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Speech and Debate

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The last event for the Speech and Debate was held at Downtown Magnets High School on October 7-8. The Students who participated are: Lucian Suarez, Andrew Navarro, and Valeria Amaya. Junior Varsity, Lucian Suarez went 4-0. Lucian ranked 5th speaker. Novice debaters, Andrew Navarro and Valeria Amaya went 3-1 advancing to the semi-finals. Andrew ranked 1st speaker, Valerie ranked 9th speaker. Novice team of Daniel Fernandez and Henry Lorenzo went 2-2.



The Running Club

BY: **KATHERINE GARCIA**
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On Saturday October 22, 2016, The Homeboy Industries hosted a 5K (3.1 miles) race called "Every Angeleno Counts". The race started in Chinatown, in front of the Homeboy Industries Headquarters, and finished around Dodger Stadium and back. LALA students had the opportunity to participate in this race. The following students who participated in the 5k race are: Kimberly Aguilar, Rudy Fernandez, Matias Stocker, Carlos Arellano, Elias Infante, Mr. Juarez, and Ms. Johnson. LALA students are training for the LA Marathon which is 26.2 miles. The students who are part of the running club, will be having several races, leading up to the LA Marathon in March 19, 2017. The next race the running club will be having is The Hard Rock Cafe (6.2 miles) on Saturday November 5, 2016 at Hollywood/Highland on Hollywood Blvd. If you want to be a part of the race, or join the after school running club, you can come on Mondays and Thursdays after school at 3:15.



Green Vs. Gold

BY: **EMILY GONZALEZ**
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Green vs. Gold event was held on October 21, 2016. Each grade level student from their advisory participated in a Hockey game. In resulting, Green won the game.



A Trip to The Supreme Court and City Hall

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On October 18, 2016, all seniors got the opportunity to visit City Hall and The Supreme Court. Mrs. Johnson, senior LALA Government teacher, and the seniors took the Golden line train to City Hall and The Supreme Court. In City Hall, they got a tour by Mrs. Johnson's old teacher. He explained the purpose of City Hall and showed some historic items and it's meaning. The seniors also got to see the view of Los Angeles from the top of City Hall. Afterwards, they went to The Supreme Court and got to experience a real live case. The seniors got to learn and experience new things.



One Year of Free Community College for Rich and Middle Class

BY: **EDGAR JUAN**
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This year Mayor Eric Garcetti made an announcement to make the first year of community college free. Community College has long been free for low-income students, who qualify for free classes under the Board of Governor (BOG) fee waiver for up to 72 community college units. In addition, groups like Puente and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) based on most Community College Campuses: already cover the costs of textbooks, supplies, counseling support services, priority enrollment, and some transportation costs, for full-time low income students. Also, students do not need a high school diploma to apply to and attend Community College Classes. Students can attend Community College without a high school diploma and could graduate with an associate's degree, or transfer to a four year college without high school credentials.

Additionally, Garcetti's announcement failed to mention the action will be beneficial for the middle class, and those from higher socioeconomic households, who can afford to pay the \$46.00



per unit. Garcetti's announcement seems timely, given his upcoming campaign for re-election. Although his program aims to improve educational access to the rich and middle class families, he failed to mention all the programs already in place. Garcetti noted ambiguously that his plan will aid students with the costs of books and transportation. According to ABC7 journalist Sid Garcia quoted Joe Biden's wife Jill Biden, a community college instructor, to say "This is the promise that you can define your own future without having to worry about being burdened by decades

of debt." Consequently, in the College Promise Program, it was mentioned that any LAUSD student who graduates in 2017 will be able to apply for one free year at any of LA's nine community colleges. This will be a fortunate help for high-school graduates in the middle class who don't have enough help for a four year college.

In conclusion, Mayor Garcetti has been criticized for not being involved in public education enough. Hopefully our next president can pass a policy allowing free community for a year to any student.

JonBenet Ramsey: Unsolved Murder Case



BY: **EMILY GONZALEZ**
Photographer & Guest Writer

Young beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was born on August 6, 1990 in Atlanta, Georgia. According to the JonBenet Ramsey biography when she was one year old she and her family moved to Colorado. She has held a few child beauty contest titles, her last pageant was on December 17, 1996 where she was crowned Little Miss Christmas and won a medal for the talent portion. At the time of her death she was attending High Peak Elementary School and she was also a member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Boulder.

On December 26, 1996, JonBenet Ramsey was found murdered at age six in her family home in Boulder, Colorado. Her mother, Patsy Ramsey, first discovered that her daughter was missing early in the morning when she found a two and a half page ransom note on the stairs stating that JonBenet had been kidnapped and that she would be returned unharmed in exchange for \$118,000. She then called the police reporting her

missing child.

Later on in the afternoon, her body was found by her father, John Bennett Ramsey, in the basement of their home. When her body was discovered, she was tied up and covered in a blanket. According to The Denver Post "She had been strangled with a garrote, and her mouth and neck had been bound with duct tape." According to the autopsy, JonBenet had been struck on the head with an unknown object with enough force to knock her unconscious, before being strangled to death. Evidence of vaginal trauma was found but authorities believe that it was staged to make it look as if she were sexually assaulted. DNA was found at the scene but they still have not found the person responsible for this crime.

JonBenet's family were suspects in the beginning of this case; however, according to DNA technology, her family was ruled out because the DNA found on JonBenet's body did not match either of the Ramseys.

According to writer, Seth Millstein, in 2006, a man

named John Mark Karr confessed to killing JonBenet. He claimed that he sexually assaulted and killed the six year old but, that her death was an accident. However, his DNA did not match the DNA found on her body at the crime scene so he was released. Many asked themselves the question, why would he confess to a murder he did not commit. They believe that he was looking for attention and according to police officers it's not uncommon for people to confess to famous crimes.

Many things don't add up or make sense about this case. For example, the two and a half page ransom note was unusual because most people wouldn't leave a ransom note and if they did, it would probably be around one or two sentences. The 911 phone call was also seen as suspicious because when Patsy Ramsey called there seemed to be two more voices in the background and the Ramsey's claim that no one else was there besides them two and that Burke, JonBenet's older brother, was asleep in his room at this time. Also, many asked themselves why didn't they search the house before calling the police. They claim that they didn't search the house until after the 911 call because they had no reason to believe that someone had broken into their house.

On December 26, 2016, it will be the 20th Anniversary of JonBenet Ramsey's unsolved murder. There are many shows and documentaries made about this mysterious case. Lifetime created a movie named Who Killed JonBenet? Fox and CBS have also made movies named Getting Away with Murder: The JonBenet Ramsey Mystery and Perfect Murder, Perfect Town. Furthermore, three new shows have been released The Killing of JonBenet: The Truth Uncovered, JonBenet: An American Murder Mystery, and The Case Of: JonBenet Ramsey. If you wish to learn more about JonBenet Ramsey's story it is recommend to watch any of these new releases.

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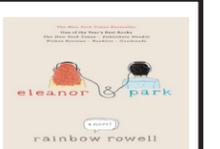
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Juan Zepeda

BY: **JOCELYN PEREZ**
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“Juan is our LALA superhero. Nothing can function at this school without Juan.” This is what Ms. Cuprill, LALA principal, had to say when asked about her thoughts on facility manager, Juan Zepeda.

