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ER Alumni gives back to teen court



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On January 27th, Alexis Hernandez the El Rancho Teen Court Coordinator received the pride of the 58th district award from Assemblywoman Garcia's office. Alexis Hernandez has been serving the youth of Pico Rivera since the age of 15.

Alexis first began serving our community as a founding member and organizer of the El Rancho High School Teen Court, which serves the neighboring cities of Whittier, Norwalk, Downey and Santa Fe Springs.

Since joining the teen court program, Alexis has assisted over 5,000 youth to become informed and active citizens through their participation as jurors to the court. In 2014, his success resulted in becoming the statewide chairman of the California Association of Youth Courts.

Alexis' accomplishments expand beyond the teen court program and into the youth voter education, information and registration program. Now 21 years of age, he sits on the board of the El Rancho Teen Foundation and the San Gabriel Youth Citizenship Project.

Mr. Hernandez' ambitions, intelligence, and accomplishments make him highly deserving of the #Pride58 award.

El Rancho weathers the cold to welcome future Dons

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Future Dons from around the district visited their home-to-be this past Thursday night in an event put together by Dean, Mrs. Alejandra Rosales, the ASB students, the ERHS maintenance staff, and Executive Commission Adviser, Mrs. Senteno-Tapia.

The event is meant to welcome future 9th graders and their families to El Rancho High School "to see the campus, meet staff, and begin exploring the Academics, Clubs & Sports we have at the high school," according to Rosales.

The event kicked off with an assembly in the main gym, which welcomed middle school students and their families with a red carpet and a live performance by the El Rancho Marching Dons.

The assembly was followed by an opportunity to walk through a club fair in the quad, where different clubs at the high school sold food as fundraisers. There was also an opportunity to talk to different sports coaches in the cafeteria. Aside from getting familiar with different clubs and sports on campus, students and families were also able



Future Dons from around the district were welcomed on a red carpet.

to attend different workshops around campus that centered around programs like Escalante and Visual & Performing Arts.

Although Future Don Night shares many similarities with the event, "Picture Yourself at the Ranch," which was held this past November, the main distinction is the emphasis on families in the prior.

"This event is intended for parents to explore our campus and become familiar with our campus. The more they visit,

the easier the transition will be to high school," said Rosales.

The hope for the event is that students are able to find a place for themselves at the Ranch, while encouraging enrollment at the school.

"Whether it's with a club, an art program, a sport, or that they want to pursue AP courses or some other academic program, we hope [the students] found something to be excited about in the fall of 2017," said Rosales, "Furthermore, we hope that families

Photo by Nayeli Hernandez

confirm what a great school El Rancho is; that their children have options and that our staff genuinely cares about their success."

The event would not have been made possible without the combined efforts of Rosales, the Associated Student Body, the El Rancho High School Maintenance staff, and Senteno-Tapia, who put in countless hours to make the El Rancho Unified middle school students feel welcomed.

Academic Decathlon heads to Sacramento

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El Rancho's Academic Decathlon team will compete in Sacramento for the state competition after recently scoring 8th overall in all of LA County.

On February 9th, the decathlon team received the exciting news at the Quiet Cannon banquet hall in Montebello that they earned a spot to compete at the state-level competition being held in March.

Mr. Retana, the decathlon advisor, along with other staff members such as Mr. Sorenson, Ms. Leal, Ms. Chavez-Diaz, and Mr. Wlasick all joined the team at the banquet and awarded students with medals in the categories they excelled in.

"Way back in May, I asked them 'What kind of team do you want to be?', they said 'We want to be the team that goes to state,' and they've accomplished that," said Retana, "there were times where I just kept



The Academic Decathlon team placed 8th in their competition and are preparing for the State competition. thinking to myself 'Are they working hard enough? Are they doing enough?' But sure enough, it was enough."

The team and advisers had some doubts.

"It's never clear how many teams will get to go to state. Last year the top ten

teams got to go and El Rancho was number eleven," Retana explains, "this year was the top eight and they were number eight so it was good to see that they had worked hard enough to get themselves in that place"

With this year's suc-

cessful season, there are high expectations for future decathlon teams.

"Now that we're going to state, I'm sure the long term goal should be to move to Nationals," said Retana.

FEATURES

La Monarca opens new location in Pico Rivera



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From a variety of baked goods to warm, tasty drinks, La Monarca is the place to be for all things sweet! This Latin café is located in many cities throughout Los Angeles, but as of February 14, 2016, a new and convenient location opened on 6001 Rosemead Blvd., Pico Rivera!

Besides its welcoming and colorful environment, La Monarca has many employees that are always ready to assist you, including some El Rancho students!

Senior, Diana Gamez, shares that she loves her job at La Monarca. "I heard about their opening because my friend Hillary worked at the one in Whittier. She told me that they were opening [La Monarca] in Pico Rivera, so I decided to apply since I loved going to the Whittier location."

Gamez looks forward to her shifts and helping visitors have a fulfilling experience every time. "The best part about working there is being able to help customers decide which pastry or drink they would like to try. I love seeing them leave satisfied." The relationship between employees and customers is always very professional and friendly.

Not only does Gamez enjoy her exchange with customers, but also with her fellow coworker and peer, senior, Bethania Perez. "My friends gave me the extra push I needed to apply to La Monarca as they said the work environment was amiable and easy-going," shares Perez. "After submitting my application, I had a ten minute interview and at the end was told I got the job. I was nervous but super excited when the first day of my first job came around."

