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## WASC Report Reflects Positive Progress



BY ABEL MARTINEZ  
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On March 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>, El Rancho was visited by four members from the WASC committee. The reason for their visitation was to evaluate an overall report on our current progress as a school.

The WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) is one of six regional associations that accredit the public and private schools, colleges, and the universities here in the United States. If El Rancho were to have no accreditation, then a diploma from here would be worthless.

"[The report], overall, was very positive," said assistant principal Dr. Ventura. "Since the last time they came here, we've made positive progress."

The WASC last visited El Rancho three years ago. One of the major holes that they wanted to see filled was for every student to have a textbook. Dr. Ventura made it a point to know that every request that the WASC proposed three years ago has either been met or has seen great progress (for instance, every student now has a textbook assigned to him or her, and the district as a whole has advanced their ability to communicate, support, and monitor the programs of El Rancho High School).

Moreover, some of the positive reception that was received was our school's transition from trimesters to semesters, the increased number of students in the honors and AP classes, and overall acknowledging the staff of El Rancho for all of their hard work that they have done to continue to improve student's achievements. Parents also stepped in to emphasize how welcoming the school is, as well as the good relations shared between the students and the teachers.

WASC noted that El Rancho should continue to monitor the new support courses (Algebra 1 and 2 Support, Bio Concepts, Geometry Support, and Language Exclamation Support) the students that take said courses, continue the professional development for teachers, reflect on our tutorial period (monitor its effectiveness and make improvements), continue to administer benchmarks for students, and maintain a school wide focus on the alignment of the curriculum maps.

Ventura said, "I'm very happy to see that the WASC committee recognized the great staff, students, and parents that El Rancho has."

## Academic Decathlon Finishes 29th in State

BY BRIANNA MORALES  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

El Rancho High School's Academic Decathlon team placed 29th out of 65 teams at the state competition earning a score of 40,225 out of a possible 60,000.

"More important than what our overall rank would indicate, we won eight medals at state, which is a huge accomplishment," said decathlete, Patrick Rubalcava. Coach, Ms. Kristen Oase, added, "The number of medals they received is a testament of how diligently they worked and how brilliant they are."

Those who earned medals were: John Barrios (gold in interview and the highest scorer on the team), Ricardo Lopez (gold in speech), Eric Rivera (gold in interview), Patrick Rubalcava (gold in math and bronze in language and literature), and Hazel Flores (silver in speech).

Also adding to the list of recognitions, captain, Patrick Rubalcava was the third highest scoring C-slot (the group of decathletes whose grade point average is below 3.0) in the competition with a score of 6,925 out of 10,000.

"I feel as if I let a few people down last year, but this year I was able to do pretty well. It's a great honor, but not as great as being surrounded by such brilliant people," said Rubalcava.

Moreover, the team does not see their rank as anything



The Academic Decathlon team placed 29th out of 65 schools after a competition that encompasses ten subjects.

to be ashamed of, but instead as a reminder that decathlon is becoming highly competitive.

"Our rank would indicate that we were not as good as last year's team that came in 13th place, but I would disagree with that. It seems that this year it was much more difficult than it was last year. Decathlon is becoming a highly competitive thing," said Rubalcava. Oase added, "The competition has gotten more difficult every single year. Now we realize, while we're improving, other schools are as well."

Also, the team feels that the rank they earned isn't a

solid indicator of their intelligence, for California is the most competitive state when it comes to Academic Decathlon.

"I'm proud of the rank, and I would have been proud of it even if it was in the 50s. California is undoubtedly the greatest state at Academic Decathlon. The people we were competing against are insanely brilliant. The rank isn't exactly indicative of how intelligent we are," said Rubalcava.

Furthermore, the team has earned great support not only from El Rancho, but also from the community.

"From Maizeland pre-

school making us lunch boxes and cards to school board members writing letters of appreciation, the support for decathlon comes from all over," said Oase.

Lastly, the decathletes feel as if they are "being torn away from [their] closest friends," as decathlete, Arthur Juarez noted, for El Rancho's decathletes shares a bond unlike any other team.

"In other teams, they're just shards put together to achieve one goal, whereas we're a whole." Rubalcava continued, "Nothing can compare with the bond that an El Rancho decathlete has with another El Rancho decathlete."

## Ms. Natalie Zucker Passes Away After Countless Contributions to ER Teachers



COURTESY OF YEARBOOK STAFF  
BY PATRICK RUBALCAVA  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

In such times as these, finding a person so selfless in nature and so willing to give to the welfare of others may be a trying task. Recently, such a search became even more difficult, with the passing of Mrs. Natalie Zucker.

The name Zucker has come to be revered in the halls of El Rancho High School. For over two decades, Mrs. Zucker has awarded money to one of the most under appreciated demographics of high school: the teachers.

Mrs. Zucker was a native of Pico Rivera, and her children attended El Rancho, which is how she developed her love of the school. After her husband, a doctor, passed away, Mrs. Zucker began awarding these scholarships to teachers that dedicate their time and effort to their students.

It is very important to recognize these teachers that work ceaselessly, as it gives them a sort of "boost," says Mr. Genis.

Mr. Justin Diaz, one of last year's winners of the Zucker Award, says that the award made him feel "absolutely" appreciated. "To be recognized... as having done something is an honor. You want the best for your students," said Diaz.

Beyond her acts of generosity, Zucker is remembered for having been virtuous on a personal level.

"She was a very intelligent woman... She was very friendly and outspoken, but very knowledgeable," said Mr. Genis, who had the privilege of meeting Zucker on multiple occasions.

Even those that were only fortunate enough to meet Zucker on a few occasions, like Mr. Diaz, understood her benevolence. "She was very kind and seemed genuinely grateful for the teachers," said Diaz.

Mr. Wlasick says Zucker was an "educated, well-spoken, warm-hearted, [and] generous" woman.

Wlasick was awarded the Zucker Award long ago, on May 1, 1991. He describes Zucker's contributions as "completely selfless acts of good semeratinism."

These acts affected a tremendous range of teachers. Among the teachers that have won the award, dating back to 1988, are: Mr. McMullen, Mr. Wlasick, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Meza, Mr. Crone, Ms. Chodos, Mrs. Zeko, Mr. Francis, Mr. Sorenson, Mrs. Flores-Orihuela, Mrs. Chavez, Mrs. Espinoza, Mrs. Lam, Mr. Daniel Diaz, Mr. Justin Diaz, and Ms. Chapman. And that's just teachers that still work at El Rancho.

Despite the long list of those she has given her award to, Wlasick claims that Zucker "always remembered [the winners] when she came back... She consciously wanted to give back to her community."

But could there ever be another like Mrs. Zucker, so altruistic and caring?