Born on September 19, 1976, Juan Zepeda is the oldest out of his two brothers and one sister. His mother was born in Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico and his father was born in Michoacan, Mexico, but migrated to the United States at a young age. Zepeda grew up in Avenue 28th, Lincoln Heights. At age 12, he moved to Avenue 33, Lincoln Heights and has been there his whole life. When asked about his childhood, Juan Zepeda replied, “My childhood was good. I had two loving parents and a very supportive home. It was a good childhood.”

Zepeda was an average student in Abraham Lincoln High School. Since he noted that Lincoln used to have electives, he participated in carpentry class and wood class. In his senior year, Zepeda was given the “most improved senior of the year of Abraham Lincoln High School”. After graduating high school, Zepeda began working part time and was interested in culinary arts. In addition, he took a small cooking class at LA Trade Tech on Washington, Downtown LA.

When asked how he found LALA, Zepeda responded, “I was working and Rodger, our executive director, bought this building and he talked to the neighbors and he said that he was looking for a couple or two people that can work in this building and be part of the LALA staff. My neighbors that lives around here, were the ones that came to the meetings, I wasn’t here, and they were calling me that I should come and look at this job.. and that’s the way I found it, by everyone calling me to look at this job.”

When Zepeda was hired, the building was on construction. According to Zepeda, there were no students at that time so they started



working the following summer and began classes right away; in addition, he began working at LALA in 2008. In fact, this year marks his 8th year working here.

Zepeda described his years at LALA as up and down, but always improving. He noted that every year he sees more students coming with more confidence to learn. When asked if he enjoys working at LALA, Zepeda said, “Yeah, I enjoy working here. I always see students here like part of where I was going to school. Every little group of kids is like if I see all my friends in every single one of you guys. I feel like I never left school..ha..ha.”

At the beginning of his job here, Zepeda started as half custodio and half food services. Later on, he noted that the school decided to bring an outside vander because he used to make the food for the students. Zepeda later became full-custodio and his current title at LALA is facility manager.

A normal day in LALA for Zepeda is if there are no broken toilets or spilling water through the hallway. When asked about his normal life in LALA, Zepeda responded, “A

normal day is coming opening the school, making sure your breakfast is here when the delivery truck comes, opening the doors, turning on the air conditioning for everybody. Making sure the whole building is secure, at the end of the day we come back to make sure the building is secure. Doing things like that for the safety of you guys.”

When asked about what kind of difficulties he experience while working and how he overcomes it, Zepeda said, “Sometimes it’s a bit frustrating when some of our kids are not following directions and it feels like it’s the same kids that we’re talking to, the same kids. But then I think and I try to be calm and I say to myself.. They are only teenagers, they are learning, and everytime I tell somebody to do something that is right it is because I want them to be young adults and do what they’re suppose to be doing.”

Zepeda’s advice for students is, “The only advice I have for the students is to do whatever they want to do. A lot of times us adults, parents, staffs or teachers, we think that we know what you guys should do but, I think that everybody should find out what exactly they want to do and just pursue it. I want them to make sure to have a plan, always say if it’s the small plan or whatever it is in your life, to put dates and goals for yourself and accomplish things. Start something and finish it. Don’t just say, ‘I want to be an NBA player’ or ‘I want to be a doctor’ or whatever. I think it sounds great but, you have to say first, ‘I want to finish high school with these good grades, then I want to go to this college and finish that.’ Do things step by step or else it’s going to be very difficult.”

Have an opinion?

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Upcoming Events

- 11/11- Veteran’s Day Holiday
- 11/15- HS Coffee with Principal and Parent Workshop 4-6 PM
- 11/17- K-12 Thanksgiving Dinner
- 11/21-25- Thanksgiving Break

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11/2/16- Pre Cash 4 College

11/9/16- Cash 4 College @4 P.M.

+Any questions, ask a YPI member.

The Voice Ch-Ch-Ch Challenge

November’s Challenge

The first student to answer the question: Why didn’t the Pilgrims tell secrets in the cornfield?
Will receive
A Special Prize

You Must: Be the first to show Ms. Estrada where
The first student to answer the question will receive the prize.



News & Features

Speech and Debate Update

BY: LUCIAN CUAUHEMOC SUAREZ
Managing Editor

On October 7th and 8th Los Angeles Leadership Academy's debate team participated in their first tournament of the year which was held Downtown Magnet High School. For the size of the team they came back with quite a few awards. Made up of five people the debate team is significantly smaller than many of the other schools attending although they were able to place at the award ceremony.

The team "AMNA" made up of Andrew Navarro and Valeria Amaya were ranked the fifth place team in the novice division with a 3-1 record. They then made it to the semi finals round where they lost against a team from Bravo Medical Magnet. Questioned about how he felt about his first debate tournament he stated "I felt anxious but confident throughout the tournament." Typically a 4-0 record is needed to qualify for semi final rounds but in the case that a team has high speaker points they still may have a chance at making it. Aside from making it to semis Valeria was ranked the ninth place speaker and Andrew was ranked the first place speaker in the novice division.



Additionally the team "LOFE" made up of Henry Lorenzo and Daniel Fernandez went 2-2 at the tournament. Daniel was ranked 13th in the novice division barely missing a qualification for a speaker award. Questioned on how he believed the tournament went he stated "It was a new interesting and competitive experience which was quite challenging."

Furthermore, the only Junior Varsity team at school "SU" made up of Lucian Suarez went 4-0 and was ranked the second place team in his division. Although

being ranked the second place team he was not able to move on to semis and finals due to new rules set by the debate league which no longer allows lone debaters to qualify for those rounds. Even so he was still able to receive a speaker award for being the fifth place debater in JV.

Overall the debate team performed extremely well especially considering that four out of the five are new debaters. The next debate tournament will be held at East Valley High School on November 18th and 19th.

New Teacher: Ms. Estrada



BY: KIMBERLY ZAVALA
Staff Writer

Brittany Estrada began working at Los Angeles Leadership Academy in Fall 2016 and is one of the new teachers here at LALA. She currently teaches: English 12, AP Literature, Journalism, The LGBTQ elective class and recently opened a GSA on Thursdays after school, at 3:20 pm. Before Estrada came to this school, she worked in East LA, at a school called Opportunities For Learning. When asked if she liked her previous school, Ms. Estrada responded with, "It was a horrible school, they didn't teach the kids anything."

Estrada was born in Texas, and raised in San Diego. She graduated high school in San Bernardino in 2006. Estrada graduated from Quinnipiac University in Connecticut and received her undergraduate in English Language Arts in 2010. She then received her Masters of Education at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, CA in 2013. Furthermore, Ms. Estrada enjoys painting, reading, going out dancing, and stealing plants and beautiful flowers with friends.

Estrada heard of LALA by a friend Ramisi Dilley. Her friend also recommended her to come to Los Angeles Leadership Academy High School. She decided to take the opportunity because she wanted to work at a "social justice" school. At the end of summer 2016, she met with principal, Cynthia, and Rina our office clerk, for an interview. Before her interview that day, she arrived a bit late for being busy working on a TV show, in which is called, "My People's TV," a political news show. Before working at LALA, Estrada worked as a writer and producer with friends over the summer.

When asked about her thoughts of working at LALA, Ms. Estrada responded, "I like it, there are a lot of opportunities, and the teachers are on the same page." If you would like to meet her or ask any questions, you can pass by her room which is located on the third floor, room number 305.

Viewpoint

Did You Miss the Presidential Debate? Here is What Happen

BY: ANDREW JAVIER NAVARRO
Managing Editor

In the second debate, Hillary Clinton dominated a final series of debate exchanges with Donald J. Trump about national security, and gender, telling voters they could not trust her opponent, Trump, with nuclear weapons and warning the public that he does not respect women. Trump continuously interrupted Clinton throughout the entire debate trying to outweigh her arguments with his.