La Monarca is a lively and cozy location with everything from great service to great variety of food. "I feel that people should visit La Monarca because it is a unique bakery with a variety of items, not just bread," adds Gamez.

"Also, our coffees are very delicious and different than most, so I recommend giving them a try! Our workers are also very helpful so if you have any questions, we will assist you to the best of our ability."

Stop by La Monarca Monday through Thursday from 6 am to 9 pm and Saturday through Sunday from 8 am to 10 pm for a cup of coffee or many tasty treats from cake and pan dulce to tortas and salads.

El Rancho musicians selected to perform in honor band



From left to right: Soto, Robles, and Rodriguez post-concert

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Marching Dons, Siann Rodriguez, Amanda Robles, and Aleksey Soto were selected to perform in the annual Cal State Los Angeles Honor Band on February 11th, along with 98 other high school students from the greater Los Angeles Area. Students were chosen based on applications submitted in the fall and were notified of their admission in December.

For over 20 years, the CSULA Honor Band has been recruiting students from a variety of high schools. The honor band plays an arrangement of classical music and repertoire and in-

cludes a variety of instruments: piccolo, flute, oboe, bassoon, B-flat and bass clarinet, alto tenor and baritone saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, and percussion. Students are given the music about four weeks in advance and are expected to practice and arrive with the music prepared.

"When I signed up, I had just applied to CSULA, so I chose to participate to see for myself what the music program was since I'm going to be a music major," senior and French horn player, Siann Rodriguez said, "I was really happy and a little nervous knowing that I got in."

On Friday, February 10th, the musicians first arrived into

the CSULA auditorium and were given instructions by Dr. Moss to split into sectionals, groups based on the instruments the musicians play. Later that night, they gathered as an ensemble to practice the concert music until 8 p.m.. "I thought everyone was going to know more about music than I do, but that wasn't the case. We all learned from each other," said Rodriguez.

The purpose of the program is to promote the participation of higher-level musicians and to improve their performance skills, as well as motivate them to continue as a musician beyond high school.

"As a musician, I'm always trying to learn and improve and luckily, I learned a lot! Being surrounded by people who love what they do and are amazing at doing it is such an awesome feeling and I absorbed so much from them," said junior and clarinet player, Aleksey Soto.

Junior and bass clarinet player, Amanda Robles, added, "Being a part of the honor band gave me insight towards bettering my musical talents and a taste of how music would be in college."

In two days, the musicians practiced an overall of 7.5 hours, which led to a memorable performance on February 11th for both the performers and the audience.

Marchings Dons and Pepsters take on Disneyland



The El Rancho Colorguard smiles wide while marching down Disneyland's Main Street U.S.A..

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On January 13th, El Rancho High School's award-winning Marching Dons and Color Guard brought magic to the "Happiest Place on Earth" with their evening parade. The Marching Dons last performed at Disneyland two years ago and had sincerely missed the park since then.

"Usually it's one of the most awaited performances of the year, so to have not gone last year was a real disappointment," says band director Reginald Cordero, "It felt as if something of my march-

ing season and academic year was missing something special."

First-timer Maria Castillo says, "The parade was an incredible experience, I had a lot of fun...The best part was seeing the smiles on people's faces and noticing the joy that our performance brought to their lives."

As a courtesy to display the hard work of the El Rancho pepsters, Cordero invited the pepsters to follow the band as they marched, bringing some ER spirit to the parade. The Pepsters' joyful spirit spread down Main Street U.S.A.

"I felt like performing at Disneyland was a very memorable and fun experience that I will remember for many years,"

says sophomore, Christina Cruz.

Overall, the day was one for the books with many memories created and cherished. The Marching Dons planned to have another Disney concert performance at Disney's California Adventure on February 18th but canceled due to weather conditions.

From April 6th to April 9th, El Rancho's Concert band will be taking a trip up North to perform in and tour the city of San Francisco. Since the last trip the Dons took was in April of 2014 to Washington D.C., many band members are excited

Other trips or performances have not been announced but everyone can expect many great things from them soon.

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FEATURES

Simply Irresistible: Ya like Jaz?

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Flowers, feminism, and fruit? Oh, my! Jazmen Cabrera is not only named El Rancho's class of 2017 "biggest sweetheart," but is also *simply irresistible!*

If you don't find Jazmen in the Yearbook room, she's most likely napping, crying, reading or visiting museums! She loves to learn new things and takes her Polaroid camera all around to snapshot the special moments.

Jazmen admits that her ideal significant other is someone who "holds my hand even if it's sweaty, sends me memes and cute pics of animals, fully supports my beliefs, ideas, aspirations and morals, even if they don't completely agree with them. Also, someone who watches scary movies with me, even if they're scared, jokes around and teases me, and will be the big spoon but doesn't mind trading every now and then. Just, not a Republican."

If you ever hope to take Jazmen on a sweet date, here are a few things you might want to



Jazmen loves being around nature while making friends with ladybugs. Photo by Ethan Sepulveda of Alternative Rock, Oldies and 2000's R&B. However, her favorite song is Vienna by Billy Joel.

Also, her favorite foods are pasta, fruit, enchiladas and straw-

berry lemonade. Unfortunately, many of the males on campus only know how to microwave a "Cup of Noodles" for show. Although, a vegetarian like her wouldn't mind it every now and then.

Cabrera has many plans for the future and hopes to make her loved ones proud. "I hope to be happy and own a ton of dogs and a hedgehog. But, in regards to my career, I want to go into film and make movies with roles that provide more opportunities for people and groups who don't get the representation they deserve such as people of color, LGBT+ community, disabled people, and other minorities." As her favorite artist would say, "wow, she's so ambitious, for a juvenile!"

