

DARFUR CONFLICT INTENSIFIES IN SUDAN

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You're thinking about the Holidays, aren't you? You're excited about opening your presents... going somewhere else...and decorating the tree (unless you already have.) Now let's change the subject and set our minds on the disturbing genocide in Africa. Think about Darfur (a city in Sudan) and the inhabitants there. All they're thinking about right now is the hope of being somewhere safe with their family, away from the bloodied battlefield of their homeland, Sudan.

The Sudan Genocide began on July 2003. The war is mainly between the Janjaweed, a Muslim mercenary group recruited from mainly the Abbala tribes (Arabian camel-herders) in Sudan, and the non-Baggara African native tribes. The Janjaweed were hired by Omar Hasan Ahmad-al Bashir, the Sudanese president who hired them to slaughter some of his own subjects. The Sudanese government are denying that they had any part in the actions of the Janjaweed,

but have secretly co-operated in joint guerilla attacks, given them military assistance, and have even gone as far to supply them financially and with arms. The mass media have described it as "ethnic cleansing" and "genocide," saying "a camera was not nearly enough to describe Darfur."

After the fighting went to a climax recently, the United Nations Security Council took action and approved of Resolution 1706 which called for some 20,000 U.N. military forces to supply the African Union Mission peace-keeping force in Sudan. The Sudanese government strongly objected the Resolution and said that they would see the United Nations as foreign intruders for interfering in personal affairs, assuring them that they would see to the problem. The next day, the Sudanese military launched a major offensive in the region.

Today, the battle for humane rights in Sudan, (not just Darfur) is still in turmoil, and is still in the process of being saved. Help now and join the battle by giving food today at LCHS. There's a box at the auditorium foyer that supports Uganda, which is not Sudan, but it is at least Africa. **So, show support for humanity, and say a prayer during the Holidays!**

DINE N' GLOW

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Lucky magazine drive winners pulled up to the legendary Dine N Dance on November 30th in a sparkling white hummer limo. Sammy Alequin, Patrick Moore, and Haley Harrison were some of the fortunate eleven who sold at least 25 magazines. This glow-in-the-dark themed dance was held on November 30th from 6:00-8:00 PM. It was a bit more formal than common because girls wore stylish dresses and guys wore gaudy collared shirts. The dances like was obviously longer so after 15 minutes of waiting there was a DJ and a cool balloon arch. There where brownies, cookies, Oreos, some punch and water. This dance gave the opportunity for the delicious burger, In-n-Out! The In-n-Out truck was out back and was serving some tantalizing burgers.

While most people were very surprised at how much better this dance was compared to the first dance on how there was cool neon glow-in-the-dark bangles and great food some said that it wasn't too much of a difference to the first dance of the year. Energetic dancers danced to songs like Smack That, the really fun Cha Cha Slide, Wind It Up, and many more. The ASB moms were the ones who arranged and decorated this special day so we should thank the ASB moms for it. Some people said the theme was so cool or that wish they could have more of these dances. This dance was probably the best dance yet, but there are more dances to come!



Limo Guests Left to Right: Brittany Kolb, Emily Schrek, Samantha Alequin, Haley Harrison, Kyle Herron, Rachel Kapla, Andrea Chin, Zane Schwartz, Patrick Moore, Arjin Kullar, and Kimi Dohi

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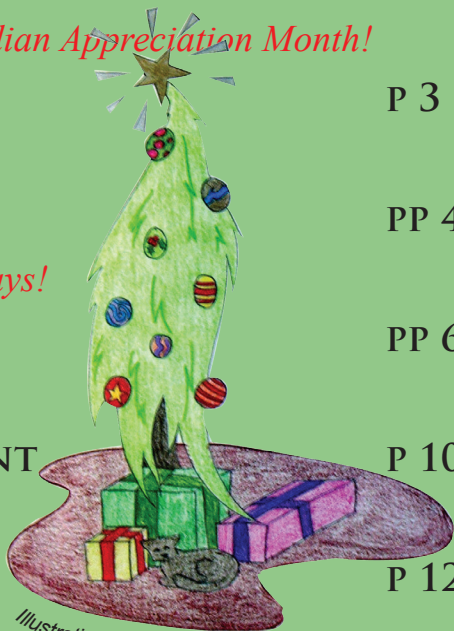


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LCPC FUNDRAISER

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The Junior High section of La Canada Presbyterian Church is raising money for three families that don't have all the advantages we have. Two of the three families are from Africa and the other family is from Vietnam. The money the church raises will go to the repairs of their house, food, health, schooling and basically their whole life. These three families are from countries that don't have the stuff we have and rely completely on donations. LCPC is really in the Holiday spirit by helping these families out and making sure they have a happy holiday.

PROFILES

A BREAK FOR CUSTODIANS

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Custodian Appreciation Month was declared last month in November. Our custodians deserve a real break once and for all! Carlos Hernandez (head custodian), Frank Landeros, Tony Camerena, Mario Aquino, Ernesto Benavidez, David Cardoza, Alvin Jones, and Ruben Reyes are our eight custodians of the school and Billy Crye is in charge of maintenance. We as a student body have been making a concerted effort by helping our custodians with the huge an ongoing litter problem. All over the school campus, junior and high school students have been participating in cleaning up after themselves. Some weren't doing so well at it. Gum is constantly seen all around the campus. Sometimes students have been trashing Cup-of-Noodles on the stairs. Leftover candy wrappers have been left on rocks. Even our high school students dispose their Gatorade bottles in bushes and trees. We all should do our part to keep LCHS clean.

Our helpful custodians have been working from dawn to dusk and shouldn't have to pick up after us. Some students don't even offer to help them. Now I think we have all learned a lesson. "Well, the littering is certainly an improvement this year, so I just want to thank all the 7/8

Center Photo: Morning Custodians--
Frank Landeros and Carlos Hernandez

THANK YOU,
CUSTODIANS!

LA CAÑADA 7-8
APPRECIATES YOU!



Shannon O'Hara presents a token of appreciation to our maintenance man, Billy Crye.

students for helping to pick up their trash. There are only two custodians cleaning up the litter, so every bit students can do helps," says Miss Dalbeck. "Yes it has been an improvment, when we hear on the issues of littering during announcements. It needs constant attention and awarness. Some people haven't made a habit to pick up after themselves."

The idea of Custodian Month is something that everyone should observe. Everyone has to be aware. Students and adults can moniter someone just by saying, "PICK THAT UP!" Many people in the school have the Custodian Month spirit. Some eighth graders, for example, were wearing T-shirts that says "Thank You" to the custodians for a great job.

Whenever you throw away any piece of garbage, make sure it goes in the trash can. Littering is one of leading issues having a negative effect on the environment! So the next time you see a piece of trash, dispose it into the trash can or recycling bin. As for the custodians, don't just ignore them. Say, "Thank you!"



Afternoon Custodians (L-R) David Cardoza, Ernesto Benavidez, Ruben Reyes, Alvin Jones, and Mario Aquino receive their gifts.

OPINION

“DEAR ELI”

by *Eli Vargas*
Staff Columnist

Have a problem you want solved but never got around to ask? Maybe some of these letters might help you:

Dear Eli,
I had a fight with my two best friends. I really cared for them. Then a girl came into the picture. I hate her sooo much. My friends started to like her, but I still didn’t. She had this big attitude that I hated. She even said that I tried to have one. I got mad. Then my friends gave me the friendship bracelets I gave them. My heart felt torn apart. What should I do?
-Friend w/o a friend

Dear Friend w/o a friend,
Friendships are one of the daily causes of life. Don’t start a fight with the your friends and your “enemy”, that will only cause more problems. Just hang out with your other friends. If your old friends want to be your friends again, give them a second chance. Remember something else; you don’t buy friends with gifts. Just be you and have a good time with your friends.