"I would hope so, but in these times of economic depression, it would be hard to find someone as generous of spirit," says Wlasick.

"As of right now, there isn't," says Genis, "but there could be."

It is impossible to ever replicate the presence and impact that Zucker had on everyone she affected, but we must hope that the community learns from her kind acts, and others like Mrs. Zucker will emerge to fill the gaping hole her absence has created.

For now, El Rancho should mourn this great woman's passing, and remember the small things that brought joy to those around her.

"I will most miss her hug and warm smile," says Mr. Wlasick.



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NEWS

Intro to Law Students Take Charge in Teen Court

By Karen Carrillo  
El Rodeo Staff Writer

El Rancho’s Intro to Law students visited Roosevelt High School and got a first-hand experience of the teen court procedures.

“We needed something to deal with our problem with truancy and expulsions,” said Mr. Elias. Mr. Elias proposed the idea of introducing the teen courts to El Rancho as an alternative to provide students with a second chance. “Having a teen court will protect students from having an arrest record, provide more consequences for problematic students, and add prestige to the school because of the courts,” says Elias.

Excluding the judge, students run the court. The jury, court clerks, bailiffs, and interpreters are all students. “The teen court is a one shot deal. It is a chance for the students to turn their lives around if they fulfill the terms of probation,” explains Mr. Meza. Although students run the teen court, there are adults available during the session. The judge, however, is a volunteer licensed judge that will listen to all the cases.

Mr. Elias faced a couple of challenges when he proposed the teen court. “The people didn’t think the teen court was serious, and they were afraid the teen court would not be taken seriously,” says Elias. Although the teen court is a great opportunity



Photo: Karen B. Carillo, Staff  
*Interpreter and defendant’s mother listening to the jury as they deliberate about the suggested punishment.*

for a student to turn their life around, the court only handles misdemeanor cases. This way, teens can avoid having to face a juvenile court where the penalty is much worse. Also, none of the punishments that the defendant receives involve money or jail time.

The trip to Roosevelt High School allowed El Rancho’s students to question the defendant. The students dealt with two different cases. The first case in-

involved Melissa, a senior who was confronted by the police at the Montebello Mall after being drunk in public. The first jury found the defendant guilty and suggested some punishments to the judge. The punishments were as follows: a six-month probation, a curfew from 6p.m. to 6a.m., and one on one counseling.

The second case was about Stephanie, freshman, who was caught stealing in a department

store. The jury was in disbelief when Stephanie revealed to them that she was stealing in the same store her mom was shopping in. The second jury found her guilty and suggested family counseling to improve the defendant’s relationship with her mother, a 4p.m. to 6:30p.m curfew, sixty hours of community service, and parental consent for friends.

The teen court is much more beneficial to students be-

cause they have the privilege to ask the judge questions on the case. Not only are the students gaining experience in the court systems, they also have the opportunity to discuss with the judge the possible punishments that they would give to the defendant. The students interacted with Judge Sandoval as they asked him questions about his salary and his career. Judge Sandoval offered one tip to the students, “It doesn’t matter where you go to get your education. It matters what you did with your education.”

Roosevelt has seen a dramatic improvement ever since they began the teen court system. According to Carlos Castillo, a volunteer teacher that helps run the court said, “seventy percent of the kids going to juvenile hall will commit a crime again. With the teen courts, however, it drops to thirty percent.”

As for El Rancho, “we hope to have our own court room on campus soon, but for now we are partnering up with Roosevelt High School. Later, we hope to partner up with schools closer to us, like Pioneer High School.” The cases for El Rancho will be heard in the Pico Rivera City Council. Mr. Meza, Mr. Elias, and Mr. Picon hope that the teen court at El Rancho will give the students a second chance to turn their lives around as well as improve El Rancho’s performance.

E. R. Budget Crisis Crowds Line 60



By Rosauro Montes  
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Economics teacher, Mr. Elias came up with the idea of adding two extra Montebello line 60 buses in the morning route to reduce the thirty-five minute wait to only fifteen minutes so that students won’t have to be late to school.

“The thirty-five minute break is creating a lot of problems for students who have to take the public bus to come to school,” said Elias, “The fifteen minute wait can get students here on time without a problem.”

The two million dollar cutback loss from weak attendance records forced the school district to fire fifteen to twenty teachers, cancel school buses, and increase financial problems.

“Our schools attendance rate looked so bad that it made us look like an urban school,” said Mr. Elias.

Mr. Elias understood the difficulties students would be facing from these cutbacks. “Let the District people walk to work! Now our students have to be the one walking to school,” said Elias.

Since Mr. Elias is doing this for El Rancho’s students, he took time out of each class he had to discuss with his students about changes in bus schedule for line 60. Students participated by marking their opinions down on the bus schedule on times

that should be changed on the morning route, which can benefit them.

“I won’t have to wake up super early in the morning to catch the bus on time,” said senior Justin Canez.


People riding the line 60 buses on the week of April 11th can add these two new buses to the bus schedule to make Montebello bus lines notice that these changes are deemed useful.

These schedule changes may become permanent if one rides the line 60 buses on the week of April 11th to show Montebello Bus department that these additions are useful.

One can assist in making these two new buses permanent by getting a ride on Montebello Bus line 60 the week of April 11th. If the two new buses are deemed useful and full both will become permanent. “If we can fill these buses that entire week it will show Montebello bus lines that we do need these extra buses,” said Elias.

In addition to adding new buses in the city of Pico Rivera, students will improve the attendance rate, thus improving the school. “If we can improve our schools attendance then we can get money into our school,” said Elias.

Should this plan fail, the school would have to get a bingo permit to allow bingo night fund raises for the city to get transportation for students.



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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Section of Passons Boulevard to Close Temporarily**  
*Construction continues on Underpass Project*

A section of Passons Boulevard will be closed to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic beginning Friday, April 15, 2011 as work continues on construction of the Passons Boulevard Underpass Project.

The street closure will extend from Slauson Avenue to 400 feet north of Rivera Road.

Detour signs are being posted to re-direct traffic. Vehicle thru-traffic will be detoured around the closure along Slauson Avenue, Rosemead Boulevard and Washington Boulevard. Pedestrian and local vehicle traffic will be directed to use Slauson, Serapis Avenue and Rex Road.

Montebello Bus lines has adjusted bus routes to accommodate the closure. Residents are encouraged to use Public Transportation during this time.

The closure is scheduled to continue until April 2012.