Jazmen has a strong appreciation for all parts of the world and strongly believes in the protection of the bees, who are dying at alarming rates, and the saving of our planet Earth as it falls into a global warming trap.

She's both a city and natural life gal, "I've always wanted to live in New York but I can totally see myself in a cute little cottage surrounded by nature, my dogs and my significant

other." She wasn't kidding when she said she is quite indecisive!

In addition to all things natural, Jazmen has the answer to the old philosophical question: If a tree falls in the forest, and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound? "I know Ariana Ramos is going to hate me for this, but, yes. I know this is like a philosophical trick question but I'm going to say yes. Just because you don't hear it doesn't mean it doesn't make a noise. If you were to set up a video camera and watch it later you'd hear it fall, it would've captured the noise on tape. So yeah, it made a sound."

As opposed to all things natural, Jazmen is extremely interested in all things super natural. She's a strong believer of aliens and the idea that they have visited Earth. More than once, as a matter of fact! She's not superstitious, just a little "stitious."

Catch Jazmen the Sagittarius around campus in her favorite outfit of "either comfy jeans with a striped sweater and vans or a cute top with a mini skirt and Mary Janes" and plan a photoshoot date with the new Princess Jazmen!

Swaggy Senteno shines at The Rancho

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From getting down on the dance floor to preaching Shakespearean literature, AVID, English 10 Honors, and ASB teacher/director Stephanie Senteno-Tapia has brought spirit to El Rancho High School with her passion of learning for the past years.

Senteno-Tapia's favorite hobbies include all the El Rancho activities she must partake in along with her fellow staff and students. She tries to get involved with The Ranch as much as she can possible whether in person or on social media because "ERHS is life!" says Senteno-Tapia.

When she is not busy spreading blue pride, she can be found cheering on her two sons at their little league practice or spending quality time with family.



Mrs. Senteno loves her new position.

Photo by Kayla Perez

Iy. "I have a big family and we all live near each other so family is very important to me," says Senteno-Tapia, "On the weekends I like to have one day where I can kind of regenerate and spend time doing activities with sons."

Even though her teacher

career seems like it was destiny, it was not always so. "When I was growing up I wanted to be a Pediatrician. However, when I was a sophomore at Notre Dame I blew up my crystals in organic chemistry and then I realized that this pathway wasn't

for me and changed my major to psychology because I was always fascinated with the human mind," says Senteno-Tapia.

However, her journey of becoming a teacher did not stop there. "I had signed up for the ACE program to become a teacher but was put on the wait list and didn't know what I was going to do...Then I got a call back and began taking classes while teaching a small 5th/6th grade class in Kansas and the rest is history until I found myself at 'The Ranch' and been here ever since," says Senteno-Tapia.

Because of this experience, she always tries to encourage all her students to take a challenge and face it head on, which is why she decided to take her new position as ASB Advisor.

From her perspective, all its takes is the ability to manage your time and be ambitious about

what you do. "I always loved being involved with the school, whether it be watching sports perform, drama perform, or band perform," says Senteno-Tapia, "I wanted to inspire my kids and be an example of how they should have a passion for learning and to not be afraid to make mistakes."

"I still try to be ambitious and would like to work my way up to administration or go back to school and get my Ph.D," continues Senteno-Tapia, "maybe right now would not be the best time because my sons are still little and both positions are very demanding but the opportunities of the future are endless."

Mrs. Senteno-Tapia will always be remembered at El Rancho for her outgoing personality and insane moves on the dance-floor. If there's one final saying of inspiration she would like to leave behind it would be "Carpe Diem."

Library Corner

Teen Read Week at ERHS is March 27-31, 2017. This celebration of reading is brought to you by the ER Library. How will you know that it's Teen Read Week?

You will pay attention to the announcements, the Don Page, El Rodeo, social media, and the signs all over campus.

You will notice school staff wearing their READ shirts.

Your class might come to the Get Lit Poetry Performances.

You might participate in a reading-related contest and win a prize

Your class may get lucky and have an administrator or counselor come and read to you.

You are fortunate enough to be in a freshman English class and you earn a reading achievement prize and maybe even have a class pizza party.

You really should read to the Library Dogs during lunch on March 27.

You will rush over to Literary Lunchbag Theater in the Little Theater at lunch on March 29th. All attendees will receive 2 tickets to the Snapchat Spectacle Raffle.

You could win a pair of Snapchat Spectacles at the raffle during lunch in the Quad on March 30.

Thirty-nine days of executive orders

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In just a little less than five weeks of being the President of the United States, President Trump has issued a dozen executive orders. Most, if not all, caused controversy, from the "travel ban" to the resumption of the Keystone XL and Dakota Access Pipeline.

Trump's first Executive Order was designed to repeal the key aspects of Obamacare, Patient Protection, and the Affordable Care Act. This order was signed into effect just hours after Trump took office on January 20th, 2017.

His next executive order, signed on January 24th, allowed for environmental reviews and infrastructure projects to be passed along quicker.

President Trump signed two executive orders on the 25th. The first was titled "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States." This order changed some immigration policies and also stripped "sanctuary cities" of their federal funding. A sanctuary city is a city that will refuse any request for citizen's immigration status.

The second signed on the 25th, called "Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements," this order provided federal funding for building of the border wall between the US and Mexico.

