, with the assistance of H. G. Peter, an artist. Wonder Woman was initially depicted fighting Axis military forces.

DC comics (Detective Comics) was established in 1934 as an all American comic book publisher. It has now become the publishing unit of DC Entertainment, a division of Warner

Bros. Entertainment, which itself is owned by Time Warner. DC Comics is one of the largest and most successful companies operating in American comic books producing material featuring numerous well-known heroic characters, including Batman, Wonder Woman, Robin, Flash, Martian Manhunter, Aquaman, Green Arrow, and many others. DC was formed by the merging of "National Allied Publications" and "Detective Comics Inc" as well as the affiliated "All-American Publications."

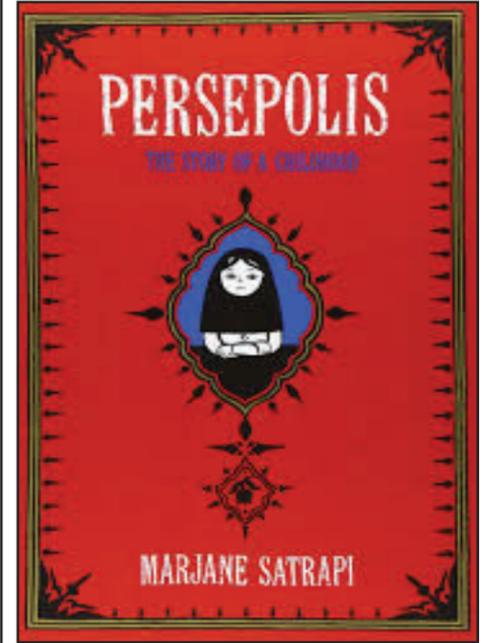
Heroes come in many different forms, but none are born or created perfect. Even heroes have a dark side, a side of temptation, evil, and sin, but most of it comes from misunderstandings. In the film, Batman vs. Superman, there is tension between the two heroes on how they each enforce "justice", viewing the other person's way of enforcing the law as "wrong" or "incorrect."

In addition, our society and government play a huge role on how we view the heroes of Gotham City and Metropolis as they not only battle between each other, but also themselves. Wonder Woman enters the scene to assist our heroes in a disastrous situation created by Lex Luthor. However, during this part of the film is where most of the action happens and leaves viewers on the edge of their seats.

The beginning of the movie is somewhat slow, but very important! This is because there are many easter eggs that are crucial to the film's development and for those comic book nerds that want to create theories for future films. The film was good, but there were also many flaws. For one, Wonder Woman should have had more screen time and more involvement with the storyline. Honestly, she could totally wreck Batman and Superman. Gal Gadot was just perfect for the role of Wonder Woman, she brings the iconic female heroine to life with empowerment and beauty. Furthermore, the film contains a twist making the film a bit darker than what it should be, but not everything has to be sunshine and rainbows either.

"Devils don't come from down beneath us, no, they come from down beneath us," said Lex Luthor. The battle between man and God escalates to a point where the audience may think that man could be able to overthrow God, but that depends on the side the viewer is willing to take. Dawn of Justice deserves a rating of 4 out of 5. The dialogue was done awesomely, but the film could have been done a bit better.

The fight scene just had to be longer, and Lewis Lane was just "there". But on the contrary, the mind games that Lex Luthor creates are just brilliantly insane and well deserving of praise.

*Literature Review***Persepolis**

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Persepolis follows Marjane Satrapi, a young girl who lives in Iran during the Iranian war. This story is based on real events. There was really a person named Marjane Satrapi who did indeed live during the Iranian War during her childhood. She then moved to Austria to escape the war when she was about thirteen years old.

This book has been banned due to it being "too explicit" in its portrayal of "harsh reality." This means that it shows real life struggles that people go through all around the world but in a more explicit way. Some of the events depicted in this book did and still do happen around the world whether people want to know about them or not. For example, many people are starving, being tortured by governments or put in prison for no reason. Satrapi portrays these examples in very explicit drawings. This book shows a particular side of the Iranian culture. Iranians are not really what society is trying to depict them as. People who have never been to Iran, may think that Iranian people are violent, terrorists, part of ISIS, and many other horrible things.

Marjane told of her childhood during the Iranian War and Revolution. She lived through the dethroning of the Shah. She told how life was to be living during the changing of power. She showed the separation of traditions between the modern and the traditional ideas. Some of Marjane's neighbors dressed similarly to people in western countries. Women did not wear long black dresses covering their entire body before the revolution.

Satrapi's way of telling her side of the story is through drawings in the style of a graphic novel. Though it is in a graphic novel style, it does show some explicit things. Students are required to know and understand how an author can tell a story through pictures and how different it would have been if the author had only written it.