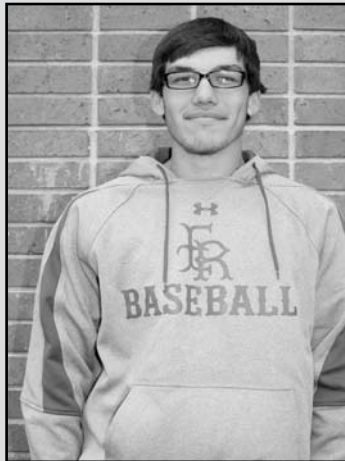
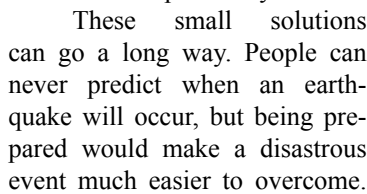
Updated information about the Underpass Project is available 24 hours a day by calling a special telephone hotline at (562) 949-9499. Specific questions can be directed to the City of Pico Rivera’s Construction Manager, Steve Quezada, at (562) 949-9450.

*About the Project:* The City of Pico Rivera has contracted with Brutoco Engineering and Construction to construct the Passons Boulevard Grade Separation. The project will eliminate the current BNSF at-grade crossing at Passons Boulevard by constructing a vehicle underpass beneath the railroad tracks. In addition, the BNSF at-grade crossing at Serapis Avenue will be permanently closed to through traffic. The project, when completed, will enhance pedestrian and vehicle safety on Passons and improve overall traffic circulation. The project is estimated to be completed in July, 2012.



# Social Justice Joins Anti-War March

“People should be active and do something. Many people complain, are slow to act, and don’t vote. If they don’t educate themselves then they shouldn’t complain!” said Hartman, “My goal as a teacher is to teach kids how to add their voices in conversations in politics.”



Leonard De La Rosa  
12<sup>th</sup>- “Far from it; it doesn’t  
even cross my mind.”



## OPINION

# A Self-absorbed Society Obsessed with Technology:

## Are material things worth worrying about, or is life itself more valuable?



"In a time of crisis, who would be thinking about the iPad 2, iPhone 4, or anything of that matter?"

BY DAVID OCHOA  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

As I was scrolling through *The Los Angeles Times'* website,

I stumbled upon an article dated March 17. It was titled "Japan earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear crisis could further Apple's iPad 2 shortages." It is understand-

able, from a business perspective, to be concerned about the factories that produce these advanced pieces of technology and the possible financial effect it

can have on Apple, but immediately the first thought that came to mind was, "Really people?"

In a time of crisis, who would be thinking about the iPad 2, iPhone 4, or anything of that matter, when many people in Japan were "iPaddling" to save their own lives after massive waves of water flooded their homeland?

Some are even benefiting from this disaster in Japan! People who have already purchased their iPad's are selling them on eBay for between \$900-1300!

I was already fully aware, that the majority of this latest "Technological Generation" are selfish, self-absorbed, arrogant, lazy, unapprised, and uneducated, with values that mean essentially nothing. But to be concerned about a computer, and not human life, is just absurd and sickening.

What kind of person values technology over life? Well the answer, my friend, is certainly not "Blowing in the Wind." Just look around.

Our peers are worried about minute and small problems, which in reality are not even problems. "Oh, I can't take the car out this weekend." "I need a new phone."

Well the people in Ja-

pan, and in many parts of the world, have real problems such as; "I need water in order to keep on living." "Where am I going to sleep tonight?" Those are the real problems.

I admit that I am guilty of the crimes of whining and complaining about unnecessary things, but it is because I am accustomed to such a lifestyle, but as I further advance in my education, an education which I should value and appreciate more as many are unable to receive such, I realize how spoiled and pampered we really are, and that the real important things in life are not material.

Not everyone is self-absorbed. There is always a good group of people out there who are enlightened and informed.

One might say, "What does this guy know? He's still in high school." Indeed I am, and I have not lived very long, but I do know how the majority of my peers think, and if you're still reading this article, then you must care what I have to say. When one finishes reading this they will be categorized into two groups: a person and people. Which one will you be?

# Charlie Sheen is not Bi-polar, but "Bi-winning"

BY PATRICK RUBALCAVA  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Yes, the rumors are true. I am currently under the influence. That's right. I am on a drug. This drug is called Charlie Sheen. No, you can't have any. If you try it, your face will melt off and you will die and your children will weep over your exploded body. You may tell me to slow down, but that's impossible, because I only have one speed: go!

Like most of the nation, I'm sure, for the past month or so I have been absolutely captivated by the media-driven circus act that is the life of Charlie Sheen. I've been a fan of Sheen since I was a kid. I saw him as "Wild Thing" in *Major League II* and the nameless cool guy in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*.

As I grew older, I saw him as the aptly named Charlie on *Two and a Half Men*, the show about that drunk guy and nerdy guy that watch over that annoying kid. It was definitely a funny show, and at his peak, Charlie was the highest paid man in television, making somewhere around \$2 million *per episode*. (Teachers, eat your heart out.)

Then everything just fell apart for the notorious playboy. His life had always been riddled with drug convictions, divorces, and other sinful actions, but Sheen's misdeeds reached a pinnacle when his admittance to rehab forced his show to stall indefinitely. Sheen quickly recovered, and after some inflammatory remarks about *Two and a Half Men* creator Chuck Lorre,

Sheen was fired from his role.

The events that have followed have created Sheen into a sort of cultural icon. I have witnessed first-hand Sheen's "tiger blood" through my vast experience following him on Twitter.

Sheen's following can be described as nothing short of gargantuan. The man achieved a landmark one million followers on Twitter in just a day, setting a world record for most Twitter followers in 24 hours, which, contrary to what you might think, I did not just make up on the spot.

Additionally, his show, called his "Violent Torpedo of Truth," in Detroit and Chicago, completely sold out in mere minutes. Sheen gave absolutely no description of the show, bar that he would be involved, but that did not seem to affect the many ticket-buyers from purchasing.

But why does Sheen have followers so great in their numbers and adoration? The man is, after all, an admitted drug user. If he has done such bad things, why do people honor him, and why has he been bestowed with the honor of being listed as one of the "People Who Inspire You" on my Facebook?

Simple. The man is winning. If everything Sheen says is true, how could anyone not love him? When an interviewer on *Good Morning America* asked Sheen about rumors that he was suffering from bi-polar disorder, Sheen responded that, not only is he not bi-polar, but he is "bi-winning." What better way to show that you're not suffer-

ing from a mental disorder than to spontaneously create words?

The same interviewer then asked if Sheen worries about dying due to his erratic lifestyle. Sheen simply responds that "Dying is for fools," as if to laugh at the very cycle of life which feebly attempts to challenge his unshakable manitude.