On the 27th, the most controversial order was signed. Called "Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States," this order placed a hiatus on the immigration of people from seven Muslim-majority countries for 90 days. These are Syria, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, Yemen, and Somalia. The order also blocked all refugees from entering the United States for 120 days and



stopped all Syrian refugees indefinitely. This order caused controversy due to green card holders being detained as well. Across multiple major airports, protesters gathered to let the detainees go, and several lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union were also present to help people go through with legal actions.

Actions taken by the ACLU were among the first to show resistance to the unconstitutional ban.

On January 28th, the "Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Appointees" was signed. This order required that all persons admitted to Trump's Administration on and after January 20, 2017, were required to sign a contract that prevented them from becoming a lobbyist, a person who advocates for a specific party, for five years following the termination of their work. Also required of signees was to not accept gifts from lobbyists during their time in the administration.

January 30th, the "Reducing Regulation and Controlling

Regulatory Costs" was brought forth. This was by far the least complex, just requiring that for each new regulation, two old regulations be terminated, and the cost of maintaining these regulations should not increase.

February third saw the signing of one, titled "Core Principles for Regulating the United States Financial System." This established the economic principles for Trump's presidency, as well as give the Treasury Department the job of checking on the Financial Stability Oversight Council and reporting their findings in 120 days to President Trump on their progress of carrying out those principles.

The ninth of February brought the most Executive Orders into action. The first of these, titled "Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking," was purposed to come up with a way to deal with drug cartels from various coun-

tries as well as human trafficking.

The next, titled "Preventing Violence Against Federal, State, Tribal, and Local Law Enforcement Officers," provided for the creation of a Task Force to support the efforts of law enforcement agencies and allowed the Attorney General to provide funding within the bounds of the law to the Task Force.

The third order called "Providing an Order of Succession Within the Department of Justice," changed the order of succession in the Department of Justice. Shortly before his term ended, President Obama changed the order of succession without explanation.

The final titled "Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety," called for the creation of a Task Force designed to come up with strategies to reduce crime. This Task Force will also collaborate with local law enforcement agencies to restore public safety to America.

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Activist Autobiographies

1. *Assata: An Autobiography* by Assata Shakur
2. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Malcolm X
3. *Women's Liberation Freedom Struggle* by Audre Lorde
4. *Women, Race, and Class* by bell hooks
5. *This Bridge Called My Back: Radical Women of Color* by Gloria Anzaldua and Cherríe Moraga
6. *Woman at Point Zero* by Nawal El Saadawi
7. *We Should All Be Free* by Ntozake Shange
8. *Ngozi Adichie*

Activism

8. *Teaching to Transgress: Education, Resistance, and the Culture of Activism* by bell hooks
9. *All Is for Activist* by bell hooks
10. *Stir It Up* by Rinku Sen

Capitalism & Class

- II. *Where We Stand: A People's History of Capitalism* by bell hooks

WORD ON STREET

Peaceful Protest

Do you believe that peaceful protests are the only viable option?
And if not, what other alternatives do you see?



"I believe a peaceful protest is the best way. Rioting and looting our own city isn't going to prove anything. However, I do understand emotions are high right now and not too many people are happy with the way things are going, specifically, with the Presidency. Nonetheless, a peaceful protest captures the attention, it draws people out rather than having them hide from police. A protest might not be the only way to exercise our freedom but I believe a peaceful one is the right one!"

-Ricardo Meji Jr.



I do not believe peaceful protest is the only way. Fighting for what you believe is a great example, being that many countries including our own have fought and caused a revolution. However, I do believe that in most cases, peaceful protest is often most effective

-Dannie Parra

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- Dr. Charles Drew invented a way to store blood plasma and formed the first blood bank.
- Garrett Morgan made traffic lights in 1923.
- Barack Obama became the first Black president in 2008.
- Mae Jemison was the first black woman to travel in space in 1992.
- Hattie McDaniel became the first African American to win an Oscar in 1940 for her role as 'Mammy' in *Gone with the Wind*.
- Ella Fitzgerald was the first black woman to win a Grammy in 1958.
- Serena Williams is the most celebrated and highest-paid female tennis player in the
- world, earning \$28.9 million in 2016 alone.
- The Black Panthers were revolutionary black nationalist and socialist organization founded in 1966 that helped thousands of disadvantaged black communities.
- Ida B. Wells was one of the founders of the NAACP and an early leader in the Civil Rights movement.
- Mark Dean led a team of IBM scientists and, in 1981, invented a device that allowed computers to communicate faster than ever before.
- In 1963, Stevie Wonder became the youngest artist to top the Billboard 100 chart, at only 13 years old, with *Fingertips*
- Nine months before Rosa Parks refused to get out of her bus seat, Civil Rights pioneer, Claudette Colvin, was arrested in 1955 for not getting out of hers.
- Jane Bolin was the first Black woman to become a United States judge in 1932.
- Beverly Johnson was the first Black woman to be featured on a cover of U.S. *Vogue* in August 1974.
- Marsha P. Johnson was a leading Black transgender activist and one of the leaders in the Stonewall Riots in New York during the 1960s.