Sincerely,

Eli

Dear Eli,
I have a huge crush on this one person. He is handsome, smiles whenever I see him, and is really nice. But what business does he have with me, anyway? He’s one year older me and he doesn’t like me back (At least I think he doesn’t). But we are kind of acquaintances. I am kind of scared to tell him how I feel. I mean, I could say “hi” easily to him, but I couldn’t say that I LIKE him. What should I do?
-A Friend

Dear A friend,
It is okay that you like a boy. It is part of the “circle of life”. If you can, try to talk to him personally. If he doesn’t have time at school, maybe you could try after school. Maybe you will make a new friend. I suggest not blowing your cover of you being his crush. If your friends tell you to write a secret admirer note, don’t do it. Sometimes friends don’t give the best advice.

Sincerely,

Eli

CROWDED CAMPUS

by *Skye Terebey*
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When squeezing through the chattering groups of towering high school students that clog the hallways, many wish that they had break at a different time. Room is scarce near the cafeteria and stairways, and because of this many students have become experts at navigating the bustling area or they find their snack on the floor, being trampled by others hurrying to class.

Many students complain about the crowds, saying they don’t vacate the second and third floors as they are supposed to because there isn’t enough room for them on the ground level. Throngs of students congest the wide passageway from the stairs to the cafeteria and vending machines. Often during regular bell schedule students have found themselves departing class immediately and trying to beat the crowds so they have enough time to eat, but they discover that ten minutes is not long enough to grab a snack from the vending machines and still make it back to class in time.

“I really like break, but it’s difficult to get around and you spend almost all your time trying to get through the crowds,” says Natalie Wilson, a seventh grade student. “There are a lot of people who are stopping and talking to their friends, and don’t care that they clog up the passageway. If people could stay off to the sides then it would make it a lot easier to get your snack and then be back to class with minutes to spare.”

If you are tired of having to push your way through crowds, try and remind others to stay off to the side. If you normally get a snack, usually you don’t have time to talk with your friends. By making it faster to get a bite to eat, you’ll have time to talk to your friends without being late for class.

TEXTBOOK TROUBLES

by *Skye Terebey*
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Usually I stay in the IRC after school, completing homework because both of my parents work late and can’t pick me up after school. The IRC supplies textbooks so that students can use them to work on homework, but as many as twenty seventh graders can be in the IRC and there are only three or four textbooks to go around. Once I waited until four o’clock for a math textbook – and only had about half an hour to finish and correct forty-eight problems.

As you can imagine, this poses a problem for students that have after school activities. They may be in the IRC until four thirty and only be able to do half their homework, then go home and leave immediately for a piano lesson or soccer practice. If they can’t do their homework in the hour or two they are in the IRC, when can they do it?

There are a total of __ seventh and eighth grade textbooks in the IRC. This number is made up of _ Math textbooks, 2 Social Studies textbooks, _ Science textbooks, and __ Language Art textbooks. This means only __ students can do their homework, maybe one or two more if somebody doubles. “Quote about how long you use a textbook,” says student name here. If students take about 45 minutes with each textbook, not many get to use them in the short- or long time they stay at the IRC. I hate waiting that long for a textbook, but I don’t want to take my textbooks from home to school with me. Your textbooks are supposed to stay at home, and bringing them to school just makes your load heavier. Even if you do leave them in your locker, they take up a good chunk of space and leave you

with no room for your other supplies.

There need to be changes made so that the students who are in the IRC after school have the proper resources to do their homework. The main thing the IRC is lacking is textbooks. We have 48 computers, and hundreds or reading books, but those don’t help much if you need to copy problems out of a textbook or read a section in your textbook.

However, there is one program that helps. The seventh grade students recently learned that they can download their Social Science textbook onto their computer at home. This program is also put onto the IRC’s computers, which helps a lot since there are only two textbooks.

It would be grand if we could each have a textbook to use in the IRC, but I know that’s not going to happen. For now I hope there will be enough so that there aren’t huge lines for textbooks and people wandering around from table to table asking if ‘You are done with that’. The PTA has been generous in the past and purchased textbooks for each individual student to keep at home- will they be able to spend the money for a few more textbooks to place in the IRC? Let’s hope so.



These empty shelves in the IRC could use more text books.

CULTURE

PLANNING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

*by Michael Mairone
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It's that time of year again! Finally, the students of the LCHS 7/8 get to go on one of the largest breaks of the year.

Of course, students aren't the only ones who will be enjoying Holiday Break. The seven/eight teachers will enjoy this as much as us students. Andy DiConti, the hard working seven/eight Photoshop, Art, Cross Country, and Journalism teacher will be staying home, with his family, who is too young to travel, but if he could go somewhere, he would go to Tahiti. Susan Skalla, the School one English teacher is going to visit her family during the most magical time of the year. Barbara Leach will be cheerful while she spends Christmas with her son in Boulder, Arizona in the beginning of the break, and enjoying the rest and relaxation during the end. Wendy Sinnette, the 7/8 principal will be spending Christmas day celebrating with her family while her sister is hosting the family party. She is probably going to leave town, but her destination is still unknown. Allison Dalbeck, one of the junior high's counselors will stay in town visiting family and friends. She will also be very

ISLAM'S END OF FAST EID-UL-FITR

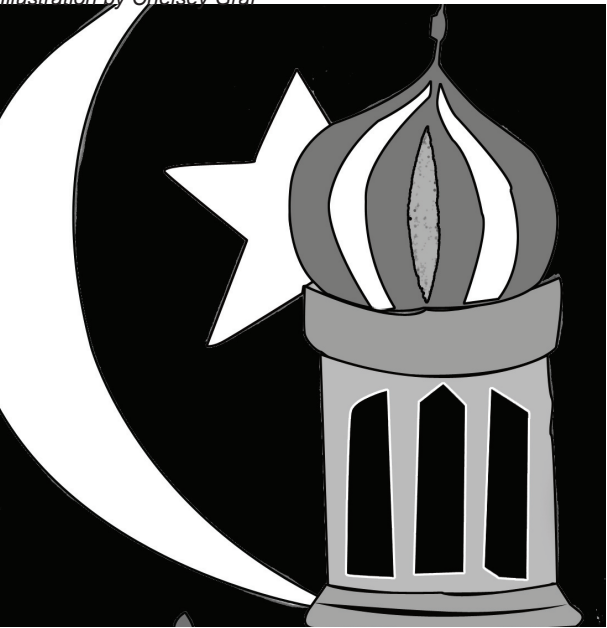
*by Danielle Berjikian
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The last week of October marked the end of the long fast during the month of Ramadan and the beginning of Shawwal for the Islamic religion. On the first day of Shawwal, Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr, which means "festival of fast breaking" in Arabic. On the first day, about 1.2 billion people celebrate this wonderful holiday. During this month, Muslims please and celebrate their god Allah.

For most Muslims, this holiday is a true Thanksgiving. But fasting is forbidden because it is the end of the month of fast. In the morning, the people who celebrate this holiday are encouraged to enjoy a sweet and yummy snack in the morning. Other practices in this holiday include wearing your best clothing and bathing. Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr by showing thanks to there god Allah. They do this by giving alms to the poor and praying several times a day. Gifts are mostly given to the children. Eid-ul-Fitr is the first holiday in the Islamic religion. The second holiday is Eid-ul-Adha.

Every year during former-President Clinton's administration (1993-2000), the White House administration invited many American-Muslims to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr. During one of these celebrations, President Clinton said, "The month of daily fasting is not only a sacred duty, it is also a powerful teaching, and in many ways a gift of Islam to the entire rest of the world -- reminding not simply Muslims, but all people, of our shared obligation to aid those who live with poverty and suffering. It reminds us that we must work together to build a more humane world."

