



El Rodeo



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El Rancho staff battles Power-106 All-Stars

By BRIDGETT MOTA
EL RODEO STAFF RITER

Earlier this week, El Rancho hosted its fifth annual Power 106 basketball game. The teachers who played are part of the Francisco Basketball Association, led by Mr. Francisco. They play every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during lunch.

The students and parents, watched the teachers and staff from El Rancho take on the Power 106 All-Stars. El Rancho played with a lead most of the game but after half time it concluded with a victory for the All-Stars at 70-62. "It was a fun game" says Frank Llanes, Spanish teacher and player.

During the game, DJ Thirty Two from Power 106 entertained the El Rancho students with music, performances, and a thrilling basketball game. Other DJs such as DJ J Cruz, were kind enough to give El Rancho a shout out on the radio and on Twitter (@JCruz). DJs and other staff from Power 106 also threw out many free T-shirts, bracelets, and tickets to the eager crowd.

The Power 106 basketball game was not the only entertainment given; players from the LA Galaxy soccer team ar-



Dons cheer on the El Rancho staff as they battle the Power 106 All-Stars in a hard fought game.

rived and amazed the crowd with their cool soccer tricks.

Many rumors were flying around campus about various performances, however many proved to be false. Finaticz, known for their hit song "Don't Drop That Thun Thun", also performed, albeit with some minor technical difficulties with the

microphones. The special performance really had the crowd going and some groups were even dancing in the bleachers.

Chi-Town Finest Breakers, a group of kids ranging from 6-15, also performed and impressed the Dons with their dance moves. Junior Kimberley Lopez said, "I liked the little kids

performing...they were amazing, especially the little girl...and the soccer players were crazy! The tricks they were doing were the boss! That's what I really liked about the game tonight." Junior Karen Rosales also thought the "dancing [was] incredible."

Overall it was a great night for the El Rancho Dons.

Sophomore Mariah Gallegos said she "loved the energy everybody had" as well as everyone from Power 106 coming over and "giving a lot of freebies."

Power 106 also took many pictures featuring our students on this amazing night and can be seen on their page at Power106.com/photopages/photos.

Critical decision faces California voters



California Teacher's Association members show support for Prop 30.

By KARLA VIRAMONTES
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As November approaches, so do the elections in California. Although several of the propositions facing voters are controversial; there is one in particular that seems to be at the tip of everybody's tongue: Proposition 30.

For the past several years California has been suffering economically. One area that the crisis is really affecting is education and public schools. Budgets in many schools are frozen or at one point have been frozen because the state can no longer fund schools. Several schools have been closed down, many teachers have been laid off, and students have lost days of school.

Governor Brown's Proposition 30 proposes an increase on sales tax by 25 percent for 7 years and a raise on income tax on people who make more than \$250,000 for four years. All this money gained by the tax increase will go to all public schools and public safety. With the help they are going to get, schools will reopen, have a better budget, and teachers will have the opportunity to get their jobs back.

As with all propositions, there are people who oppose it and people who are for it. And each side may have a legitimate reason behind their choices.

Those who support Proposition 30 say that if it is passed, it will help schools drastically. Math teacher Megan Kerr says,

"I think it should be passed. It will affect our schools in a positive way... we won't have to cut anymore teachers." She also adds, "If it is not passed then we're going to have to cut more days off of the year and cut the teacher's pay. This will only hurt the students' education."

If this proposition is passed, schools will be able to re-hire teachers, have smaller class sizes and no more furlough days will be added to the school year.

School principle, Mr. Genis said, "It needs to pass. We made so many cuts already that there isn't anything else that we can cut. There's a possibility that if it doesn't pass the school year will be cut by 15 days, this means a lot because there are students who are trying to fulfill their A-G requirements, and we could be looking at students not being able to get into a college."

For the majority of the school district, it is crucial that this proposition passes; not only will it affect teachers, but it will deeply affect students as well.

However many Californians argue that they are not assured that the money will fund schools. A California citizen says, "There is no guarantee in the way it is written that the money would be used for schools." Many Californians don't trust that the government

will use the money for education.

Some also argue that the government is using education as an excuse to raise money for other needs. The California Secretary of State says, "The Governor, politicians and special interests behind Proposition 30 threaten voters. They say 'vote for our massive tax increase or we'll take it out on schools,' but at the same time, they refuse to reform the education or pension systems to save money."

Many people don't like paying taxes. A California citizen says, "If Proposition 30 is approved, California will be by far number 1 in income tax rates. It will be 21 percent higher than the 2nd highest state (Hawaii), 34 percent higher than the 3rd highest state (Oregon), and far higher than all the rest."

People who exceed \$250,000 of income tax will have more money taken out of their paycheck. These people do not think it is fair to have an extra percent of income tax taken away due to the size of their income.

Overall, this proposition is very controversial. Each side has their own opinion on why they think it should or should not be passed. However the elections turn out in November, education will surely change for current and future students in the years to come.

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COLLEGE LIFE

Big turnout for annual College Night

By BRIDGETT MOTA
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Earlier this month, many of El Rancho's students, and even some parents, gathered in the main gym to participate in this year's college night.

After many of the students had attended a workshop in the cafeteria, the crowds left and made their way to the main gym and began to look for colleges of their liking from booth to booth.

Students managed to get their way around the gym to their desired booths to ask representatives questions concerning the particular college.