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- 12. *The Communist Manifesto* by Karl Marx**
Race & Ethnicity
- 13. *Black Power: The Politics of Liberation* by Stokely Carmichael**
- 14. *Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza* by Gloria E. Anzaldúa**
- 15. *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates**
- 16. *Open Veins of Latin America* by Eduardo Galeano**
- 17. *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz**
- 18. *Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White* by Frank Wu**
- 19. *Citizen: An American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine**
- 20. *How Does It Feel to Be A Problem?: Being Young and Arab in America* by Moustafa Bayoumi**
- Immigration**
- 21. *Americans in Waiting: The Lost Story of Immigration and Citizenship in the United States* by Hiroshi Motomura**
- 22. *The Devil's Highway: A True Story* by Luis Alberto Urrea**
- 23. *Brother, I'm Dying* by Edwidge Danticat**
- Drug Wars**
- 24. *A Narco History: How the United States***

and Mexico Jointly Created the "Mexican Drug War"

by Carmen Boullosa

Prison System/Mass**Incarceration**

- 25. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander**
- 26. *Are Prisons Obsolete?* by Angela Y. Davis**
- 27. *Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison* by Michel Foucault**

Sex Work

- 28. *Global Sex Workers: Rights, Resistance, and Redefinition* by Kamala Kempadoo**

LGBTQIA+ Community

- 29. *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource for the Transgender Community***
- 30. *And the Band Played On: Politics, People, and the AIDS Epidemic* by Randy Shilts**

Recommended List of Documentaries

BY JOCELYN ESTRADA
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It's always great to improve your knowledge, and even better through the screen! Here is a list of twenty intriguing documentaries that vary from a man's thirty day McDonald's diet to test the limits of the body, to the stories of victims of rape on college campuses in past years. A few of these are accessible on Netflix

- Kurt & Courtney (1998)
- The Jinx(2015)
- The Hunting Ground (2015)
- Going Clear (2015)
- Paris is Burning (1990)
- Supersize Me (2004)
- Eight Days A Week (2016)
- Visions of Light (1992)
- Room 237 (2013)
- The Witness (2015)
- I Am Not Your Negro (2017)
- Hearts of Darkness (1991)
- Biggie & Tupac (2002)
- 13th (2016)
- The Thin Blue Line (1988)
- Dear Zachary (2008)
- Senna (2010)
- Amy (2015)
- Exit Through the Gift Shop (2010)
- What Happened, Miss Simone? (2015)

Penguins, Pain, and Uber Slayin'

BY: ALEKSEY SOTO AND ETHAN SEPULVEDA
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The fictional, frozen world of Club Penguin drew in many children and was one of the most popular virtual worlds with kids in the late 2000s. However, on March 29th, the penguin paradise will shut down for an app version, said to be called Club Penguin Island, in hopes to capture the interest of the younger demographic that uses mobile apps.

Of course, no significant change in popular culture comes without a good conspiracy theory. Some speculate that the site is shutting down because of the various Trump protests occurring on different game servers.

As trivial as that may seem, it may be true. After all, Disney's chief executive, Robert Iger, was appointed to Trump's 16-person policy forum to directly offer knowledge and perspective to the President. Disney's ties to President Trump may have prompted them to close the site to remain in the President's good graces.

While the instance of a company trying to stay on the President's good side is up for debate, the CEO of Uber, Travis Kalanick, is not staying silent on his support of the new administration, much to public criticism.

During the public protest of Trump's "Muslim Ban" on January 28, at JFK Airport, the New York Taxi Workers Alliance united in a strike against sending taxis to the airport, but Uber continued to service customers and even spiked prices up.

Kalanick also became a part of Trump's economic advisory council but stepped down from his position after backlash from Uber employees, who are mostly immigrants themselves. Kalanick stated that he was attempting to strengthen communication with the President, but that did not stop over 200,000 Uber customers from deleting the app and starting the Twitter campaign, #DeleteUber. Uber's rival companies, including Lyft, also jumped at the opportunity to take Uber's position as the most popular ride-sharing service on the App Store.

This isn't the first head of a major company to openly support the new President, as the heads of Home Depot, NASCAR, and even Marvel Entertainment have supported Donald Trump either financially or through an open love letter entitled, "Why I Stand With Donald Trump", as in the case of the CEO of Home Depot. Elon Musk of SpaceX and Marry Barra are also on the President's economic advisory board but haven't faced the backlash that Kalanick received.

With Kalanick's and others companies catering to the younger, liberal demographic, CEO's are going to have to weigh how they relate with the Trump Administration even more carefully; If not, they are going to need a "Lyft" from their fall from grace.

CAMPUS

**Junior & Senior
To Do List**

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Seniors:

- Send SAT and ACT scores
- Apply for scholarships!
- Complete the College Scholarship Service profile for privates
- Check school portals & your To-Do lists to see if your application is missing any information
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Add your schools to your FAFSA list
- Create a resume or brag sheet (found in the College & Career Center, G1) to keep track of your accomplishments. They can be useful to whoever writes your letter of rec.

- Letters of Recommendation: Be sure to give your recommendors at least a two weeks notice before you would like to receive them.
- Keep in touch with your counselors to help stay on track and ready for college.

- Join Be A Leader club (meetings every other Tuesday) for more assistance and college reminders. All grades are welcome! See advisor Michelle Sandoval (michelle.sandoval@bealeaderfoundation.org) in the CCC

Juniors:

- Sign up for SAT/ACT (June recommended)
- Search for schools you may be interested in
- Find out more information about the Northern California College Trip in the Spring and apply! Visit the CCC for more details.
- Do community service and join clubs to improve your resume.
- Join Be A Leader club ! More info. can be found on the senior to-do list.

Word on the Street
“How do you feel about the recent rain and cold weather?”

**“Mother Nature,
W.Y.D.?”**
- Samantha Leggis, 12



“It’s cold. But, I enjoy it.” - Gisselle Sainz, 12



“What can I say? This is California”
- Sebastian Ruiz, 11

Sing higher with Choir!