Illustration by Chelsey Graf



busy going to family parties and hopes to be able to shop a little. And, like Ms. Sinnette, Mrs. Dalbeck will be leaving town, but her destination is still unknown. Suzanne Healy, another counselor will be enjoying family parties and celebrations, and spending Christmas with her son, and afterwards, enjoying a full week in Mammoth. Yes, everyone loves the Holidays, especially the breaks.

Students like Ian McElfresh will be spending their vacation at home. Ian is going to spend Christmas with his grandparents. Tyler Jones is going to stay home because he is going to be in a tennis tournament. 8th grader Dan Anderson is going to spend Christmas at his aunt's house. Henry Nguyen will be snowboarding at Mammoth this holiday. No matter how they spend break, everyone will have a great Holiday.

However, not all people are staying here. Forest Bourke is heading for Utah on December 12. Gracie May, another 7th grade student is going to Canada on December 22nd, at the break's start. Ben Levin is going to Connecticut, right after Christmas. They will definitely have fun on their trips.

So, anyway, what are you doing over this excellent holiday break? So whatever you choose, stay home or go to new heights. Happy Holidays!

CHRISTMAS NOW AND THEN

*by Margo Hartley
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Christmas is one of the most celebrated holidays in the world. Christmas as we know it is celebrated on December 25, but in some countries, it is celebrated anytime during December.

Lots of people in Scandinavian countries honor St. Lucia each year on December 13. Instead of Christmas, this holiday is called St. Lucia Day, and it began in Sweden, and spread to Denmark and Finland in the mid-19th century.

In Jamestown, Virginia, people drink lots of eggnog because according to Captain John Smith, the first eggnog was consumed there.

People celebrate Christmas in different ways. The most common traditions are decorating Christmas trees, putting up Christmas lights, and leaving out milk and cookies for Santa.

On Christmas Eve, someone in a red and white suit with a long white beard comes down your chimney, and that would be good old Santa Clause. Santa is based on a monk named Saint Nicholas, who is the protector of children and sailors. Saint Nicholas gave joy to poor children by throwing into their windows. The name Santa Clause came from the Dutch nickname Sinter Klaas.

In 1820, stores began to advertise Christmas shopping. By the

early 1890's, to help pay for the food they needed for the needy families, the Salvation Army started to send out unemployed men dressed as Santa Clause. These men would collect donations and give them to the Salvation Army. Salvation Army collecting donations ever since.

The story 'Twas Christmas was written by Moore for his three daughters. this story, which was poem, and is now look of modern

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Now presents on will remember the you celebrate today and the presents you are opening.

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CULTURE

HABARI GANI? ALL ABOUT KWANZAA

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During our winter season, everyone seems to be anxiously awaiting the arrival of the holidays whether it be for gifts, family gatherings, or just the fact that we have a week or two off. One holiday that you can find many people getting ready for is Kwanzaa, a popular African-American celebration. Celebrated from December 26 through January 1, it was founded by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966 to help emphasize the importance of the Seven Principles or Nguzo Saba. These are the basic values that Africans live by which help continue African-American culture, family, and community. These seven principles are Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith). This week long holiday has one principle for each day, the first day being Umoja, the second being Kujichagulia, and so on. As a celebration of community and culture, its origins are from an African harvest celebration called “matunda ya

kwanza” or “first fruits”. However, an extra “a” was added into Kwanza because of Nguzo Saba so there would be one letter for each principle. Also, at the time there were seven children in the United Slaves Organization, and every kid wanted a letter to represent them. A common greeting used during this holiday is “Habari gain?”, the answer being the principle of the day.

Everything is very symbolic, even the gifts! Most of the presents are given to children. Nonetheless, gifts require a book that shows the importance of learning and a heritage symbol to stress their commitment to tradition and history. The colors of Kwanzaa, red, green, and black, are also very representative. The red is for the struggle of the African-Americans, the green is to represent the future and hope from their struggles, and the black is for the people. These colors are very important in decoration, as are traditional African items like African baskets and art objects. Representation is still a big factor as people celebrating Kwanzaa prepare for the actual celebration. First, they must find a central area in the house to put all the symbols there, also called a Kwanza set. After choosing the spot, a table is placed and presently covered with an African cloth. Over the cloth, a mat or mkeka is placed down. The rest of the symbols are then put near the mkeka to represent how firmly established the African-Americans are in their tradition. Onto the mat comes a

candleholder or Kinara with its seven candles or Mishumaa Saba. Three of those candles are red, three are green, and only one is black. These candles represent the seven principles: the black representing Umoja, the red candles which are placed to the left of the black candle stand for Kujichagulia, Kuumba, Ujamaa, and the green candles placed on the right represent Ujima, Imani, Nia. After the Kinara, comes the crops or mazao including at least two ears of corn. The kikombe cha umoja (the Unity cup) is then also placed on the mkeka to pour tambiko (libation) in honor of the ancestors before them. Finally, the art objects and books on African

life and culture are placed near or better, on the mat as a symbol of commitment to heritage and learning.

Together as people celebrate Kwanzaa they bond with their family, their community, their culture, and their heritage.

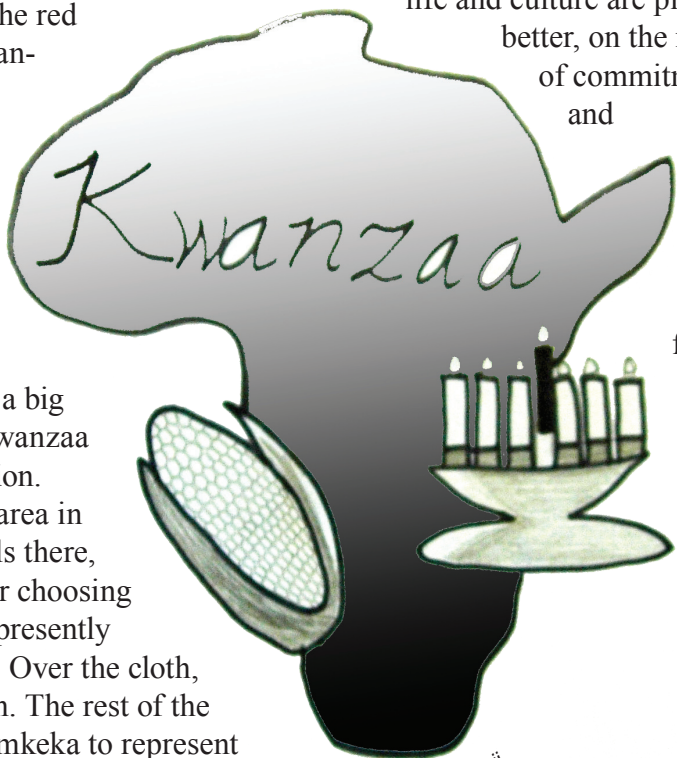


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THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

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Everyone knows about Christmas right? Well what about Hanukkah, also known as the festival of light? Hanukkah begins on December 16, 2006 and ends on December 24, 2006. Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days and nights. The word Hanukkah means “dedication.” The whole story of Hanukkah began in 168 B.C. The Jewish temple had a large Menorah which needed a lot of oil. One day there was very little oil in the Menorah. There was only enough to last one day and night. So the Rabi at the temple asked a messenger boy to go and fetch some oil at the closest town which was eight days away. But by some miracle the oil continued to burn for eight days. This is why Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days. We have many Jewish people at La Cañada High School. We asked some of the Jewish people what their favorite part of Hanukkah was. Caroline Gordon said her favorite part was just about everything. She said “I love the environment and feel of Hanukkah.” Sammy Reynolds said “I like the

candles that symbolize the eight days of Hanukkah.”