Sheen laughs at the restrictions that society and the world attempt to place on him. Sheen believes himself to be a different man with "a different constitution," "a different brain," and "a different heart." Not only does he not care that he betrays the expectations of society, but he is proud of his ability to "expose people to magic."

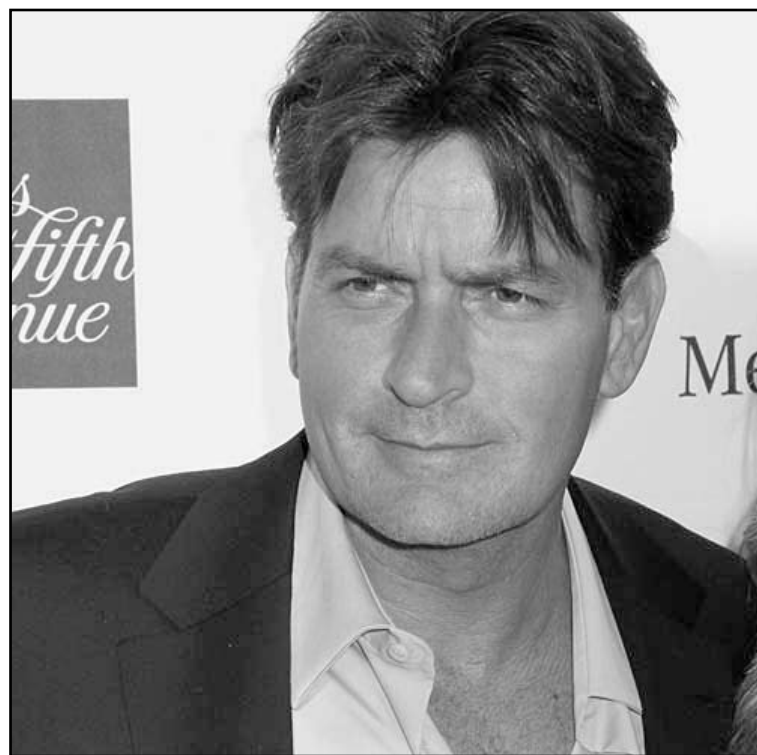
In his own words, the man has "got magic and poetry on [his] fingertips." Everything he does seems to influence people, and though he does some things that might kill the average person, his Adonis DNA keeps him thriving.

"I'm tired of pretending I'm not special," says Sheen. "I'm tired of pretending like I'm not [awesome], a total freakin' rock star from Mars."

Yes, the sheer power of Sheen's winning extends beyond this world. Perhaps more impressively, Sheen proves that he can be winning despite a lack of oxygen.

But let's get serious for a moment. With all of the jokes and borderline delusional claims aside, Sheen is truly more than merely America's weekly punchline. Sheen possesses a characteristic that all wish to possess: he simply does not care.

Charlie Sheen acts like



Charlie Sheen says he has only has one speed: Go!

Charlie Sheen, despite the disapproval of the media and many others. He embraces a style of life he enjoys, going so far as to live with two porn stars that he dubs his "goddesses."

Charlie speaks what is on his mind, irrespective of public opinion. Maybe we aren't all as radical as Charlie, but the freedom to say and do as we wish, unsympathetic to the expectations of society, is something we should all strive for. I'm not advocating that everyone think of themselves as "rock star[s] from Mars," only that everyone be able to express themselves to the same degree.

That's why Charlie has so many fans. He is an ideal, in some

ways. He accomplishes feats that many wish to achieve, and he does so while acting like a true individual and not caring what anyone thinks of him. Even if you don't like Charlie, and think of him as a corruption to the youth, or something lame like that, you can't help but respect his sense of identity.

I'm a fan of Charlie. As a fan, I do, too, hope that he can rebound from whatever negativity is currently plaguing his life. Whenever that happens, if it happens, I'm sure the media will cover it, and I'll be watching.

Until then, I'll be making jokes, laughing at what Charlie says next, and, most importantly....Winning!



OPINION

The Endless Possibilities of *Limitless*

By Eric Rivera  
El Rodeo Staff Contributor

When Kanye said “no one man should have that power”, it was only because he hadn’t seen *Limitless* yet. In writing the review for *Limitless*, I found myself, much like Bradley Cooper’s character, Eddie Mora, plagued with writer’s block.

However, unlike Mora, I didn’t have access to an NZT-48 pill to help me first finish this article and then conquer the world shortly afterwards.

After all, how could I describe the seemingly endless possibilities of *Limitless* when I am so confined myself? As the film’s plot unraveled, I began to imagine what I would be able to do with the ability to gain full access to my brain’s mental capacity. Would I, like Eddie Mora, enter the stock market, or would I continue trying to write, like he was doing prior to discovering the pill?

It’s always fun to entertain the idea of having superhuman powers, but rarely does anyone wish to have super-intelligence. Being smart isn’t supposed to get you beautiful women and make you ridiculously rich and powerful, right? Well maybe the latter, but Mora proved that knowing a little (or a lot) of everything is an effective way of getting you to who you want to be.

While such a pill seems to be too good to be true, the cost of



“...we use 100% of our brains but at different times.”

having your brain on overdrive inevitably seemed to be death. Though eventually Mora was able to find a way to reverse the side effects of NZT, the many others that took the pill, and died, depict the lack of foresight even the best and brightest minds can at times lack.

Likewise, Mora’s troubles with a Russian mobster show that street smarts aren’t equivalent to book smarts. Such troubles only further evidence that, even though one may be super-intelligent, one is still in the end, human, and therefore prone to make mistakes.

Throughout the movie I found myself pointing out some of the factual errors in the movie, such as the ability to use 100% of our brains. The myth that humans only use 10 (or in the *Limitless* case, 20) percent of their brains is untrue, as we use 100% of our brains but at different times. However I found myself alone in noticing these errors and they did not take away from the intriguing idea and fast-paced plot.

Like Eddie, *Limitless* never stopped moving forward, keeping the plot line from ever reach-

ing a dull point. As more and more people were revealed to be on the pill, I began to wonder if it may possibly be real.

Maybe that drug that Charlie Sheen is on isn’t called “Charlie Sheen” after all. Maybe what he was referring to was really NZT-48, because like Sheen, Mora just kept on winning.

With *Limitless* making over \$19 Million in its opening weekend, it no doubt lived up to its hype as a sci-fi thriller, as well as opening viewers to the potential possibilities of “what if?”

A Coffee Drinkers Chronicle:  
Radiation: Don’t Believe the Hype



By Brianna Morales  
El Rodeo Staff Writer

It will creep its way onto your clothes, onto your skin, and onto your Facebook wall, conjuring up innumerable pleas that lack any type of validity. Radiation, the esteemed *it*, continues to be a topic of great in-

terest and shallow discernment.