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If you love singing by yourself in the shower, Choir is the club to join! There are different stages of Choir and whether or not you have experience, there's always a place in the Choir room for you!

Students of all grade levels are invited. The various sections of Choir are Beginning Choir, the Choralets, and the Choraleers.

Beginning Choir is the perfect choice if you're new and interested in joining. It is for both boys and girls, with no audition needed. Beginning Choir is also known as Concert Choir and requires no experience, only, "the will to want to be in Choir," says Isa Valenzuela, junior and choir

member. "I saw the performance they did at North Park, I thought it was super cool, so I wanted to try it myself," Valenzuela added.

The Choralets are the advanced all girl choir group. To join, you must go through an audition, and have experience singing.

The Choraleers is an advanced boys and girls choir group. Auditions are also required to enter, and if you are a girl, you must first go through Concert Choir or Choralets. This section of Choir is only open to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors. Boys, if you have exceptional talent, you can go straight into Choraleers since the group is always looking for more boys!

Choir is offered throughout different class periods. Beginning Choir is 6th period,

the Choraleers are 5th period, and the Choralets are 4th period. All classes are held in C-2.

All sections of choir have the same warm-ups which consist of different scale ranges, ranging from a B-flat scale, then to a regular C scale.

Choir usually sings a variety of Gospel and late pop music. Currently, Choir is working on the song "Photograph" by Ed Sheeran.

On January 20th, each Choir group attended Disneyland, where they went backstage into Disney's recording studios. They were given a piece of music to learn, and after they had recorded the piece, Disney inputted the music to the fit in with the film.

On Diva Day, held on February 4th, Choir girls from all over Southern California came

together to learn new songs, then performed all together.

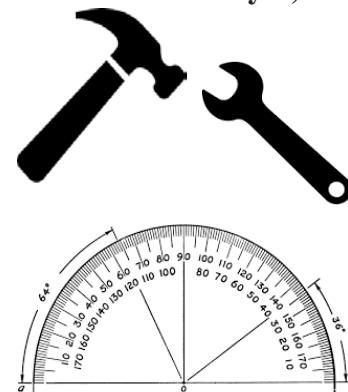
In this year's festival, over 300 female students from twenty-four different high schools, rehearsed and performed a variety of Barbershop songs, and were featured in two different quartets.

For the upcoming festival, on April 6th, selected schools perform their top songs and are judged and critiqued based on the performance. In the end, all schools receive a grade and a plaque.

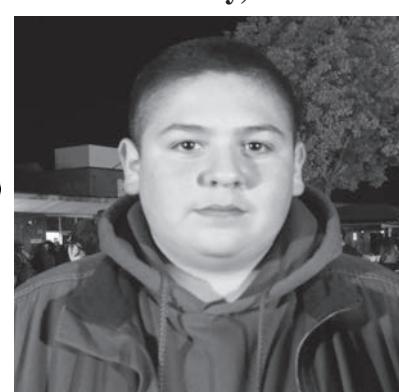
If becoming a music artist is in your future, joining choir will help get your vocals there!

Word on the Street
“What do you look forward to doing most at E.R.?”

“I’m really excited about the electives and the classes here!” - Davin Reyes, S.T.E.A.M. Academy, 8th



“I think the engineering class, all I’ve wanted to do since fourth grade is build stuff, and there’s finally a class for it.” - Jacob Molina, North Park, 8th



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SPORTS

Girls' Basketball reaches quarter finals

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After a great season the Lady Dons finished with an overall record of 26-5 and 10-0 in league, completing their fifth consecutive league title.

"I feel that league turned out great. We enjoyed it and played hard and that's all that matters," says senior varsity captain Amy Navarro.

"Winning league was an experience I've never felt before and it's been amazing to play on the court with the seniors. Not only the seniors but the whole team in general, everyone is so talented and they are the most talented girls I've ever met," says varsity freshmen player Jaylene Oviedo.

The Lady Dons played an incredible season, only losing 5 games and going undefeated in league. They've made history at El Rancho High School for winning more games the girls varsity basketball team has ever won before.

"Over all it has been a successful season. We went undefeated in league and won more games than we have ever won in the history of the school. We also reached CIF quarterfinals, which is also a first in the school," explains varsity head coach Randy Shigezane.



Girl's Basketball after winning Del Rio League.

Photo courtesy of Destiny Reyes

Unfortunately, the lady dons lost against Bishop Montgomery High School in the third round of CIF with a score of 58-41, ending their season.

"It feels great to know we made history," says Navarro, "but I'm sad that it's over because I don't want to leave my team."

According to head coach

Shigezane, there's not much the team wants to improve on but they hope to continue their legacy for the upcoming season.

Boys soccer falls short in quest for title

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The timely after-school and Saturday morning practices have paid off for the El Rancho Boys Varsity Soccer. Going off with an overall record of eighteen wins, two ties and two losses, the boys came up as Del Rio League Champions! An incredible amount of sacrifice and pride was shown throughout the season, and the boys planned to improve through CIF.

The team reflects on their past games and have learned to grow from their mistakes. "I feel this season has not only been an unforgettable one, but has also shown us what kind of team we can truly be, and what we're capable of," shares senior Christian Arteaga.

The players have taken pride in their accomplishment. "I feel that our season was very successful, but we haven't accomplished our main goal," says senior Carlos Mendez. The boys know now that they can and will only keep moving forward.