Another tradition during Hanukkah is that you get one present every day during the eight days. There are also many foods that Jewish people eat during Hanukkah. Some of these foods are latkes, applesauce, and doughnuts pronounced Soofganiots in Hebrew.

There is also a famous game during Hanukkah--Dreidel! All players get an equal amount of pennies, chocolate coins, candies, raisins, or tokens. Then all the players put one token in the pot in the center of the room. The Dreidel is a four-sided spinning top with a different Hebrew letter on each side, so players take turns spinning the dreidel. The player acts according to the letter that is facing up when the dreidel stops spinning. Then depending on the word you do a different thing. If the dreidel lands on Nun, the player does nothing. If it lands on Gimel, the player takes all the tokens in the pot, but if it lands on Hay the player only takes half of the tokens in the pot. And last if the dreidel lands on Shin, the player must put one token into the pot. The winner is the one with the most tokens when everyone is tired of taking turns. Hanukkah is a very special holiday that is recognized all over the world.

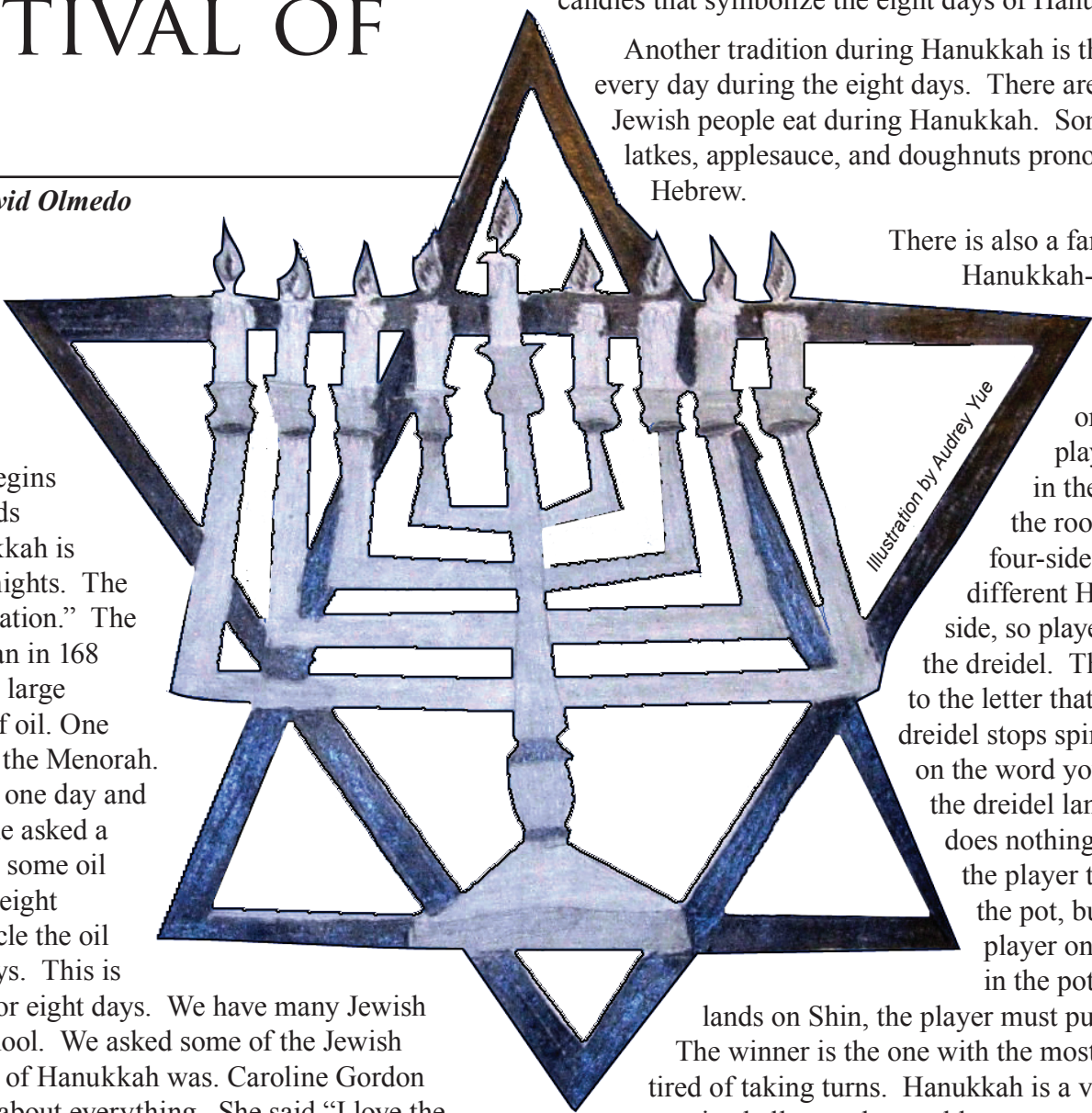


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SPORTS

7TH GRADE TURKEY BOWL

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The day of November 17, 2006 was an exciting day for football. The event was the Turkey Bowl. The Turkey Bowl has been going on for over 30 years. The coaches for the Turkey Bowl were high school football players that were nice enough to volunteer to coach the kids.

The game started at 2nd period and ended at the end of 3rd period. The stage was set for the clash of two titan football teams. School One was led by Coleman Monroe and School Two was led by quarterback Kyle Herron. The first one in the endzone was Griffin Longo who caught a deep pass from quarterback Coleman Monroe. What seemed like an automatic touchdown quickly became over-turned when the referee, Mr. Larez, threw the penalty flag on School One for having twelve players on the field, one more than the allowable. Later in the first quarter, Joey Dowling intercepted quarterback David Olmedo's pass and ran it downfield for a touchdown which helped gave School Two the first legal six points. A few plays later, Coleman Monroe threw another pass to injured player Griffin Longo who caught it for a touchdown that tied up the game at 6-6. In the second quarter, Monroe runs it down field to the one yard line only to be pushed out of bounds before scoring. On the very next play, Coleman throws it up to Griffin Longo for another touchdown to give School One back the lead at 12-6. From that point on the game seemed evenly matched through the rest of the game, Running back Andrew Bartine took control for School One as he ran out the clock till the very last seconds. The final score of the game was 12-6 with School One as the winner. However, both the schools were ecstatic after the game as they congratulated each other for a good, competitive game.

The School One Awards for the game were as follows: Offensive MVP went to Griffin Longo; Defensive MVP went to Kevin Stoner; and, Most Enthusiastic Player went to Zack George. The School Two Awards were as follows: Offensive MVP went to Kyle Herron; Defensive MVP

went to Joey Dowling; and, Most Enthusiastic Player was shared by Jonathan Cho and Daniel Wyatt.

The Turkey Bowl game was full of interceptions, touchdowns, sacks, and penalties but in the end School One won the



L-R: Awards go to Joey Dowling, Jonathan Cho, Daniel Wyatt, and Kyle Herron

game and claimed bragging rights...at least until the basketball bowl.

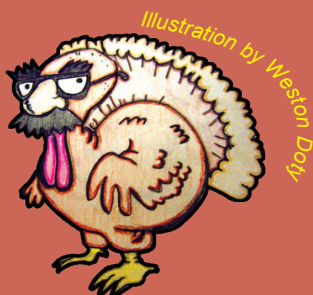


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Left: Coach Wheeler and the 7th Grade Team Captains at the coin toss.

SCHOOL ONE



SCHOOL TWO



Griffin Longo (#89) goes up for a catch while in double coverage.