According to PolitiFact.com, on the second round of the debate on October 9th, 2016 "... Donald Trump gave Russian president Vladimir Putin the thumbs up to hack away at U.S. emails. Putin has 'let loose cyber attackers to hack into government files, to hack into personal files, hack into the Democratic National Committee,' Clinton said during the first general election presidential debate at Hofstra University."

However, Trump shook his head and stated he did not think anybody knew about this situation. According to Vox.



com, they state, "The fact that Trump is plotting and inviting Putin to do these things with the U.S seems a little suspicious." As it is now, Russia and the U.S. are on bad terms and Putin already wants to wage a nuclear war on the U.S.

Of course, during both debates Clinton and Trump had to extend the truth a little to defend their arguments. According to, The Washington Post Trump labels Clinton for "willful and deliberate criminal conduct" regarding the deleted emails on Clinton's private server. During the first debate with Clinton and Trump,

Trump was accused on numerous accounts, of not paying employees. Trump publically made rude faces the second debate and stated during the second debate, it was smart business to not pay these hard workers.

Overall, Trump is behind Clinton in the polls. According to Huffpost Pollster (pulled October 31st, 6:00pm), Clinton is at 48.4% while Trump is at 42.2% which is updated regularly. With this rate looks like we will be welcoming our first women president.



News & Features

Clowns? No Biggie!

BY: **JOSE ORTIZ JR.**
Staff Writer

Imagine yourself walking to the local liquor store for some milk at the request of your mother. You then proceed to pay for the milk, but as you walk out you spot this person dressed up as a clown holding balloons, staring at you from across a dimly lit street. This is not as farfetched as it may seem.

Over 109 sightings of “killer clowns” have been reported to local police departments, as of August 29, 2016, in South Carolina. Following various accounts of children claiming that they were offered money to follow clowns into the woods. Other encounters include, a clown accused of the attempted kidnapping of a one-year-old girl from the hands of her mother outside of a Denny’s in Concord, California, on October 4. In an article updated on October 14, written by Stephanie Dube Dwilson, a journalist from Heavy.com, states on October 5, residents in Los Angeles County reported seeing people wearing clown masks, possibly carrying kitchen knives. As well as in San Pedro, Taper Avenue Elementary employees reported two clowns roaming the campus with kitchen cutlery.

Clowns were not always these menacing figures roaming the empty streets at night. An article from the Smithsonian, written by Linda Rodriguez McRobbie, describes clowns as: pranksters, jesters, jokers, harlequins, that have been mythologized tricksters for ages, primarily used to be humorous. The Smithsonian also informs us back in 2500 BCE, Egyptian pharaohs had men of short stature, also known as Pygmy clowns, to entertain them at their request. In ancient Imperial China, a court clown called YuSze was, according to the lore, the only guy who could poke holes in Emperor Qin Shih Huang’s plan to paint

the Great Wall of China. Interestingly enough, as stated in Here’s Why You’re Terrified of Creepy Clowns by Frank T. McAndrew, the origin of the word “clown” first appeared sometime in the mid 16th century, low German Origin, when Shakespeare used the term to describe foolish characters in several of his plays.

Why are people scared of clowns nowadays? A survey conducted on 1,341 volunteers by TheDailyBeast.com, came to the conclusion that, “people we perceive as creepy are much more likely to be males than females (as are most clowns), that unpredictability is an important component of creepiness, and that unusual patterns of eye contact and other nonverbal behaviors set off our creepiness detectors big time.” In addition, those who were surveyed continue to describe clowns as, ‘unusual or strange.’ TheDailyBeast continues to add, “Physical characteristics such as bulging eyes, a peculiar smile, or inordinately long fingers did not, in and of themselves, cause us to perceive someone as creepy. But, the presence of weird physical traits can amplify any other creepy tendencies that the person might be exhibiting.” TheDailyBeast ends it with, “they are mischievous, which puts people constantly on guard. People interacting with a clown during one of his routines never know if they are about to get a pie in the face or be the victim of some other humiliating prank. The highly unusual physical characteristics of the clown (the wig, the big red nose, the makeup, the odd clothing) only magnify the uncertainty of what the clown might do next.”

Nevertheless, these clown sightings should be treated nothing more than just a warm summer breeze passing by. The sightings have happened before and they will most likely happen again.

National Coming Out Day and Aids walk

BY: **MARTHA RODRIGUEZ**
Staff Writer

National Coming Out Day (NCOD) and AIDS Walk are two very important events that are more connected than you think. NCOD is an event, were all LGBT members and allies come together to celebrate all members for coming out of the closet and also to encourage others to not be scared. AIDS Walk is an event to support people that have HIV or AIDS and to raise money to help educate other on this disease.

On October 11, 1987, millions of people united in protest for lesbian and gay rights in Washington D.C. Resulting in, the celebration of NCOD every October 11. This event motivated people to found many different types of LGBT organizations. Other LGBT members from different places started to standing up for themselves against all anti-LGBT actions. Then Rob Eichberg founder of a group workshop got an idea. Why not have a day to celebrate the people that have come out. So the date of the second march to Washington D.C October 11, 1987 was chosen to make this day. And thanks to the help of Jean O’Leary National Coming Out Day was born.

In 1980, people were aware of HIV, a virus that targets the host’s cells and turns them into viral factories, and then accepted it as a “new health condition.” According to aplahealth.org. Then one year later, there were a few rare diseases that were reported among mostly gay men in New York and California. The founders of the Aids Los Angeles Project went to a meeting in Los Angeles about this new disease, according to aplahealth.org.

They then set up a hotline where people could call to get information about the disease that had everyone shaking in their boots. So they gathered all the information they could and started to read it to the people over the phone. Discovering that they needed money to keep others informed and to prevent the spread of this disease. Four friends decided to ask many of their friends for their support. They also held a Christmas party where they raised more than \$7,000 dollars that helped with this new organization. In the mid-1982’s information was released that the disease was spreading to others. Manly hemophiliacs and heroin users and around September that year the disease was officially known as AIDS. They made “AIDS Walk” an event as a way to raise money to help others that have HIV or Aids every October 23.

As a result, there was a march on October 11, 1987 in Washington D.C. Where more than a million people protested to gain lesbian and gay rights. In fact, this was the second protest in Washington to obtain lesbian and gay rights. This particular protest brought so much attention to the impact that AIDS had on gay communities; this also attracted any anti-gay discrimination. Many are inspired to help others and to show everyone that “LGBT communities are everywhere.” Many people have the opportunity to help and support our family and friends at these events that happen every year on October 11(NCOD).

Climate Change



BY: **CHRISTOPHER REYES**
Staff Writer

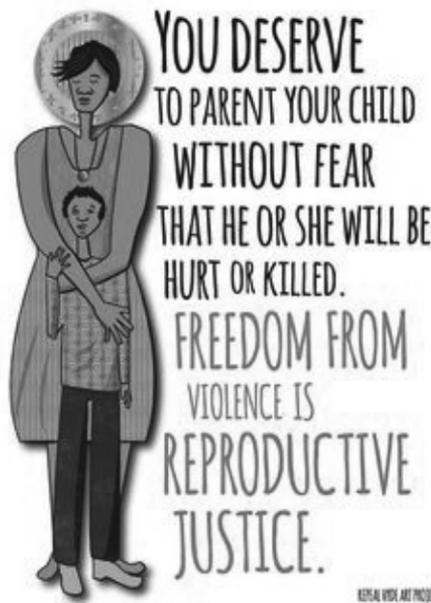
Climate Change is the alteration in Global or regional weather that affects Earth because of the increase in carbon dioxide levels in Earth’s atmosphere. Depending on where you live, the wind pattern will determine how the weather is going to be for that specific day. Predicting the weather isn’t easy, especially when there are many challenges that stand in the way. Many of these challenges include global warming and the change in Earth’s atmosphere. Many of these challenges are not only harmful to the environment, but to humans as well.