Their next obstacle was going on into the CIF round, where their motivation and skill was put to the test by further teams. "Af-

ter all those 6 am practices, Saturday practices, city runs, weight room, etc. we have prepared physically for CIF. I'm just hoping that we have the mental strength each CIF game to overcome any team that confronts us," says captain Rodrigo Saldana. The game takes focus of the mind and body, which the soccer boys are learning to perfect.

The boys had many hardships and crunch times throughout the season, but valued every moment as much as they could. "Some of the best parts in season were the bus rides because of all the laughter with all my brothers, also our indoor soccer tournaments because it was all fun and games with my team," says Mendez.

The bond between the boys helped better their connections and make great communication throughout games and tournaments.

"Best moments from this season have been the turn arounds we got versus Salesian and Warren. As well as celebrating each goal with my brothers and the bus rides home after a win. Last of all, going out to eat with my brothers after a game," adds Saldana. The boys have created a brotherhood both on and off the field, one that will last



Boys Soccer battles final round of CIF. Photo by Jocelyn Estrada

as long as the memories do.

As the season closed, the boys feared the thought of their last game together. "As this season comes to an end, I have a bitter/sweet feeling. I'm glad I was able to experience three years alongside my brothers. But the job isn't done yet," says Arteaga. The boys will continue to play their hearts out and hope to make each other proud.

"As a senior and knowing my playing time is coming to an end, I am glum about not being able to play with my brothers and my school. But, I am very proud of mine and my teams accomplishments during our time at the Ranch," adds Mendez. The team is proud of the journey they have taken and is looping on an emotional

rollercoaster as the chapters of the season conclude.

"I really want to thank my brothers/teammates for believing in me throughout this season on my highs and lows. As well as Ms. Chodos [school librarian] for all the love and support she has for the group," says Saldana.

Unfortunately, the soccer boys fell short in a 2-1 loss versus Hueneme High School on Saturday, February 25, 2017 and were eliminated from CIF. They pushed through three rigorous rounds in CIF and fought hard until the final whistle blew. Coach Gerry was an incredible role model and leader for the boys, and together they made it far. Best of luck to boys soccer in future years and the seniors who made their mark!

Boy's Tennis sets out for CIF Title

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The boy's varsity tennis team is ready to serve, smash, and ace their competition during this upcoming spring season! After finishing first in the Del Rio league last year, the team is more determined than ever to keep this title so they can have the honor of being back-to-back champions.

Team captains, senior, Jason Bravo, and, junior, Anthony Aldridge, hope to lead their team to victory this season. "We've practiced long and hard for this, and I can't wait to finally be able to show our competition what we're made of," says Bravo says.

Although the team does have some challenges to face this upcoming season that's beyond tough competition and bad weather. As senior, Omar Torres, said "We lost some great players, so this year it might be very challenging to win league without them. But I'm confident that as a team, we will be able to pull through it and make it far."

Despite difficulties, the team knows exactly what they want to accomplish this season, and to do so they must work hard and play hard to achieve that dream.

The team is expecting a tough, yet challenging season, but they hope to make it out on top at the end of it. Junior, Greg Solis, says, "Our team looks pretty beast so far, and we should be able to do good this season. Hopefully, win league but if not second is fine. As long as we make it to CIF, it'll be good."

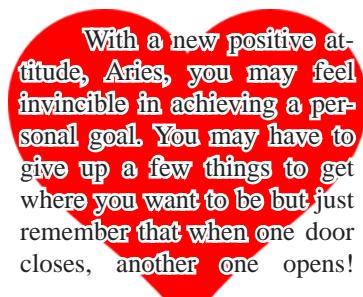
The team's excitement and nervousness carry off and on the courts. With their constant talks of scrimmage against teammates during lunch, and friendly competitions during practice they are ready for what is in store. Besides seriousness, the team likes to motivate each other with funny yet truthful pep talks like, "Don't break your ankles!", and "Stay in your ally's!"

Head Coach, Eduardo Galindo, is very proud of his boy's and what they have to offer this season. Along with practices and different drills he has his athletes do, Galindo has some goals and expectations for his boy's to accomplish this season.

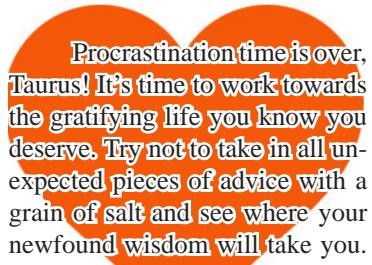
"My first goal for them (the team) is to place in league and hopefully repeat what we did last year and become league champs. My second goal for them is to make it past the first round of CIF and from then on keeping winning."

The boy's varsity tennis team is ready for their upcoming season and what it has in store for them. Wins or losses, the team won't ever stop trying their best to make it on top. Good luck to both boy's varsity and junior varsity tennis team this spring season.

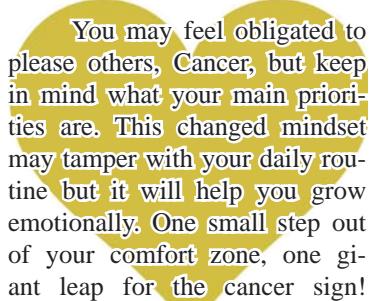
ENTERTAINMENT

Aries

With a new positive attitude, Aries, you may feel invincible in achieving a personal goal. You may have to give up a few things to get where you want to be but just remember that when one door closes, another one opens!