Illustration by Chris Sochoo

SPORTS



8TH GRADE
TURKEY BOWL

by Kyle Herron and Arland Whitfield

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In a game that came down to the wire, two quarter backs, two leaders... two players came into play a game that would not only win them bragging rights, but pride in their school. Michael Mcglashen and Daleep Sandhu, were the men of honor, the men that came to win them the Turkey Bowl.



It started out with a slow first quarter with both teams playing a solid defense and keeping the game scoreless. Daleep was “double trouble” playing a good game on offense and defense with a pick and 5 for 6 passing, shining some light on his bright future. On the other side of the field Michael Mcglashen looked okay throwing one pick but still keeping his head high.

After a quick break with the coaches, the players came out pumped up for the second quarter. While the fans rallied on a game that could go either way, Michael Mcglashen came out silently, putting his mind to the game. And by only focusing his mind on the game he connected many times in the quarter with Scott Grey, scoring two touchdowns to give them a 12-0 lead. But School 3 wasn’t finished and they were able to leave the half with a touchdown and 2 point conversion. The half was left in the hands of School 4 but not by much, walking out with a 12-8 lead.



The teams defenses stepped in the 3rd quarter and held each team scoreless. Both teams had yellow flags flying on the field with consistency, on offense. But the defense continually held up the offense. Leaving the quarter 12-8, with School 4 in the lead.

Both teams knew that the game was on the line, with School 4 only leading by a very small 4 points. The defense’s, who had been controlling the 1st and 3rd quarters, came out focused on the game more than any other player. The offenses were outstanding in the 4th quarter, scoring a combined total of 18 points. Daleep and Michael stayed in calling plays right down to the final seconds. But School 4 prevailed the tough School 3 defense, putting up two touchdowns to School 3’s one. From a fan’s viewpoint it was better than a game I have seen since the ’86 Bears.

In a game that was controlled by the defenses, School 4’s offense was able to squeeze by. In a close game that had fans on their toes the whole time, in a game that kept us wondering if we had any superstars in the making. And after the game all people could think about was...what about next year?



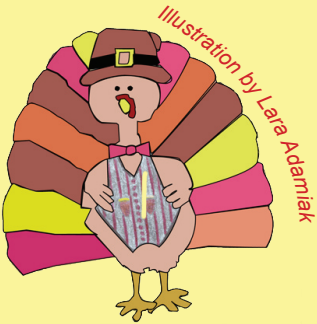
SCHOOL FOUR CHEERLEADERS

School Four Awards: Left to Right--Nicki Segal, Scott Gray, Alex Bledsoe, And Michael McGlashen

SCHOOL THREE



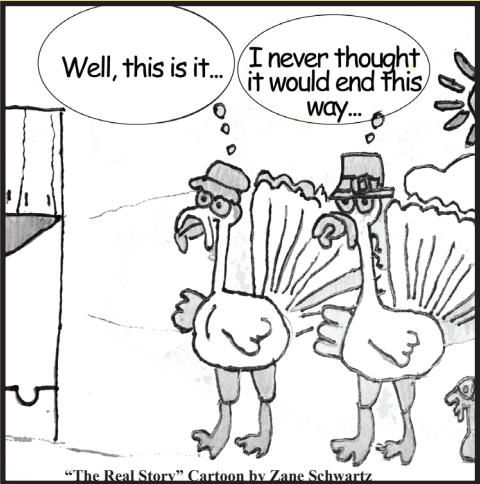
School Three Awards: Left to Right--Daleep Sandhu, Matt Algeria, and Austin Devine



SCHOOL FOUR



School Three Cheerleaders



SPORTS

CHECK OUT GIRL'S LACROSSE

by Kelly Gregg
Guest Writer

Girl's lacrosse is a major hit! Eighteen enthusiastic girls signed up for this forthcoming sport. The team includes both new players and club players. Coach Allison Dodson has taught these girls the basics of this one of a kind sport including passing, catching, cradling, checking, and shooting. Like hockey, play continues behind the goal and you can check, or hit, an opponent's stick. Because safety is a first, there are many fouls about checking and general play. The markings on the field are the 8 meter arc, 12 meter fan, restraining line, crease and a center circle. Twelve players are on the field at a time, including the goalie. To learn the sport it

takes plenty of dedication and practice. Many of the rules are complicated, but Coach Allison does a great job explaining everything. After only



five weeks of practice, the team played Beverly Hills High School and won eleven to one. The turnout was great, teachers and students alike showed up to cheer these girls on. Laura McClelland scored twice in the first minute! Lucy Dodson and Laura McClelland were the two highest scorers, each scoring four points. Hannah Peitzman, Courtney Schulte, and Erica Moore also each scored a point.



The 2006 Lacrosse Team

The defense did an amazing job keeping Beverly Hills from scoring. Goalie Caroline Gordon protected the goal with diligence during the entire game and made some amazing saves. Their teamwork was amazing. The season will last until mid-November with many more games to come.

Left photo: Kelly Gregg and Lauren McCutcheon show their Lacrosse passing skills.

MY TURKEY BOWL STORY

by Wendy Ortiz
Staff Writer

AT FIRST WHEN MR. LAREZ ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PLAY IN THE TURKEY BOWL I WAS RELUCTANT, BUT DECIDED TO GO FOR IT. I WAS ONE OF TWO GIRLS IN MY P.E. CLASS WHO VOLUNTEERED. WHEN I SAW THAT THE LIST DEPICTING WHO WOULD BE PLAYING WAS POSTED UP I GOT NERVOUS. WHAT IF I DIDN'T MAKE IT? AND IF I DID, WHO ELSE MADE IT? I APPROACHED THE LIST. I HAD MADE IT!

PRACTICE STARTED THE MONDAY AFTERWARDS AND WENT ON UNTIL THURSDAY. THE GAME WAS ON FRIDAY. MONDAY'S PRACTICE STARTED OF WITH A SPEECH FROM MR. WHEELER ABOUT HOW WE ALL HAD TO WEAR OUR P.E.

CLOTHES TO PRACTICE, WE HAD TO SHOW OUR COACHES RESPECT, AND THE AREA WHERE WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE AT ALL TIMES. AFTER THAT THE SCHOOLS SPLIT UP AND WENT TO THEIR SEPARATE AREAS WHERE THEY WERE PROMPTLY MET BY THEIR ASSIGNED COACHES. THE COACHES STARTED BY SEEING WHAT EACH PLAYER WANTED TO PLAY AND THEN WE WERE SPLIT UP INTO SEPARATE GROUPS. I DECIDED TO PLAY AS A RECEIVER.

BEING A RECEIVER WAS DIFFICULT FOR ME AND I FELT LIKE A TOTAL FOOL AMONG THE GUYS. WE PRACTICED RUNNING FOR THE BALLS IN DIFFERENT WAY. MANY TIMES I WOULD MISS AND A COUPLE OF TIMES I TRIPPED WHEN I WAS TRYING TO CATCH THE BALL. THIS WAS JUST THE FIRST DAY. THE SECOND DAY WE PRACTICED HOW TO CATCH THE BALL IN DIFFERENT PLAYS. THERE WERE ONLY ABOUT THREE PLAYS, BUT I STILL COULD NOT GET THEM THROUGH MY HEAD. THE COACHES WERE VERY NICE AND PATIENT BY EXPLAINING EVERYTHING TO ME SEVERAL TIMES.

THURSDAY AND WEDNESDAY WERE THE HARDEST PRACTICES. THESE WERE THE DAYS THAT WE SCRIMMAGED AND I HAD TO GET EVERYTHING TOGETHER. I PLAYED CLOSE ATTENTION TO WHAT THE OTHER SLOT RECEIVERS WERE DOING SO I KNEW WHAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO DO. I DIDN'T WANT TO DO SOMETHING WRONG.