Global Warming is the increase of temperature in Earth’s atmosphere and oceans. This change is believed to be permanent, as stated by Livescience, and is changing Earth’s climate. Scientist Jeanna Bryner, Karen Rowan, and Denise Chow at Livescience said, “ Earth has risen 0.4°-0.8°C over the past 100 years. The burning of fossil fuels, land clearing, agriculture, and other human activities are believed to be the primary source of global warming.” Scientist, have conducted further research and state, “The average global temperatures

could increase between 1.4°- 5.8°C by the year 2100.” These actions would lead to rising sea levels and gives us a higher chance of severe weather. Also, Patrick Lynch from NASA stated, “The first six months has been the planet’s warmest half-year on record with the average temperature of 1.3°C.” We need to come up with ideas that will help preserve Earth instead of harming it and all life earth holds.

“The increase in temperature has increased health problems humans must face such as the weather we experience and interactions with built and natural environment,” as stated by Global Change (a government program). These problems include temperature increase which has harmed our food, water, our fresh air, and weather. According to Global Change states, “In the US the exposure to elevated temperatures has more frequent, severe or longer lasting extreme events; degrading air quality, transmitted disease through water food and disease vectors such as mosquitos and ticks, and has stresses to our mental health and well being.” This is only a study about the United States, so if this were to happen around the world, the world would die out slowly. Environmentalist at Global Change say, “Climate change affect human health in two main ways: changing the severity and frequency of health problems; creating unprecedented or unanticipated health problems or threats in places where they have not previously occurred.” This means natural disasters are more likely to occur in other places that have not occurred before. Global Warming is a worldwide disaster and can affect any country. It can affect the country’s climate and there food production even when it doesn’t harm your own. We must change the way we think and what we do because our actions can lead to major threats in the future.

Police Fear



BY: **FRANK GUZMAN**
Staff Writer

“The rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened,” a quote from John F. Kennedy. Police brutality is a big issue in the United States, there have been many incidents that have taken many lives, specifically in the Black community. A Georgia police officer name Tim McMillan, recently prompted the issue after experiencing how the Black community was frightened by all the violence that has been occurring.

Garden City Police Department Lt. McMillan, pulled over a car one night for texting and driving. In an interview with D.H. Callahan, a journalist for Blue Lives Matter Organization, McMillan told officials, “I found a young black male, who was looking at me like he was absolutely terrified with his hands up.” McMillan explained how

the teen was talking as if his life was on the line. The young black male had to ask the officer what he wanted him to do multiple times. The officer didn’t give the teen a ticket for texting and driving, but he talked to him explaining how he didn’t want to see the teen in a accident for texting and driving. The officer’s mind opened up after this event happened and was quoted saying, “ This is something I will never forget.”

The officer did not write him a ticket, as he knew the real issue was not him, but the crisis in our country. Even though some of us never experienced any violence with the police, we still fear them for the power they are given, and the actions they have taken against the people. This teenager feared the officer, thinking he was going to get punished violently. We the people fear those who “Protect Us” in addition, violence is erupting for voices to be heard.

This post being written by a police officer himself, addressing the issue for once is a change. The officer hopes to reach out to other officials to resolve the issue of police brutality. McMillan continues to state, “I do not even care who’s fault it is, that young man was so scared to have a police officer at his window. Blame the media, blame bad cops, blame protester, or Colin Kaepernick if you want. It does not matter to me who is to blame. I just wish somebody would fix it.” Police brutality is a huge issue in the U.S. and should be stopped. Hunter S. Thompson stated “There are always risks in challenging excessive police power, but the risks of not challenging it are more dangerous, even fatal.”



New LALA Classes

BY: CHRISTIAN RODRIGUEZ-MUNOZ
Staff Writer

What are the new classes that LALA High School has to offer? The new classes are: the LGBTQ Social studies class, intro to social justice and activism, public speaking and communication, Weight Training class, Computer Science, Comic Book class, Chicano Studies, and Farming for Social Justice. The teachers that have these new classes are Ms. Estrada with LGBTQ, Al for Public Speaking and Communication, Ms. Lindsay with intro to Social Justice and Activism, Ms. Johnson with Farming for Social Justice, Mr. Demers with Weight Training, Ms. Tichenell with Computer, Mr. B with Chicano studies, and Ms. Wirtz with Comic Books. All classes take place in the teacher's class rooms except for Mr. Demers, his new class is in the school gym.

Farming class is held during first and third period, public speaking is held during first period, social activism is held during every second and six period, weight training, is every eighth period, comic book class is held in every fifth period, and LGBTQ+ is every fifth period. These new classes were given as an elective that students could choose if they were interested. The new electives helps the

students because it makes them stand out too colleges.

The new class, Weight Training, focuses on learning exercises and the right forms. This helps students who don't know what exercises to do and how to do them. The class sets a workout goal that they want to reach in a month for example lose weight or gaining muscle. The class is very beneficial it helps a lot with kids that want to make their bodies healthier and fit. When asked if he liked the class, Edwin Crews said, "I love it because I get to workout with my friends and there is music it get me pumped up."

The LGBTQ class teaches the students about the history of the LGBT community, going as far back as ancient Egypt. When asked if she think student should take the class, Ms. Estrada said, "I think certain students should. Students that are interested in psychology and sociology and students that are interested in learning about sexual identity." Also, when asked if she likes the class, Ms. Estrada said, "Yes I like teaching the class because I am constantly learning new things."

Intro to Social Justice Activism class is about diving into more political and social views. Students should take this class because they learn leadership through planning and par-

ticipating. When asked if she liked the class and why, Martha Rodriguez responded with, "I like it because it gives us an actual view on how it is to be an activist and what it takes to prepare a protest for a certain cause."

Farming for Social Justice is about farming history in California. When asked if students should take the class, Moses Gonzalez said, "I most definitely think that students should take this course. It is very fun and interesting." When asked again if he liked the class, Moses Gonzalez said, "Yes I like the class a lot. I always learn something new."

The Comic Book class teaches the history of comics and as well as how to read and write comic books. When asked if students should take the class, Ms. Wirtz said, "Yes because they can gain literacy and apply their creativity in writing." Ms. Wirtz later said, "I love the class it's lot of fun."

In Public Speaking and Communication they learn the different types of communication and different speech techniques. When asked if he thinks students should take the class, Mr. Al said, "I don't know ultimately I do want to say yes because communication is important, students need help with communicating with other students and adults." When asked if he likes teaching the class, Al

said, "Yes and no but he didn't like that it was made at last minute, but overall I like teaching the class."

The new Computer Science class teaches students how to program, deal with big data, helps with coding, also basic things that you need to know about computers. When asked if she thinks students need to know and take the class, Ms. Tichenell said, "I really think that students should take this class because a lot of jobs these days require you to know how to program and make softwares so this class could really help students for their future." Then Ms. Tichenell went on to say that she likes to teach the class but would like to have some girls to get interested in it not just boys.