Taurus

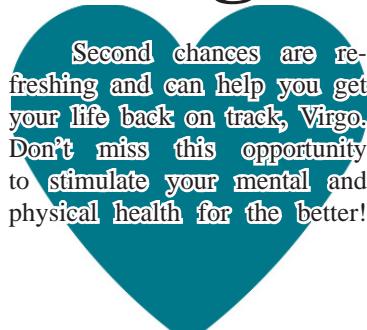
Procrastination time is over, Taurus! It's time to work towards the gratifying life you know you deserve. Try not to take in all unexpected pieces of advice with a grain of salt and see where your newfound wisdom will take you.

Cancer

You may feel obligated to please others, Cancer, but keep in mind what your main priorities are. This changed mindset may tamper with your daily routine but it will help you grow emotionally. One small step out of your comfort zone, one giant leap for the cancer sign!

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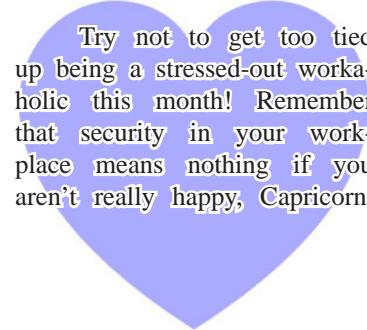
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**Virgo**

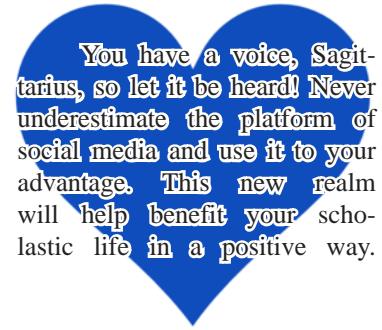
Second chances are refreshing and can help you get your life back on track, Virgo. Don't miss this opportunity to stimulate your mental and physical health for the better!

Scorpio

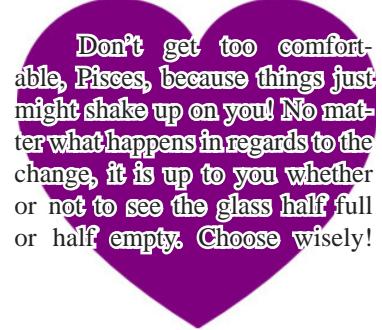
This month is all about self-improvement, Scorpio. Take this time to focus on your professional matters instead of succumbing to silly distractions. As much as you may want to relax, try to stay motivated and keep moving forward!

Capricorn

Try not to get too tied up being a stressed-out workaholic this month! Remember that security in your workplace means nothing if you aren't really happy, Capricorn.

Sagittarius

You have a voice, Sagittarius, so let it be heard! Never underestimate the platform of social media and use it to your advantage. This new realm will help benefit your scholastic life in a positive way.

Pisces

Don't get too comfortable, Pisces, because things just might shake up on you! No matter what happens in regards to the change, it is up to you whether or not to see the glass half full or half empty. Choose wisely!

Judas Priest: Turbo 30

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To celebrate the 30 year anniversary of *Turbo*, Judas Priest has compiled a three CD reissue appropriately named *Turbo 30* released February 3, 2017. *Turbo 30* will feature live audio from their infamous concert in 1986 at the Kemper Arena in Kansas City.

Turbo was originally released in 1986 and was considered a vast difference from their previous release, *Defenders of the Faith*. *Turbo* also proved to be a more technical album than any of their previous releases at the time. With hits like *Turbo Lover* and *Parental Guidance*, the band proved that they are, in fact, a musical machine.

Disk one will include all original songs in remastered form. Disk two and three will include live audio from their concert at the Kemper Arena.

Track listing will be: Disc



One: Turbo Remastered: 1.Turbo Lover 2.Locked In 3.Private Property 4.Parental Guidance 5.Rock You All Around The World 6.Out In The Cold 7.Wild Nights, Hot & Crazy Days 8.Hot For Love 9.Reckless Disc Two: Live at the Kemper Arena: 1.The Hellion 2.Electric Eye 3.Turbo Lover 4.Freewheel Burning 5.Victim Of Changes 6.The Green Manalishi(WithThe Two-Pronged Crown) 7.Living After Midnight 8.You've Got Another Thing Coming 9.Hell Bent For Leather

Kehlani: SweetSexySavage

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On January 27th, singer-songwriter, Kehlani Parrish, graced her fans all over the world with the release of her long awaited debut album, *Sweetsexyavage*.

The regular album consists of 17 songs, while the deluxe version has 19, and both versions have enjoyed immense success. On Spotify alone, each track has more than one million plays, with the title song, *CRZY*, garnering over 32 million as of February 22nd.

The album's title is a play on TLC's album, *CrazySexyCool*, and was meant to convey Parrish's view on what a woman is.

"For me; all women are sweet, sexy, savage, smart, important, crazy, sexy, cool; all at the same time. It's just about not just separating being three different things," Parrish said in an interview with iHeartRadio.

Sweetsexyavage's sound is definitely different from her previous mix tape's, *You Should Be Here*. The album showcases a mix of lit anthems and heartfelt lyrics, all backed up by incredible beats. It is empowering, as well as relatable.

Overall, the album is an amazing listen. All of the tracks show different sides of Kehlani, from the vulnerable and reflective *Hold Me By The Heart* to the fun and confident *CRZY*. Tracks like *Piece of Mind* and *Advice* are reflective on her past experiences in relationships. The regular album closes with *Thank You*, a song meant to thank everyone important in her life.

"*Sweetsexyavage* shows my evolution of just wanting to be happy, wanting to have fun and less dwelling on a bunch of negative stuff," Parrish said, "I want my fans to take away that I wanted to have a lot of fun and that I really wanted to be happy with this album."