FRIDAY. GAMEDAY. THOSE TWO WORDS SCARED THE HECK OUT OF ME. WHEN I GOT MY JERSEY IT FINALLY MADE IT SEEM REAL. THE EIGHTH GRADE TURKEY BOWL WAS DURING FOURTH PERIOD AND BEFORE THAT ALMOST EVERYTHING SEEMED TO PASS BY IN A BLUR. I WENT TO THE LOCKER ROOM TO CHANGE WITH THE REST OF THE GIRLS. IT WAS REALLY AMUSING WHEN ALL THE GIRLS DREW THE BLACK LINES UNDER THEIR EYES WITH WASHABLE MARKER. WHEN WE WERE ALL READY WE WENT ON TO THE FIELD WHERE MANY PEOPLE WERE ALREADY SEATING ON THE BLEACHERS. SEEING ALL THESE PEOPLE MADE ME REALLY EXCITED, HOWEVER I WAS REALLY NERVOUS.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GAME WE GOT PUMPED UP WITH A CHEER. FINALLY, IT WAS GAMETIME. THE GAME WAS REALLY UNNERVING BECAUSE ONE SECOND, SCHOOL 3 WOULD HAVE THE BALL AND THEN YOU'D BLINK AND SCHOOL 4 WOULD HAVE IT. AT THE END OF THE GAME I WAS ON THE EDGE. THE PERSON CONTROLLING THE TIMER WASN'T DOING A GOOD JOB, SO WE HAD LOST A LOT OF TIME. I REMEMBER SCHOOL 3 HAVING THE BALL ON THE LAST PLAY, BUT I'M NOT SURE. SCHOOL 4 ENDED UP WINNING. I'M A SCHOOL 3 STUDENT SO IT WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT, BUT I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS AS ONE OF THE MOST AWESOME EXPERIENCES EVER.

Illustration by Katie Freeze

FOOD AND FITNESS

PEAR GELATIN SALAD RECIPE

By *Kate Brown*
Staff Writer

Ever wondered what to make for dessert during Christmas? Usually pie or cake comes to mind. But this year, why not make a new and exciting dessert? This mouthwatering delicacy will leave you waning more.

- Ingredients:
- 1 cup Hot Water
 - 1 can of #303 half pears
 - 1 small cream cheese
 - 1 pkg. lime Jell-O

- Directions:
1. Add the hot water to the Jell-O, and mix
 2. Refrigerate until gelled
 3. Put the cream cheese on the gelled Jell-O and mix
 4. Fold in pears and put in mold until set.
 5. Serve later when the Jell-O has set and taken shape.

DIETING AMERICA’S NEW ADDICTION

By *Wendy Ortiz*
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About one in every two teenage girls and one in every four boys try dieting to change the shape of their body; more than one in three girls who are at a healthy weight try to diet. What some teenagers may not know is that dieting rarely works. According to the book “ In Your Face,” by Shari Graydon, when going on a diet the body goes into starvation mode and tries to “hang on to the fat it deserves”. So, although you might shed a few pounds, it’s often water and muscle that is lost. Due to these reasons, when you go off the diet you are likely to gain back the weight that was lost.

The average woman sees 400-600 ads per day promoting beauty as being thin. By the time a woman the time a woman turns seventeen, she has received over 250,000 commercial messages through the media. Consistent exposure to female related commercials might influence teenagers to become self-conscious about their bodies and obsess over their physical appearance as a measure of their worth.

Boys might diet because they are under the pressure to increase their body image for physical sports like basketball, soccer, or wrestling.

According to kidshealth.org some teens start dieting because they have an area in their lives that they can’t control-like an alcoholic parent-so they focus on their food intake because it is something that they can control. Once these teens start losing weight they may get a lot of praise from friends and family, which makes them feel good.

P. Michael Peterson, UD associate professor of health and exercise sciences, conducted research among 215 teenagers. It seemed that girls usually saw themselves as 11 pounds over their ideal bodyweight while boys perceived their body images as almost the same.

A way to feel better about yourself is by eating healthy and staying physically active. Although it is important to be aware about the amount and quality of food you eat, it shouldn’t be made an obsession. Some tips for staying healthy are: to eat a wide variety of foods every day and don’t use food to make yourself feel better when you are sad, bored or upset. Another good idea would be to stay physically active and choose water instead of soft drinks.

FRUIT TART

by *Sachi Kawabata*
Staff Writer

If you want a fruity yet low-cal dessert then try one of my grandmother’s traditional porto fruit tarts. You can try one out at my parents’ bakery called, Porto’s, located at 315 N. Brand in Glendale or 316 W. Magnolia Blvd. in Burbank. But, if you want you can make one yourself:



- Ingredients:
- Tart Dough*
2oz All Purpose Flour
4oz Granulated Sugar
8oz Unsalted Butter- cold
2 Eggs- room temperature

Mix all dry ingredients it until forms small marble size balls
Add the eggs and mix until they are incorporated

Cover dough with plastic wrap and put into refrigerator for at least 1 hour

Roll out the dough on a floured surface to 1/8 of an inch thick

Roll out the top of an 8- inch tart tin
Make sure the sides are well fitted to the tin, cut out all excess dough

Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until golden color

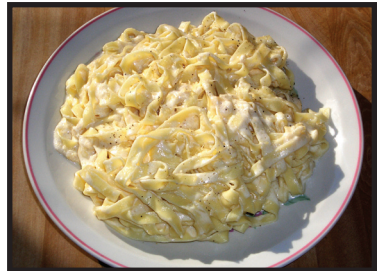
Cool Down Completely

Use your favorite custard or just fill it with your favorite fruit

Put a pot with any preserves with a bit of water and the stove until it boils

Brush mix on top of fruit to the glaze and give it that shine

CHRISTMAS PASTA



by *Kevin Yen and Arsen Khachatryan*
Staff Writers

Every year people celebrate the joyous holiday of Christmas by hanging up stockings, decorating a big tree, opening presents, etc. During the merriment of this holiday, many people enjoy a vast variety of mouth-watering foods such as succulent, smoked Turkey with delicious stuffing and juicy cranberry sauce on the side, or sizzling honey-baked ham. Many people can’t resist a luscious, creamy plate of fettuccine alfredo with a sprinkle of freshly grated parmesan cheese on top. Why not try adding that to the array of foods for your Christmas feast, everyone will love it!

- Ingredients:*
- 1 (12 ounce) package egg fettuccine
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 1 to 1 1/4 cups half-and-half
 - 1 cup of grated Parmigiano Reggiano
 - pinches of freshly ground nutmeg
 - Coarse ground black pepper
 - Coarse salt

Directions:
Bring salted water to a rolling boil for the pasta and cook to package directions for al dente pasta.

1. Preheat a large skillet over moderate heat.
2. Drain the pasta.
3. Add the butter to the pan and melt.
4. Add half-and-half to the melted butter, stirring constantly. Add cheese and cook sauce 1 minute.
5. Season with nutmeg, and a pinch of pepper and salt.
6. Turn off heat under sauce and add pasta to the skillet.
7. Toss pasta until sauce coats the noodles evenly.

Serve and enjoy!

ENTERTAINMENT

A HOLIDAY STORY

by Jennifer Otsuka and Jean Wang
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“Hello moto...” A ringing phone cut through the silent night. Groggily, fourteen-year old, Sam climbed out of bed and clambered over to his desk to silence the ringing. Picking the phone up, he heard voices already in discussion. About to hang up he caught the word “ransom”. Startled he pressed his ear as hard as he could to the receiver and eavesdropped over the conversation. “...if you ever want to have her back you’d better be there. The junkyard. Don’t bring anyone else.” Then the line was cut dead. Scared and puzzled, Sam climbed back in bed soon drifted into sleep.