Chicano Studies class is about understanding the latino americans community and their history. When asked if students should take the class, Mr. B said, "I think that anyone that is interested in learning their past present and future they should definitely take the class." When asked if he likes the class and if he wanted to teach it again next year, Mr. B said, "I enjoy teaching the class and hope that I teach it again next year but with more periods." These new classes are here for anyone who is interested. Don't hesitate to check them out.

Day of the Dead



BY: BRIANA VEGA RAMIREZ
Staff Writer

On November second, Dia De Los Muertos, also known as, The Day of the Dead, is celebrated not only in the United States, but expands to Spain, Guatemala, Brazil, and other Latino communities, according to the Huffington Post. This day is celebrated to honor every moment of life and the remembrance of people's loved ones that have passed away, by decorating graves or having a celebration like: singing, dancing, eating, and telling stories of their family members that have passed away.

According to the section from "Latino Voices" on the Huffington Post, in the United States they also take part of honoring this day. For example, "The Day of the Dead is crossing over into mainstream U.S. culture with a whirlwind of exhibitions, parties, educational projects, art classes and parades throughout the country." On some occasions, people paint half of their face as a skull which signifies the transition from life to death.

Within the Catholic belief, it originated on November second. According to Catholic Online, a video was presented that informs viewers about the meaning of The Day of the Dead by Marshall Cannolly. The video states, "Officially on November second and it correlates with all souls day in the Catholic liturgical calendar; however, celebrations start as early as October." In fact, within the Catholic church there are two separate celebrations, a day for the innocence which takes place on November 1st and all the adults and teens that passed away on the next day, November 2nd.

People believe that the souls return to Earth to provide council to their family and their loved ones. The Day of the Dead is a chance for their loved ones to return and be united with their families once again. Stated from an article found on ABC News, "To learn to respect that life is brie, they also learn that there is a circle of life, and not fear of it, also learn to appreciate it at every moment."

Meet the New Counselor: Mrs. Harris



BY: KATHERINE GARCIA
Photographer

There is a new counselor in Los Angeles Leadership Academy. Her name is Leticia Harris, known as Mrs. Harris. Harris began working at LALA on first day of school in 2016. Harris has her Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She started out by being a teacher's assistant. She wanted to do something different, but still wanted to be in the field of helping out children. Harris wanted to focus on students, she believed being a career center coordinator would be a perfect job. She wanted to help out students with their future and guide them into success. Furthermore Harris wanted to find what they wanted for their future. She felt like being a school counselor would benefit her and she would have the opportunity to do what she loved most, help out students. She feels passionate about what she does. She heard about LALA by the Executive Director, Mrs. Arina Goldring. Harris thought taking this job would be a great opportunity and that it would expand her teaching field.

When Mrs. Harris came to LALA, she felt nervous, yet excited. When asked about how her first day went, Mrs. Harris said, "I felt nervous, I was starting a new field in a new school, with new people. After getting to know the staff and students, I didn't feel as nervous

anymore. I felt at home in LALA. I liked the school environment, it felt good working with the staff and students. They were really welcoming and supportive with my new presence. Also, One of the things I enjoy, is that everyone is positive, and they help each other out."

Harris promotes college and career awareness for all students at LALA. Meaning she wants students to be aware and ready for college. When asked about what her goal was, Mrs. Harris said, "I want the students to be successful in life. I want to encourage students to be focused and have goals for the future."

Harris expects students to have a better understanding about college opportunities and what fields they want to attend. Although, there are tough days, Harris works with a big smile at LALA. When asked about how she feels toward LALA, Mrs. Harris said, "I enjoy working with the students, and getting to know them and their plans for their future." Harris believes it is really important to be involved with students and school events. She believes by being involved, she will show support to the students. For example, Harris was looking forward to the Aids walk on Sunday October 23, 2016. She believed it was a good cause, and she wanted to support everyone.

When asked about how she felt towards the students, and her career, Mrs. Harris said, "Working with children has been by far the most rewarding thing I've done." Harris comes to work from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. She commits to her students and likes preparing them for their future. Her favorite quote is a quote from Nelson Mandela, "I never lose, I either win or learn." This quotes means in life many times we face rejection and when we're in a situation when we're faced like that we should take it as a learning experience, we should reflect and improve and not let those moments stop you from ultimately achieving what you want. If you ever need advice or help you can always count on Mrs. Harris.



Unhappy iPhone 7 is Here!



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Apple's iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 Plus officially went on sale on September 7, 2016, with much better features. The iPhone is sold in every mobile store. Apple developed a newer improved camera that contains two cameras in the back of the phone with a 12-megapixel and an iSight camera with the following: a wider lens, more light, better flash, better lighting, and is also water resistant. The iPhone 7 has a faster processor with better battery life and has more storage than last year's models; specifically twice the storage. For example, the entry-level iPhone 7 is now 32GB instead of 16GB.

Apple added a new color to the iPhone collection, a jet black color. Not only that, it is \$649 the same price as last year's iPhone 6. "iPhone 7." Apple. N.p., n.d. Web. 24 Oct. 2016. This iPhone 7 is dealing with many complaints. Many people are arguing about the iPhone's missing headphone jack. The iPhone 7 is wireless, people over asked: "What is it like not having a headphone socket?" There have been quite a lot of negative comments. Journalist Samuel Gibbs, from the Guardian, states that some find it tiresome that the headphones are being able to charge the battery on your phone while listening to music. As stated by Gareth Beavis from Techradar News, an iPhone 7 holder, "The toughest part of not having a headphone jack is trying to break all my old listening habits. I can not tell you the number of times I tried to plug a regular pair of earbuds into these phones before -- d'oh! -- remembering that doesn't work and then having to root around for the included Lightning-to-3.5mm adapter." In addition to this people are not so use to the new changes, knowing there is no headphone jack.

Apple came out with an headphone adapter, which 3.5mm headphone jack is used to plug headphones and aux cables into that makes everything more confused, yet it is helpful. People that have the iPhone 7 are able to get the headphone adapter, but it is a separate charge that is an extra \$20 to purchase just like the earpods. A customer stated from an iPhone 6s holder point of view, "Currently I am an iPhone 6s holder and I am willing to stick with my phone and not deal with that problem for now. I agree that the new iPhone 7 is something new to the iPhone family and it's not so great because of this problem of not having a headphone jack a point that needs emphasizing since so many people believe that this is a big issue on the apple company." Their are people that rather stick to their old iPhone habits then adjust to the new phone and seeing the iPhone 7 not so great in some people's opinions.

Thanksgiving Disasters

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On the last Thursday of every November, you are expected to have a huge feast (with your family and friends every year) in order to commemorate the first Thanksgiving. People usually arrive to these reunions sober and leave drunk, forcing them to depend on another to drive them home. But what happens to the people who don't have a designated driver? As the years go by the issue of drunk driving is getting more and more serious. On February 17, 2016, contributors from the National Safety Council (NSC) stated that, "38,300 people were killed on U.S. roads, and 4.4 million were seriously injured, meaning 2015 likely was the deadliest driving year since 2008." Within those people, about 31% are alcohol related and during Thanksgiving, over 400 people are injured due to an intoxicated driver, according to statistics of Charles Hickman from Guardian Interlock. That seems like a little compared to the 38,000 over the year. However, there are more casualties during Blackout Wednesday and Black Friday which happen right next to Thanksgiving. If



you think you are not going to be in some way involved with a drunk driving incident, just wait until you listen to what these mothers have to say. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), published on May 2014, "On average, two in three people will be involved in a drunk driving crash in their lifetime."