As countless amounts of radiation continue to spew into Japanese air, all of those in The States are left to wonder, just how much is this radiation going to directly effect American citizens?

If one chooses to take the word of President Obama, “We do not expect harmful levels

of radiation to reach the US.”

If one chooses, on the other hand, not to wholly trust Obama, why not trust the 100 radiation sensors scattered around the country that immediately send any data to the EPA?

Along with sensors that can distinguish radiation the moment it creeps on the shores of the U.S., America has equipped itself with the finest radiation detectors that test hundreds of thousands of products that are flown into the U.S from Japan.

When cargo first arrives from Japan, it is first scanned, and if it is found to have even the slightest trace of radiation, an isotope detector, which can pinpoint the exact spot of radiation, is used, according to ABC news. In addition to cargo that is extensively examined, people are screened for radiation when they pass through immigration.

As for the 104 nuclear reactors that lie in the U.S, in comparison with the rest of the world, the U.S holds the highest standards for nuclear power plants, and after the attacks of September 11, 2001, the standards were elevated to a greater extent.

After a flood of frantic Facebook posts, I was dismayed at the fact that radiation can span

its unruly mist across the Pacific, but upon closer examination and realizing that twelve nuclear experts deem the U.S completely safe from Japan’s radiation and safe from a catastrophic nuclear breakdown subsequent to a huge earthquake, I was relieved.

Some people will believe anything. After checking facts, one will find that there is no reason to become hysterical.

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Teen Read Week

April 11th-April 14th  
A celebration of reading brought to you by the ERHS Library.

All Week:

- Teachers and Link Crew will be giving reading-related quizzes and prizes in classrooms.
- High school and district administrators and ER counselors will be guest readers in classrooms.
- School-wide contests.
- Freshman Accelerated Reader class contest.

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

- The Get Lit Players will return to ERHS and give two performances in the gym during 3rd and 4th periods.

Wednesday-Thursday, April 13th-14th

- Mrs. Nelson’s Book Fair: 7:30am-4pm
- Open during lunch and tutorial
- Students: cash only
- Staff: credit cards accepted

Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

- A Spoken Word Performance at Whittier College by Mrs. Zeko’s English students.





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THE COACHES



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Due to the success of the varsity soccer team and his passion for the game, Coach Picon was named Coach of the Year. "I am proud of the team because they did a good job. I thought they played with a lot of heart in the championship game," said Coach Picon. The Varsity Boys Soccer Team was victorious in winning 4-2 in the CIF game against the Oak Bell High Boys Soccer Varsity Team.



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THE STARTING LINE UP



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“I have played on the varsity soccer team for three years now. Since my sophomore year, I wanted to win CIF and become a champion because Coach Picon always talked about it. I wanted to feel what it felt like rather than just always hearing about it. Soccer is my life!” senior, Alejandro Haro.

THE CAPTAIN



TONY CONDE

“I started playing soccer at the age of eleven and I started off on the bench. I wanted to get some playing time so I worked really hard the past few years. When I was a freshman I started off as the junior varsity captain but a few games into season I got injured. I worked hard again this year, and became the varsity captain.”



PLAYER OF THE  
YEAR



CRISTIAN ROLDAN

“I have been playing on El Ranchos soccer team since my freshmen year, I was the only freshmen to make the team, so I have played on the varsity team for two years now. Although my role on the soccer team is very important, I give credit to my teammates and coaches for all their sacrifices.”



SPORTS

Varsity Baseball Team off to Slow Start

BY PHILLIP FARIAS  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

The varsity baseball team has a ton of potential, but unfortunately, the team is off to a slow start. So far, the Dons are 1-2 in Del Rio League action and 1-6 overall. They suffered a 1-0 loss to the Santa Fe Chiefs in their first league game. In their second game, they faced the Whittier Cardinals, just coming up short of a win. Just as the Dons were on the board, the game ended early due to bad weather, with the Dons trailing with a score of 3-1. Despite those minor setbacks and some bad weather, the team seems to have not let this faze them as they move forward to the season ahead.

“We’ve had a couple of early setbacks but the guys are working hard, so I think once we’ve gotten deeper into the league, we’re going to be fine,” said Coach Meza. “They just need some work on their confidence,” said Coach Llanes, “They have to believe that what they do on the field will be successful. If they come out on the field with confidence, I think nobody will beat



Leonard De La Rosa batting at his first Del Rio League game of the season against the Santa Fe Chiefs.

them.” Senior captain Richard Rios, agrees, “The only school we’re worried about is ours, we’re either going to be confident and have a great season, or we’re not, and not have a good season.”

El Rancho has been known for its strong pitching and defense, as shown by pitcher Victor Garcia, striking out three batters and only giving up one run against Santa Fe. “I think we’re much stronger in pitching and defense this year than last year,”

said Meza. As for improvements in the team, “We can go on all day about that,” said Senior captain Leonard De La Rosa, “nothing is ever going to be perfect, but we try our best to work as a team.”

El Rancho’s offense has not appeared to have caught on yet, but Coach Meza is still hopeful that it will come very soon. “I think our hitting will come around soon so that our hitting as a team will be better this year than last year as well,” said Meza. In the

fifth inning of their game against Whitter, the Dons got on the board with number 31 Daniel Moriel scoring in number 34 Leonard De La Rosa the only run of the game. Soon after, the game was rained out in the sixth inning leaving the tying runs on base, and the Dons were unable to come back, as they surely would have. However, due to bad luck, the Dons were stuck with whatever they had.

“The best thing about the game is that we fought hard in the rain,” Llanes said. “It was good to see our boys fight.”

Nevertheless, the team is in good spirits, as their full potential will be seen in upcoming games. Senior captain Daniel Moriel is very optimistic about this season and simply put it, “We’re going to State.” The season has started off slow, but, “the boys aren’t losing their spirit; the good times are coming,” Llanes said.

“This is a much better team than last year, and last year’s team was pretty good,” said Llanes, “This team has potential to do a lot.” Coach Meza further added, “We are a much better team than what we’ve shown so far; I think our best baseball is yet to come.”



Captain, Tony Conde and his teammates prepare for the serve from the opposing team.

Boys Volleyball Team- Raises Record to 5-1

BY NAOMI ORTEGA  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

A new season for boys’ volleyball has begun and the varsity team is off to a great start. With a record of 5-1 the team is feeling confident in its current standing in the Del Rio League.

Senior varsity captains Michael Gonzales and Tony Conde are confident in their team’s ability to succeed this season. Gonzales said, “There is always room for improvement, but over all I feel good about this season.” Varsity teammate Kevin Walley agreed and added, “We can always practice on things, but I know we’re going to do great.”