The next day, Sam hung out at Taylor’s house. Time whizzed by as they played Halo 2 and watched Family Guy. When Taylor invited his friend to stay overnight, Sam was more than happy to say yes. The following afternoon when Sam returned home the house seemed eerily quiet and his dad was nowhere to be found. Running through his residence, he suddenly remembered the mysterious phone call. Could his dad’s absence be related to it? Deep in thought, he reached into his fridge to find something to eat. Grabbing a sandwich, his habits took over as he opened it to see what kind it was. There tucked between two pieces of lettuce was a note.

“Sam,
If I’m not home, I’ve probably been kidnapped. I must tell you something. You’re mother is not gone; she was kidnapped 10 years ago. There is some valuable information she knows, and if a criminal gets it, there could be huge damage. Be brave son, be brave.
-Dad”

Sam’s hands shook as he reread the letter. Hoping to clear his mind, Sam went inside his bathroom to take a shower. Drying off, he noticed that there seemed to be a message on the mirror. Rubbing his eyes he looked again. There distinctly on the wall were the words, Follow David. Immediately, Sam recognized the Star of David, after all he had been studying about it in class. Knowing that the Star of David was part of the Jewish culture, he decided to take a visit to one of his father’s old Jewish colleagues, Professor John B. Weinstein. Sam rode over to John’s house. When he asked John what his father meant, he only smiled and said, “Welcome to my home. About the Star of David, your father only used it so you would know to come to me for help.” Frustrated, Sam said, “Okay, but then what do I do?” “I think you’ll find your answer here at my home. You’re just in time for Chanukah, it starts today at sundown!” John invited Sam to stay and with nowhere else to go, Sam was inclined to. After dinner, they recited their blessings and lighted two candles on the menorah. Sam spent his days playing dreidel with John’s three children and eating delicious latkes. On the last day, when John caught Sam staring wistfully at the menorah, he pulled

him over and asked him a strange question. “Sam, would you like to stay here and start a new life with us? Think about it. You have until sundown...” Startled, Sam thought about all of the wonderful times he would be able to share with this family. However, his thoughts went back to his parents who had done so much for him. He wandered around trying to find his answer. Finally, sundown approached. Peering into John’s eyes Sam said, “Thank you for your kindness, but I have to decline your generous offer. My parents are waiting for me and I have to save them.” “Just like your old man! Anyway, the place you seek is where the star exploded. For help, look for 112 N. 2nd St.” John told Sam. “Bye!”

After packing up, Sam tried to figure out what John meant. Where the star exploded... Starburst? That couldn’t be right. Using his map, he looked carefully at the cities. There was a city named Sunburst! Running out the door he headed toward the bus station. “One ticket to Sunburst please!” He was on his way to Sunburst, Montana.

Stepping out of the bus after the 2-hour ride he was surprised how small the town was. With little time to waste, he started asking for directions. “Excuse me, do you know the directions to 112 N. 2nd Street?” “Why yes, that’s where I live!” a jolly middle-aged man replied. “Are you Sam Ronala?” Sam eyed the man suspiciously. “Oh, don’t get the wrong idea, I’m here to aid you! My, you sure are the spitting image of Richard!” “Do you know where my father is?” Sam inquired apprehensively. “Sorry, son, but I’ll tell you where to go next! Come on, time to go home,” he declared. With nowhere else to go, Sam followed the man to his house. “I almost forgot my name is Peter, Peter Clause.”

Soon, Sam forgot all of his misgivings as he spent his days at the Clause house. Peter was a jolly nice man who seemed to be full of surprises while Mrs. Clause filled up his tummy with delicious home-baked cookies. Sam spent much of his time with Tim and Tom, Peter’s two mischievous little boys. He enjoyed every moment he spent in their house, whether it was shoveling snow, organizing the garden shed, or even putting up the Christmas tree. Before he knew it, it was Christmas Day and the house seemed to be filled with laughter as everyone opened their presents. Mrs. Clause walked over and plopped in his hand a heavy package. There in his laps was a beautiful leather jacket. “I thought you might need it. Now I have a question, what is the best gift you have ever given to someone?” Peter asked gravely.

Sam thought a minute before answering, “My friendship.” “That’s a good present to give. Thank you for giving it to us. It’s time for you to leave. Go to the sugary green plants that grow on the ground, visit the house on the howling beast,” Peter whispered. He nodded, and before long, Sam was gone.

“Go to the sugary green plants that grow on the ground? What does that mean?” Gazing intently at his map, Sam searched near the area of Sunburst. Something caught his eye.

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THE NATIVITY STORY

A MOVIE REVIEW

by Eledy Vargas
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Have you ever wondered why Israel is so holy? Have you heard this story before? Mary (Keisha Castle-Hughes) and Joseph (Oscar Isaac) deal with the coming birth of their child that would change the world forever. The Nativity Story is directed by Catherine Hardwick (“Lords of Dogtown,” “Thirteen”). Mary is informed by her father, Joaquim, that he has made an arranged marriage for her to a humble carpenter, Joseph. Mary is not pleased with her new husband, not knowing that God has chosen Joseph to be her husband. Mary and Joseph were then married.

Mary then goes on a journey to her cousin’s home, Elizabeth, not knowing the surprise she is about to receive. Mary was in her cousin’s house when an angel came up to her, telling her important news that Mary will never forget. Mary was chosen to give birth to a child who will be named Jesus. Jesus is the son of God. Because of Mary’s prayers, blessings, and worshipping, God is giving Mary a reward of becoming the mother of Jesus. Mary is pleased to hear the news, but doesn’t know what to say to Joseph. Day’s later, she finds out that she is pregnant, and is going to return to her home. Joseph is delighted to see Mary. But then notices that a girl is touching her stomach, and finds out that she is going to give birth to a child. Mary’s father is also stunned by the news and is disappointed. Mary’s parents quickly judge her promiscuity, and don’t believe her that

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an angel of God said that she would birth the Son of God. Mary is displeased that no one believes her. But then finds out that Joseph believes her. He had a dream of an angel telling him that Mary is going to give birth of the unknown child. That the baby’s name will be Jesus, for he will be the messenger and the messiah of God. The two then don’t know what to do. Joseph is headed for is home, Nazareth. Mary then decides to go to, even when she is close to giving birth. Mary and Joseph begin their journey, during dangerous routes, and treacherous storms. They soon enter the city of Bethlehem. Mary begins to feel pain, and begins feeling if something was pushing. She is finally giving birth to the King of the Jews. Joseph hurries through the streets of Bethlehem, searching for place to have Mary give her birth. No one responds until a hotelkeeper gives Mary and Joseph a place in a barn. Mary feels the pain until she finally gives birth to Jesus, the Son of God. Then not realizing that Shepard’s in the hills are being messaged by the messenger Gabriel the Angel that the messiah has been born. They realize that a star in the sky is the biggest and brightest of all the stars. They head for the city of Bethlehem, and find baby Jesus. In a distant land, three kings follow the star in search of the newborn king. Bringing gifts of gold, perfume, and Mur. They ask the cruel King Herod to tell him about the King of the Jews. When Herod heard of this, he became furious, but then he had a plan to kill the baby when he found out where he is, but Herod gave them permission to find he baby and he will give him his blessings. The kings searched high and low in Bethlehem, until they discoverer that the star is showering down above a stable. They find Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus resting. They worship the young king and give him the gifts they brought. But they didn’t know that King Herod is planning to kill the baby king. But an angel appeared to them not to tell the king where the baby is, and they went back from where they came from.



HOROSCOPES

by Anna Arya

Copy Editor

SCORPIO (the scorpion October 23 - November 21rst) There will be no extra ecstasy this month, however fortune is coming toward your stars. Be aware of new appearances and dejavus using extreme caution.