To prevent others you know from injur-

ing themselves, you will need to know who will drive first before your loved ones get intoxicated. If you know there are going to be alcoholic beverages, make sure you remind one adult to remain sober. If they become drunk, you need to make sure you either call a taxi for them or take away their keys. If you are suppose to get a ride from someone who has had a couple of drinks, you should immediately find a way to avoid being driven by the individual. Do not be embarrassed to worry when it comes out to these situations. These are a few things you could do as a teenager unless you are twenty one, then you would have to worry about yourself. Do not take a risk of having an intoxicated driver even if they feel safe or have done this before. Victims such as Stephanie Wells, a writer for Testimonials Archive, states that she felt the same way before she killed a man in the impact of her crash which was a result of drunk driving. Traumatized, she tried killing herself constantly after realizing what she had done. Just remember to be responsible enough in these situations and remember the consequences of this which include death and jail time. Stay safe!

Local Kidnapping

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According to the US Department of Justice, about 800,000 people go missing each year. Kidnap is a very serious issue in the United States. On September 30, 2016, twenty-nine year old Jose Cado, walked into a liquor store with a sledge hammer and took a woman hostage in South Los Angeles. The woman's name is still unknown. Cado managed to get the woman in his car, but escaped due to the kidnapper not wanting to get involved with the store owner or police. According to ABC news, some witnesses claimed the woman was not screaming for help; however, others state that she was.

A mailman witnessed the woman being kidnapped, but decided not to help and instead told them, "You are in love, I'm not getting involved." She held his leg and screeched for help but, the mailman didn't take notice. The mailman was later interviewed by CBS and claimed the woman wasn't screaming for help and thought the two were family or acquaintances. However, the woman who had nearly been kidnapped, reported she was hollering for help. The store owner confirmed that she was pleading for help and assumed it was a minor problem in between a couple. After Cado managed to get the woman outside, he forced her into his red Honda Civic



and drove away.

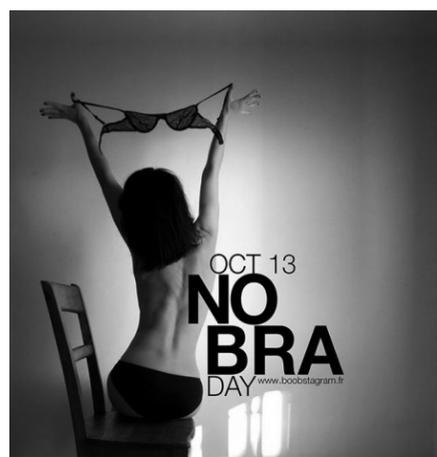
After the woman managed to escape the vehicle, she asked a passing motorist for help; however, the motorist ignored her. She ran to a nearby cemetery where three women spotted her and took her to a nearest hospital to receive medical attention.

As he was leaving the scene, two women took a picture of the man's license plates and sent the picture to the police department. Consequently, the man was arrested moments later. According to LA Times journalist Joseph Serna on an article that was published on September 30th, 2016, Cado has been charged with attempted premeditated murder, kidnapping to commit rape, assault with intent to commit rape,

assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threats, stalking and fleeing police. Cado's motive is still unknown; although, he threatened the woman who he attempted to kidnap by telling her he was going to kill her and her family.

Attempts have been made to lower the rate of kidnap, but the number of people going missing each year stays about the same. An obvious way to prevent abduction is to instruct your child not to talk to strangers. In addition, if you are an adult, carrying a self-defense weapon like mace or a pocket knife can be of use in a moment of need. Stay safe and if you feel a sense of threat go another way.

National No Bra Day



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On October 13, the national slightly controversial holiday known as National No Bra Day is celebrated nationwide. Women around the world are free to ditch their bras at home for 24 hours and encourage others to participate by letting free. Around the world, men and women are suffering from breast cancer; in addition, National No Bra Day is a reminder of all men and women who struggled and fought breast cancer.

Back in 2011, National No Bra Day began as a social media campaign. The annual holiday has been widely celebrated and has appeared in sponsors on social media channels; however, it has taken into a controversy to others. Some people have claimed and argued that the national holiday encourages sexually exposing women's bodies, according to the article, "15 Facts About Boobs And Bras For National Bra Day," written by Alexandra Suarez on Ibtimes.com.

National No Bra day is celebrated nationwide. For 24 hours, women across the world free their breasts by removing their bras without restraint. Men and women contribute this important annual day by posting #NoBraDay or #NationalNoBraDay with a photo or video on social media. Females can also participate and encourage others by wearing a white t-shirt. Men as well are able to participate and support women by wearing purple. For instance, purple ties, purple boxers, purple socks, or purple or no purple shirts with a NNDB (National No Bra Day) logo on it.

Many females prefer to be braless even without having to be National No Bra Day due to being uncomfortable. Yet, society and culture shames women for not wearing bras.

More women are going bra-free, leading the "No Bra Movement." Health coach, yoga instructor, and Youtuber, Erin Volentine quoted, "I'm never wearing an underwire bra. It's uncomfortable. Underwire bras. You have a wire in your clothes. In your tight-fitting clothes. I mean, that's not logical. What is the point?" Another YouTuber, Nicki Diaz responded, "I do not wear these types of bras. I found them super uncomfortable." According to an Attn: Video, about 60% of women have experienced back shoulder or neck pain from wearing a bra. According to the article, "15 Facts About Boobs And Bras For National Bra Day," written by Alexandra Suarez on Ibtimes.com, in 1991, a case study revealed that women who did not wear bras were less likely to get breast cancer than those who did.

It's those awareness days that reminds us the importance of the issues many face; moreover, National No Bra Day is a reminder to all those who survived and struggled breast cancer. Females are right to free their breasts by their own choice, whether it's National No Bra day or not. "People think I'm trying to make a fashion statement because I never wear a bra. It's because I'm a tomboy at heart," a quote from actress, Cameron Diaz.