The captains, along with the teammates, of the varsity team give an overall impression of confidence in their game and their players. “Besides my sophomore year, this is the closest team bonding wise,” said Gonzales. Conde added that the team often hangs out outside of school.

As close-knit as the team may be there is no question about disputes among the team, according to Gonzales, “what team doesn’t [argue]?” “We get on each other’s cases when we do something wrong,” continued Conde but “once it’s over with, it’s over with.”

Walley and Conde are also members of other sports teams at El Rancho. Walley is on the varsity basketball team and Conde is also the captain of the varsity soccer team. Conde confesses practice to be a bit difficult at the beginning of the volleyball season. “At the beginning it was kind of hard because I would come to practice after soccer practice feeling tired.” He continued to say, “But I fought through it.”

As the season continues Coach Picon remains confident, “I am very optimistic. We have very good talent coming in.” She continued to say, “We have very good leadership.”

Boys Tennis Starts Strong



BY JACKIE MONTEON  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

The El Rancho boys’ varsity tennis team ended pre-season with a 5-4 record, now the team is focusing on their first league game against Pioneer High School.

Pre-season was a struggle for the team, but they ended strong with a victory against Chino Hills High School. The Dons defeated the Huskies with a score of 11-7.

“I feel very excited going into league because we were expected to lose most of our games during pre-season but we won five out of nine. I feel confident going into league and going against Pioneer first since we beat them last year,” said sophomore, and co-captain of the tennis team Edgar Ibarra.

“I feel we have a stronger team than last year even though we lost some seniors but I know that we will do well if we keep up the good work,” said senior and captain of the tennis team Guillermo Flores.

The tennis team last year placed fourth in league and has high hopes of making it into play-offs this year since they did a good job in pre-season.



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# SPORTS

## Golf Team Determined to Beat the “Three-Headed Monster”

BY JOSHUA MAGANA  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

The El Rancho golf team is back in action and they won their first league match against Cal High. Making the overall score of El Rancho golf 1-0.

“We did good at our first league match, but we could have done better if it didn’t rain”, says Albert Romero.

Because El Rancho’s golf is tired of being engulfed in the flames of their enemy, they are determined to club the “three headed monster”. The “three-headed monster” according to Coach May are Cal High, La Serna, and Santa Fe whom have prohibited the El Rancho golf team of obtaining the pure gold in prior years. Especially last year, when El Rancho’s golf placed fourth in league because of course, the “three-headed monster” beat them.

Many people consider Golf to be a boring sport and to be fit only for those born during middle ages. The El Rancho golf team, however, concurs of golf being boring because there is more to golf than just the outside of a box.

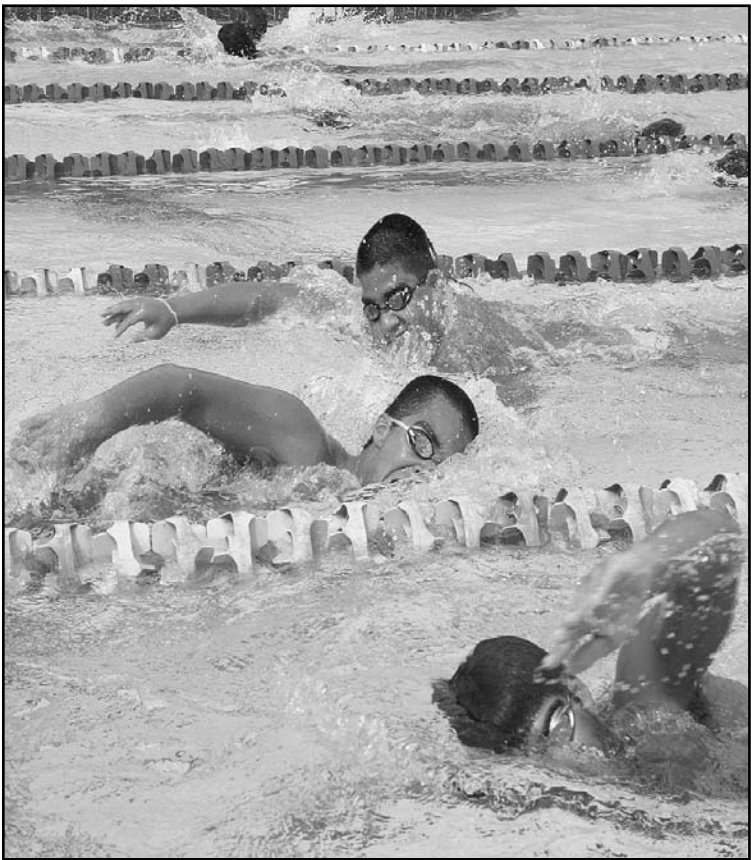
Tim Benson, senior, admits, “Watching golf can be boring. But golf is relaxation and chilling out” Tim Benson is sometimes referred to as “the white version of Tiger Woods.” “You learn patience and control your strength,” says senior David Angelo. “Golf is a fun and laid back sport,” says junior Albert Romero. “I enjoy the beautiful atmosphere, the green, the trees, and the sand traps”, says senior Manny Calzada.

Tim Benson ends by saying, “but when you play it is fun.” Although golf provides a peaceful paradise to all the golfers, they remain determined to beat the “three-headed monster.”



El Rancho’s golfer Tim Benson, senior, swings his way to victory. COURTESY OF YEARBOOK STAFF

## Swim Team Makes Progress with New Coach



Swimmers attempt to give their all against La Serna High School.

### Girls’ Softball Begins Season with a Slow Start

BY DANIELA AGUILAR  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Despite the injuries, the girls’ softball team begins their season with an overall record of 2-6.

“Ideally, we’re not where we want to be,” says Coach Senteno. “We usually start off slow then start to peak right before league.”

“We’re trying to nurse our injuries and illnesses,” says Senteno. “Our first baseman broke her finger. Our third baseman pulled a hamstring and she hurt her knee. We’ve had other girls struggling with illnesses, and all these injuries are happening at once. We’re trying to get everyone healthy before we start league, so we can start off on the right direction.”

Even with the slow start and injuries the team is facing, Senteno believes the team has the potential to make playoffs and do very well this season. “We need

to work on ‘gelling,’ execution, and minimizing errors.” Senteno also says, “Hitting is mental and the girls know how to hit; they just need to look for their pitch.”

Last week, the team played against Mark Keppel High School and lost with a score of 6-1. “All the runs were made in the third inning,” says Senteno. “We only got three hits in the entire game. The third inning, as far as pitches, we weren’t hitting our spots.”