CAPRICORN (the goat December 22 – January 19) No matter what happened prior to the current, you will rise above and conquer the commodities.You are not aware of it, but the important and vital statistics of your life can easily, drastically change. Live to the fullest.

AQUARIUS (the water bearer January 20– February 18) Consider the events of your yearly stardom and bind them together leading to an unexpected realization.

ARES (the ram March 21 – April 19) Improve a skill you thought lesser of and conquer it with excellence using it to your advantage.

PISCES (the fish February 19 – March 20) This month you shall assume your position frequently. You will not realize you are doing it, but it will soon guide you towards your purpose in life.

TAURUS (the bull April 20 – May 20) Do not accept any less than what you deserve, but do not spoil yourself further.

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He found a small town. It was called Sweetgrass. Grabbing his belongings, he hastily sprinted toward the closest bus stop. “One ticket to Sweetgrass, please!”

What a disappointment! Sweetgrass was a boring, ramshackle community. Upset, Sam abruptly stopped to let the silent tears flow down his face. A young African American man pitifully gazed at him. Embarrassed, he dried his eyes and looked away. What he saw was a street sign labeled Wolf St. And then it hit him. The house on the howling beast was the house on Wolf St... As if in a trance, Sam headed toward the one house on Wolf St. The same African American man he’d seen earlier greeted him.

“Why hello there, I’m Dr. Haidar Obataiye Whorter, and you must be Sam Ronala. You sure do look like your father. Come on, you’re just in time for Kwanzaa!” Sam stepped out of the cold, lonely atmosphere into a warm, optimistic one to celebrate Kwanzaa, a celebration of family, community, as well as culture.

The week quickly passed by as Sam learned many things about Kwanzaa and its history. He learned of the Nguzo Saba, or the Seven Principles created to familiarize and reinforce the seven traditional values of the African culture. On the last day of Kwanzaa, Dr. Whorter approached Sam. “Sam, here at my home I have given you everything I have. Now it is your turn. You have become quite

knowledgeable of Kwanzaa, so tell me, out of all the Seven Principles, which one is more important? Your choices are Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith). You have until sunset.”

As sunset loomed in the distance, Dr. Whorter silently waited for Sam’s answer. “I, uh, think that out of all the Seven Principles, none is more important than the other! Cause without Nia there is no Kujichagulia, meaning there is also no Imani or Kuumba, which leads to lack of Ujima, so there is no Ujamaa. Thus, Umoja ceases.”

Delight formed on Dr. Whorter’s face as he proudly looked at Sam, “Your answer was correct! Across the border in Canada is a small town called Coutte. Look for a hill where an abandoned shack lies. Good luck!” And with that, Sam eagerly strolled out of Sweetgrass and headed toward Coutte.

Outside, a blizzard was brewing as Sam anxiously looked around for a taxi, or bus, or even a random passerby. None could be found. Donning his leather jacket he received from the Clauses, Sam knew his only option was to walk the rest of the way to Coutte.

The ferocious blizzard had become even stronger and Sam huddled inside his jacket. Although he had arrived in Coutte, Canada, and although he saw the hill with the abandoned shack, he no longer had the strength to continue. Wearily, he recounted all that had happened, starting with his visit at John’s house. Flickers of past memories embraced him as he remembered celebrating Chanukah and all the love John’s family had shared with Sam. His energy felt replenished and he now had the strength to continue. What had suddenly given him this outburst of energy? The answer was really simple, in fact, it was the spirit of Chanukah. Sam trudged onward.

At the base of the hill, Sam’s energy failed. Panting, he then remembered everything at his stay at the Clauses, including the true spirit of Christmas. With a brief sigh Sam climbed the hill. Three fourths up the hill, he collapsed into the powdery snow. He was so close, yet so far away, and his entire body was suffering from the blizzard’s cruelty. It was then that his thoughts dwelled upon Dr. Whorter and Kwanzaa. As he rigidly rose and steadied himself upright, he faintly smiled remembering the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa. Step by step he climbed the hill, fully aware that he had Chanukah, Christmas, as well as Kwanzaa on his side. Knowing that was all he needed...

Click! Sam cautiously opened the door and peered inside the shack. Although ten years had past, and many things had changed, he still recognized the beautiful woman staring out the window. “Mom? Is that you?” The woman’s face stirred as she recognized her beloved son. “Sam? How can this be? Well, never mind. Come here and untie these awful ropes, then we can look for your father. Hurry before they come back, Sam!” Obeying his mother, Sam did as he was told and found his father tied behind a massive pile of wood outside. Together the newfound happy family skipped boldly into their new future as both parents told their well-kept secret to Sam...

INTEREST

“GOOGLE” ...
TO A NEW LEVEL
GOODSEARCH.COM

by Anna Arya and Sierra Katow
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Achieve your pickings and respect others who help you achieve.

GEMINI (the twins May 21 – June 20) Do not fret about the future, you depend too much on trying to drive your life, however it is fate that takes the wheel in the end and you often forget it.

CANCER (the crab June 21 – July 22) You will not feel “yourself” this month, however it is bliss that takes control and keeps you you. Allow it to.

LEO (the lion July 23 –August 22) This month holds more than you are prepared for. You will no longer worry about it when you can no longer control it. This will be a good change.

VIRGO (the virgin August 23 – September 22) Remember to treat the world with gratitude, recently you have forgotten it and it is your downfall.

LIBRA (Good balance September 23 – October 22) As your life progresses you are expectant, this is not good for you. Being expectant leads to despair. Growing out of this state is virtually important.

SAGITARIUS (the archer November 22 – December 21) You are tall spiritually, but this peak will be only temporary unless you work to stay there. Use good morals to help you obtain your status.

JOIN THE
ANIME
OTAKU
CLUB!

by Kevin Fong
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Hello anime fans! Do you like Naruto, Bleach, Fruit Basket, Full Metal Alchemist, or Shaman King, then join the Anime Club. It is held at the La Canada Flintridge Library every Wednesday at 4:00 PM.

During the Anime Club they will talk to you about new episodes and give you details about them. Yoh Asakura the main character- who is a shaman- helps free ghosts that are bums who couldn’t go to heaven. As months go by, the shaman fight begins. Shamans fight other shamans to become the shaman king. The shaman king is the only one that knows God and his true form. Full Metal Alchemist is about two boys who mess with alchemy to bring back their dead mother. When God finds out, he punishes them by giving them metal bodies. Bleach is not about bleach detergent--remember that. It’s about Ichigo Kurosaki who has orange hair; so they call it bleach because it looks like it was bleached. He spends his life as a college student, but at night he’s a soul reaper. Come to the Anime Club to find out and read these anime novels! At the LCF library, there are books about these very anime. If it isn’t there go to a nearest Barnes and Noble, and there will be more anime than you can imagine. If you join, the anime club will give you free notices about the new manga and anime that are coming out. Like did you know Naruto becomes Hokage by killing Orichimaru? Does Yoh Asakura become the shaman king? Well, he does but what does he do when he gain? Will he search for conquest, or will he just relax while people attack? Also in *Bleach*, Rukia’s brother comes and tries to kill Ichigo for stealing Rukia’s soul reaper powers. In a battle, towering over Ichigo, about less than two seconds he punctures Ichigo’s lung releasing his powers as a soul reaper. Last but not least you will meet Full Metal Alchemist. The steel man in armor tries to find out a way to get his regular body. When God feels like he wants to punish mankind he sends his prophet, the X. Killing people the two brothers try to stop him, but their result is that they almost die themselves. These are the previews for the Anime Otaku Club. Remember join the Anime Otaku Club!