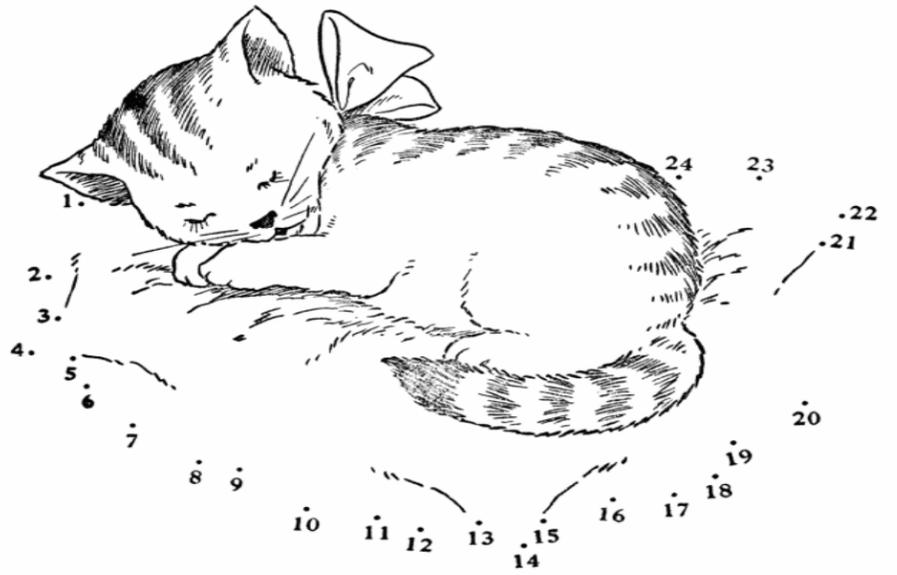


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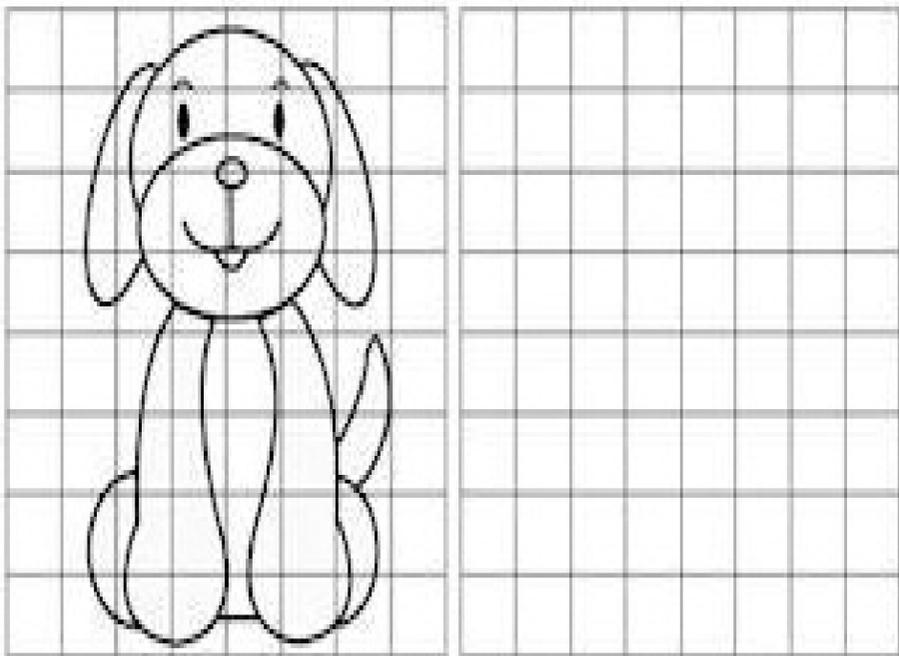
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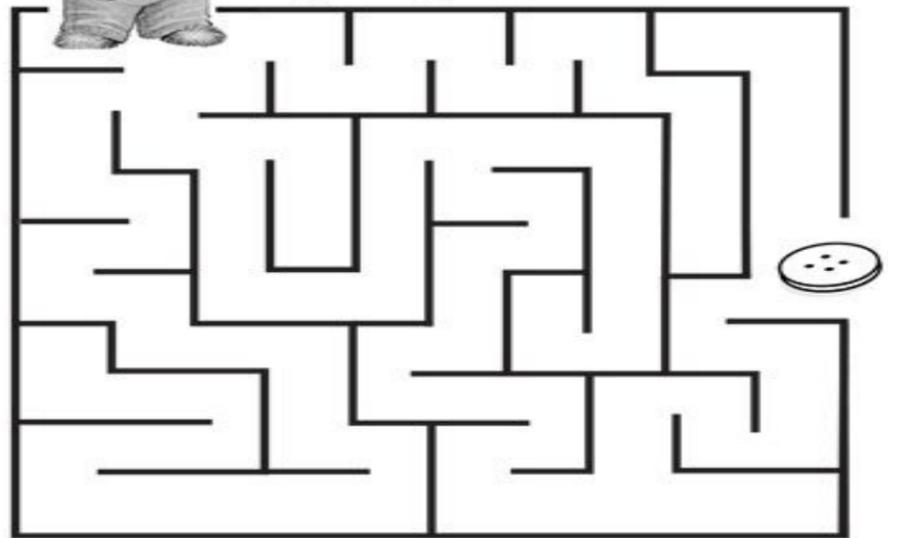


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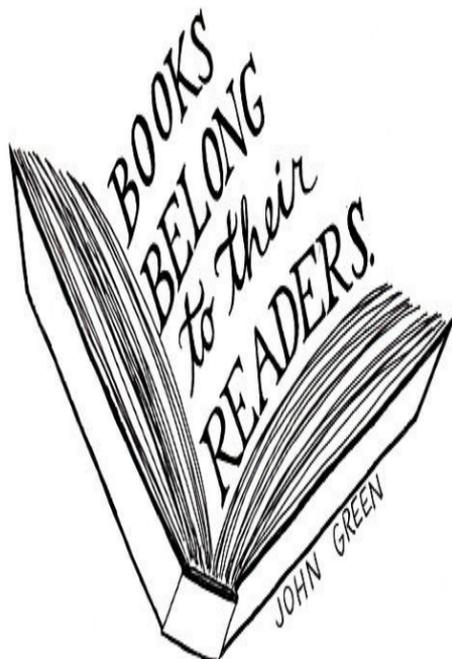
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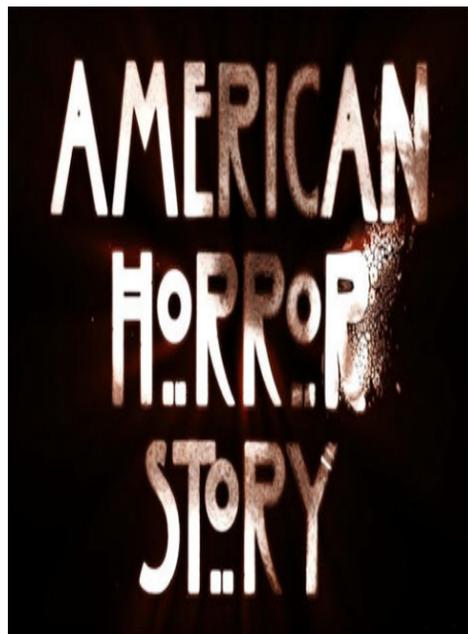
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Series Review

American Horror Story



BY: **SAMANTHA SOVALBARRO**
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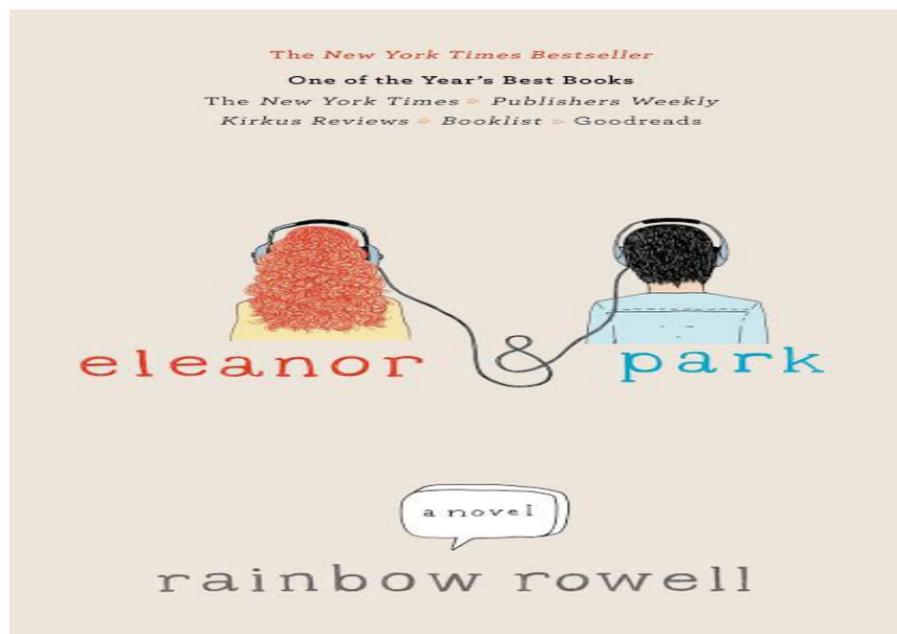
American Horror Story is an erotic, horror, Anthology thriller based on real life people and true horrific events that have occurred in the past and has over 3.572 million viewers per episode, according to Dominic Patten in September 15, 2016 from the article titled “American Horror Story: Roanoke’ Ratings Steady With 2015’s ‘Hotel’ In Debut.” This series has different seasons which have taken place in a murder house, insane asylum, a witch coven, a freak show, haunted hotel, and currently a sinister farmhouse, which were all filmed with the same actors, but played different characters, stated by IMDB. American Horror Story’s first episode was aired on October 5, 2011, it has only been around for five years, but has millions of viewers, according to Nick Venable in October 24, 2016 from the article titled, “American Horror Story Season 6: What We Know So Far - CINEMABLEND.” This show has definitely caught my eyes and many others as well. If you are into creepy horror shows, this is definitely something you would love.