Outfielder Brianna Ramos, sophomore, stole second and third on the bottom of the seventh inning. “I did well,” says Ramos “Stealing second and third was an accomplishment for me.” Ramos stole home plate, but unfortunately, the umpire called her out. “Ramos did a good job coming in. She was being very savvy on the base tap,” says Senteno.

“The team has to be motivated and want it,” says Senteno. “My philosophy is ‘If you listen, work hard, and do things you’re supposed to do, you’re going to win the ball game.’”

BY JOSHUA MAGANA  
EL RODEO WRITER

El Rancho’s swim team kicks off in pre-season with 1 win against Bell Gardens.

Also, the swimming team has suffered two losses against Montebello and Paramount. Leandra Dominquez says, “We have a great chance of winning league from all the practices we do.”

The main focus of the swimmers are “to get faster” says Coach Sharayah and the girls show that they want to gain in speed during practice because they are eager to persist in order to get that extra second.

Likewise, the boys swim as hard as the girls. Coach Wright desires for the guys to become faster and he says, “A lot of the guys are getting faster.”

Improvements are inevitable from the look on coach Wright’s countenance. Ricardo Chavez, one of the captains, thinks

the swim team “is really strong and is going to do well in league.”

A struggle for the swimming team, like most teams in El Rancho, is “getting all the players to come to practice” says Coach Sharayah. Coach Sharayah suggests “maybe because of the swimming team getting a new coach” is the source of the weakness of attendance of the team.

Questions like what is really important? How hard should an athlete work? How much we need to improve? And what benefit is the sport to us? Arise because attendance shows the coach how much an athlete cares and how much an athlete would work to gain wisdom in a sport.

The fantastic new coach is Ms. Sharayah who has one goal in mind. The goal is not to win the Olympics, but the goal is to “increase the times” of all the team, so they may benefit in the virtues in swimming. Virtues such as strength, persistence,

and dedication will stick to the team for the rest of their lives.

Coach Wright would agree with Coach Sharayah and he is really confident of every person on the team. The swimming team “have been working two solid months in the weight room, and have been getting stronger” says Coach Wright.

The strengths of the swimming team are, according to Coach Sharayah, “very hard working and are very good in soaking up information.”

Furthermore the team had a trait that the coach greatly admired which is the desire to listen to instruction and be receptive to critique. This trait is very important in any sport because all athletes are not perfect, but are always in dire need of improvement.

The swim team is preparing for the next swim meet against the Whittier Cardinals at Whittier High School this Thursday.



Brianna Ramos called out by the umpire as she steals home plate in the last inning against Mark Keppel.



## FEATURES

*Simply Irresistible:* Eric Rivera

BY PATRICK RUBALCAVA  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

I wonder how many of you ladies out there are guilty of using the phrase “all the good men are either gay or taken.” I think that phrase needs to be changed. Instead, the phrase should be “all the good men are either gay, taken....or Eric Rivera.”

Eric Rivera, a senior, possesses all of the characteristics a woman could hope to want. He has the athletic spirit; he is currently on the track and field team. He has the brains; he is a member of the 2010-2011 Academic Decathlon team. He has

natural leadership ability; he is the ASB Boys Athletic Executive Commissioner. (I’m not sure what this means, but it sounds very leader-y.)

Eric also says that he likes to volunteer in his spare time. “I love making children happy with my holiday cheer,” he says.

Eric’s hobbies include being chivalrous, writing poetry, maintaining his “Olympian” build, bi-winning, and “making both love and music.” What lady wouldn’t want a man that could write a sonnet describing her beauty, while doing a sit-up, and performing on the piano? All while holding the door open for her. The

man wins here and he wins there.

Eric can see the beauty in all women, but if he had to point out the characteristic he most looks for, among them is a “dashing” smile and a strong “capability to give birth.” But, trust me ladies, birth will be the last thing on your mind while being serenaded by the sweet words of Mr. Rivera.

Most important to Eric is “inner beauty,” or beauty that is on the inside, for those of us not worthy of understanding his beautiful language.

“I want someone who is wifey material,” says Eric. “I’m looking for a soul mate. I’m going to be very successful in life, and I want someone to share that success with.” The guy is nothing if not a long-term thinker.

When asked what the best eye color for a girl is, Eric says that “the best eye color... is her’s.” Guys, take notes.

Eric’s ideal date involves picking his lady up in a carriage, which I can only assume is drawn by unicorns playing gold-plated trumpets. Next, Eric would take his lady out to a dinner by candlelight. Eric would end by, in his words, “giving both of us what we want.”

Sure, you could call Eric a sensitive guy. You’d be right. But just because the man is willing to share his heart with a woman does not make him any less of the weight-lifting, fear-nothing, *Die Hard 2*-loving man he is.

Eric says that, though he is sensitive, he “packs more testosterone” than your average non-gay, non-taken guy.

So what are you waiting for, ladies? Eric’s out there, waiting for you. Maybe you can become the next line in his book of poetry.

## Alyssa Nunez: The Girl Next Door

BY MARIAH LEOS  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER



*Choraleer CORE member/ ASB Secretary Alyssa Nunez devotes her time to volunteer in beach clean ups and distributing food.*

Want to meet the girl next door? El Rancho’s ASB Secretary junior Alyssa Nunez, who is commonly known as “Pinky” among her friends, is not your average student because she is swamped with various activities.

Alyssa volunteers in distributing food to needy civilians at The Los Angeles Food Bank. She doesn’t mind getting messy at multiple beach cleanups, and she sings her heart out at the Rivera Convalescent Home.

This well-respected Girl Scout Ambassador sets good examples for young women, and is described as having an upbeat personality. Currently a leader as a CORE member in the Choraleer Department, she leads and assists other choraleers. Nunez listens to Kellie Prickler and enjoys the movie *Zues and Roxanne*.

The El Rancho High School students admire her because of her optimistic personality. “Alyssa is a hard working and inspirational person,” said sophomore, Crystal Mac.

Nunez is also known for her incredible pastries. She sees herself as a yummy treat-maker and hopes to establish her own bakery called “Pinky’s Sweet Stuff.” “Pinky’s goodies make my stomach tingle in a very satisfying way,” said senior Choraleer core member, Lanette Perez.

Nunez gives 110% towards everything she does. “I found a way to balance my life and put everything in order,” says Alyssa. “My parents are very supportive, and they help Choraleer’s and ASB to the fullest extent.

If it wasn’t for them, I wouldn’t be so involved in all these activities.”

Some facts many people may not know about Alyssa, is that she loves the restaurant Chick-Fil-A, and sings some of the highest notes in the choir! As for her nickname “Pinky,” she recalls, “I was in track during freshman year and I always wore pink. One day, one of the girls was trying to get my attention and yelled out the name ‘Pinky’, and from then on it just stuck.”