American Horror Story has six seasons with different themes; however, they are all somewhat connected. In season six of American Horror Story: Hotel, if someone dies in the hotel, their spirit will stay to haunt others just like they do in the murder house. Moreover, in season six, Hotel, they bring in a character from season three of The Witch Coven, which gives the idea that both seasons take place during the same time period, stated by Ryan Roschke in December 16, 2015 from the article titled, “10 Ways the American Horror Story Seasons Are Connected.” For the most recent season, people think that season six will have all the seasons tied together, but they are still not sure because there has only been four episodes. Even though they are all connected, if you decide to skip a season you will not be confused in any way.

If you did not know already American Horror Story is based on true stories and not just scary stories made up by the writer. For example, in season 2, Kit and Alsm Walker were inspired by one of the first mixed-race couple, Barney and Betty in 1961. Interracial couples were frowned upon in those times, but also they claimed they were the first couple to be abducted and savagely probed by aliens, which brought attention to their unwanted relationship. In season four, Twisted the Clown was inspired by killer, John Wayne who went as Pogo the Clown. Wayne would secretly lewd young teenage boys into his home to murder and rape them. Between the years 1972-1978, Wayne killed and raped over 33 young men. After his home was crammed with dead bodies, he began to cut up the dead bodies and throw them into the river just as he did in American Horror Story: Freak Show, according to Maggie Pehanick, October 5, 2016, in the article titled “The True Stories Behind 19 American Horror Story Characters.”

Now tell me, would you dare to watch this knowing these are all true stories? Are you one of those millions that loves to get a little spooked once in awhile?

Literature Review: Eleanor and Parks



BY: **KAREN JOCELYN GARCIA**
Guest Writer

Eleanor & Park is a coming of age novel by Rainbow Rowell, an American author of young adult and adult contemporary novels. Eleanor & Park is about two teenagers that fall in love in a peculiar way. Eleanor is a “big girl” with bright red hair at a new school. She is poor and lives in a constant fear of offending her abusive alcoholic stepfather, Richie. Park is a half- Korean popular guy at school, however his race and passion for comic books and “good music” separate him from others.

On their first day of school, Eleanor is the new girl at school, Park sees that a “big girl” is trying to find a seat on the bus and doesn’t want to offer the seat besides him. However, to save her embarrassment, Park offers her to sit next to him. Over time, she begins reading his comics over his shoulder and begin exchanging music taste. They eventually start to catch feelings for each other and start to hold hands on the rides to and from school.

Eleanor’s situation at home challenges her to cope with the instability to appease her mother and stepfather. A year earlier, she was kicked out of her house by her stepfather. Eleanor’s mother asks her to make an effort and try to get along with her stepfather, but that is not the case. Through Eleanor’s and Park’s romance there is an obstacle that questions their love for each other and that is society. Eleanor believes that she is not allowed to have a relationship that is between a good looking guy and a “Big Red”.

Throughout the novel, complications in Eleanor’s household start to rise up and she eventually runs away from home to get away from the “danger” aka her stepfather. Eleanor plans to hitchhike to Minnesota to her uncle’s house, but Park will not let her unless he comes along. Therefore, Park borrows his father’s car and drives Eleanor from Nebraska to Minnesota. At this point,

saying goodbye to each other becomes difficult because they don’t know where their relationship stands.

At the end of the novel, Park writes to Eleanor everyday, but Eleanor does not write back. A year goes by, and he still doesn’t hear back from Eleanor. Park eventually finds a job, and goes to his senior prom with another girl (he promised Eleanor he would take her to prom.) At some point, he stops mailing letters to Eleanor. However, one day he receives a postcard from Eleanor and there are only three words written on the postcard.

On a scale from one through five (one being the worst and five being the best), I would rate this book a three. The reason is because at the end of the novel, the author does not reveal the three words written on the postcard. Many readers have sent the author fan mail and have tweeted her about the three words, but does not plan to reveal it. In the book, the author says: “The important thing to know about that postcard is that Eleanor sent it. She worked through all her fear and anxiety and insecurity, and she reached out to Park. She sent him something that made him smile and feel wings fluttering in his chest. Readers often ask me – after they’ve asked about the three words – why I decided to end the book this way. Why couldn’t I give Park and Eleanor a happy ending. I think I did give them a happy ending.But they’re 17 years old. And I don’t believe that 17-year-olds get happy endings. They get beginnings.”

Although this ending was a disappointment, it is an awesome book! Not only does it contain romance, but it contains a better understanding of how poverty interacts with abuse to marginalize and oppress people. I recommend this book to anyone who likes reading about romance and coming of age.

Series Review

The Vampire Diaries



BY: **SAMANTHA SOVALBARRO**
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The American supernatural drama written by Kevin Williamson and Julie Plec based on a famous book, written by L.G Smith, with the same name, The Vampire Diaries is about two centuries-old vampire brothers who face new evil in the town of Mystic Falls, Virginia.

The fictional old town of Mystic Falls, Virginia involves a rich history filled with supernaturals like: vampires, witches, werewolves, originals, hybrids, travelers, and ghosts.

The series begins following the life of Elena Gilbert (Nina Dobrev), a teenage girl who lost her parents from a fatal car accident and returns back to her normal life where she falls in love with a vampire name Stefan Salvatore, who is played by Paul Wesley. Although, their love for each other grows faster, their relationship gets difficult throughout the first season when Stefan’s brother, Damon Salvatore, who is played by Ian Somerhalder, returns to Mystic Falls for revenge on his brother. Moreover, Damon returns with a plan to resurrect their past lover name Katherine Pierce, who is played by Nina Dobrev, who is Elena’s doppelgänger.

Furthermore, the Salvatore brothers settles their differences and Damon ends up falling in love with Elena, creating a love triangle in which Elena later decides among the two. Throughout the series, there are flashbacks of the brothers’ past and the town’s history.

This series aired in 2009 and currently began a new eighth season on The CW Channel. The first season gained about 3.60 million viewers, and now it’s having over two million viewers each episode. The Vampire Diaries is the most viewed show on The CW following Arrow and has won People’s Choice Awards and many Teen Choice Awards. At the beginning, the first season had many mixed reviews, but now critics believe that the seasons have improved after season one was aired. In 2009, the series premiere gave The CW the biggest series premiere by having 4.91 million viewers. Adding all the views up the show has had a total of 5.7 millions viewers. Knowing all these people love this show, would you become a lover of the vampires also?