In terms of others achieving their goals, Nunez feels as if it is an accomplishable feat for all. “I think if there is anything they’re passionate about they should give 100% effort in to it, so they can reach their goals like how I’m currently trying to reach mine.”

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FEATURES

# Ms. Oase Leads Students on Positive Path

BY ABEL MARTINEZ  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

As a student, one meets many different types of teachers. There are some that teach with an uncommon energy, some that are able to make any kind of lesson enjoyable, and of course, some that just have that “it” factor. But imagine meeting a teacher that was all of those in one! Look no further than B-104 and you’ll find a woman named Ms. Oase who vibrates with so much life that it just might bring your dead fish back to life.

Ms.Oase has been teaching for six years—and they’ve all been here at El Rancho! She teaches Sociology and AP European History, but her role on this campus doesn’t end there. She is also a co-coach for the Academic Decathlon team, a valid member of the Gadabouts traveling club, and the junior class advisor.

“Ms. Oase is a great teacher and person,” says senior Eric Rivera. “She’s extremely creative with her curriculum and always finds ways to instill information in us. As an individual, she is one of the most genuine persons at El Rancho, always concerned over



the well-being of everyone around her. She’s a teacher at heart, both inside and outside the classroom.”

As with most jobs, there is always that one rewarding factor of it all that stands out from everything else. For Ms. Oase, it is witnessing her student’s developments firsthand that provide her with a feeling

that nothing else can compare to.

“I love seeing my students grow,” says Ms. Oase. “I love how much I laugh and how much my students make me cry with laughter. They’re super clever and super witty. My favorite thing is the bonds that are created between myself and the students. To see them grow academically

and personally is just amazing.”

With as much energy as Ms.Oase exerts daily, one has to wonder why she didn’t pursue a career where beaming amounts of energy is a key element, like a spokesperson or an FMX rider. And if you thought that she chose teaching for the colossal salary, then you’d be dead wrong.

“I wanted to do something that would challenge me everyday,” says Oase. “Make me smile, do something that had an impact. Leave my footprint so to speak. The main challenge is that you’re always on. It becomes a part of who you are. Doesn’t stop at 3 o’ clock; it becomes your life.”

Ms.Oase’s teaching efforts were recently reflected in the success of the Academic Decathlon team, where they placed 29<sup>th</sup> out of 65 teams in the state of California.

“I’m really proud of the kids,” says Oase. “I’m glad they got individual recognitions. I’m extremely grateful that I was given this opportunity to get to know the students in a different way. The bonding experience was amazing.”

With only half a decade under her belt here at El Rancho, the future for the endeavors of Ms.Oase appear limitless. One can hypothesize that she will just continue to contribute and grow as a teacher. “In order to become a better teacher, you have to reflect on your practice,” says Oase. “Look on your performance everyday. Talk to other teachers; steal their ideas (*laughs*). I think that if you stop growing, then you should stop teaching.”

## The Revealing of Curious Jorge



BY EMMA LEAL  
EL RODEO CONTRIBUTOR

Walking through the halls of El Rancho, different people pass you by and you take notice of this particular person strutting his five inch, knee high boots, possibly wearing his cool, dark, striking shades, and his eye popping death hawk. You stand intrigued by his presence and ask yourself, “Who might this person be?” It is none other then Jorge Jacome, who is commonly known as JJ.

Jacome, though quiet and shy most of the time, is a junior who is not afraid of taking risks. His risk-taking ability is evidently shown through his form of style, in which you see his mysterious, confident persona.

Nonetheless, never let his awe-inspiring looks deceive you, for as you may not know, Jacome has a weakness for marshmallows. Not only that, but he truly is a nice, “regular” kid. “When people see me they automatically think I’m, somewhat, of a shallow person, but in reality, I consider myself to be the complete opposite,” says Jacome.

Also, like any other person this “dark side” lover has some likes and dislikes. “I highly dislike when people choose to judge others. I don’t like it one bit!” says Jorge, “Everyone comes into this world to be who he or she wants to be, and I strongly feel that it is vital for everyone to accept and respect everyone else. That way we can avoid conflicts and ‘frienemies’.”

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However, Jacome definitely enjoys listening to music, writing, and reading the horror, eye-catching publications of Edgar Allen Poe. “I love all types of music. I don’t judge,” Jorge

says with a smile, “I really like Specimen and listening to The Cure. Writing, I enjoy with no doubt. As for Poe, he is one of the writers I look up to. I’m fond of his dark mood writing.”

Ultimately, if you have a strong desire to get to know Mr. Jacome, don’t hesitate to go up to him. He has a big heart and will gladly talk to you. After all, he is a non-judgmental person.



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Alyssa Salazar & Elise Contreras

Hula Boy & Hula Girl



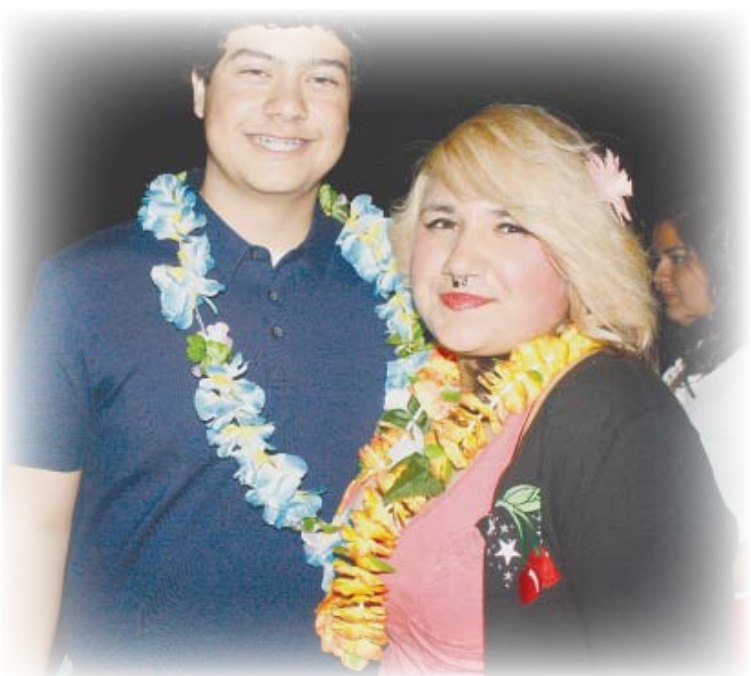
Ricardo Lopez & Alexis Ramirez



Jacqueline Martinez & Brianna Mendoza



Robert Madueno and Gabbie Peneranda win the titles of Best Dressed Hula Boy and Best Dressed Hula Girl with their hawaiian attire at this year's Sadie Hawkins Dance.



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