Each representative had one goal: to inform students of the college and to hopefully spark some interest. If done so, students would sign a short application allowing colleges to send them information about the school.

"I thought it went very well. The parents expressed that they liked the fact that there was a variety of colleges for the students. We had a really good turnout," said the Assistant Principal of Curriculum, Dr. Yvette Ventura.

Likewise, freshmen counselor Mrs. Delia Arriola said she "liked that there was a diversity of colleges, Cal States, privates, and UC's.

We had a lot more this



Azusa Pacific University captured the interest of many Dons on College Night.

year," Arriola added. "I'm glad it was a full house. It's always nice to see students take interest in their future."

Students at College Night found it a great way to learn about "new colleges that [are] really interesting that [many students] didn't know of before," said junior, Susan Aparicio.

Others such as junior, Sydney Woo, felt it as a reminder;

"Although I've been preparing myself for college throughout the years, College Night was a great reminder of the goals I'm working for," she says.

For many seniors, it was a "wake up call to reality." Senior, Andy Arias said, "It definitely gave me a new perspective and realization that college is so close."

College is indeed close for many seniors on the look-

out for scholarships and great colleges to go to this fall.

College Night is meant to motivate students to strive for their goals this year-and to entice college-bound students as well as inspire those who didn't even plan on going to a college.

Hopefully this experience helped some students better understand how to prepare for the next chapter in their lives.

Mrs. Bauer shares collegiate experiences

By PATSY VILLASANA
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

While some people struggle to find the passion for their career, Mrs. Bauer has proudly declared her love for animals for the past six years in her El Rancho classroom. Her college experiences might have been rough and rocky, but they provided her with a love of knowledge that will last a lifetime.

Mrs. Bauer began her studies as a young girl growing up in South Africa. She spent time studying for fun until a friend introduced her to scuba diving and soon she made her way to becoming a scuba instructor.

"[Scuba diving] really fired my passion for the underwater," stated Mrs. Bauer. The "beauty and innocence of the animals" made her eager to learn more and share her knowledge of them.

While she attended the University of South Africa, Mrs. Bauer earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine and Microbiology over a course of five years. She also accumulated an Honors degree in Marine Bio and a Master's degree in Genetics.

"I have to give all the credit to my mother," stated Mrs. Bauer. "I never had any opposition... My mother was incredibly supportive and I think it is critical that your family supports you in the career you choose to pursue."

However, upon her arrival to America, Mrs. Bauer



Mrs. Bauer shares her passion for the environment with her students.

discovered a problem with her ten years worth of hard work.

"My South African degrees were unaccepted... I had to redo my studies," Mrs. Bauer admits it was a disappointment. "It was definitely a setback; I would've much rather preferred going on to earn a PhD instead of two Masters."

Mrs. Bauer continued her college education by receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Biology, a credential in Bio, and a Master's in Bio Education from Concordia University in Irvine, California.

"Even though I had to redo a lot of my studies, education is the one thing no one can ever take away from you... Col-

lege was able to make me see the world outside of my little bubble," states Mrs. Bauer. "It [college] allows you to think critically and it prepares you for your career... You will also definitely create life-long relationships with people who have the same career interests as yourself."

For the seniors who are still unsure of what career path to take, Mrs. Bauer advises taking your General Ed classes at a community college because "the classes are cheap, the education is good, and it gives you an extra two years to decide what to major in."

Mrs. Bauer also advises narrowing down your career

choices to two options and "shadowing" a professional in your career choice. Shadowing will give students an in-depth look at what their future responsibilities would be, allowing them to make an educated guess at how they will adapt.

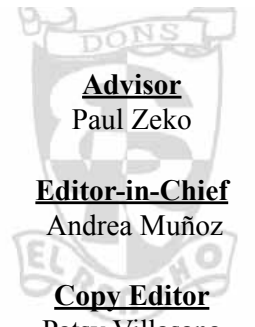
Students should also take advantage of scholarships. "I never had any scholarships... I worked and studied part-time... Definitely start [applying] early. And apply for as many as you can because you never know when you'll get lucky."

Mrs. Bauer also credits her success to her hard work in high school. "Writing skills are very important to be able to articulate your thoughts on paper, especially for science."

For students who are interested in choosing Marine Biology for their career, Mrs. Bauer strongly suggests volunteering. "Definitely volunteer as much as you can. Volunteer at aquariums and research institutions. Not only will you build up your work exposure, but you'll also build up relationships with professionals... So, when you begin your career, you'll already be a familiar face."

Mrs. Bauer's career has given her a life-long commitment to loving the earth and sharing her knowledge with others. "The real benefit is that I can pay it forward... It's a huge privilege to share what I know with young people and seeing their interest grow."

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BUSINESS

Entrepreneur Club Consumer Survey Strikes Gold for Local Business

BY SUSAN APARICIO,
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The mission of the Entrepreneur Club includes improving the economic conditions of our City of Pico Rivera. Our club members have concluded that educating and informing local businesses on the tremendous purchasing power of the El Rancho High School student body (estimated at over 3.5 million dollars a year) is an important first step in creating a "TRAPPING THE DOLLAR" campaign in Pico Rivera. The campaign encourages local consumers to spend and support their neighborhood businesses and merchants. Acting as a purchasing block of 3,000 students and consumers, the club would encourage merchants to offer incentives and discounts to students who would in turn shop as a consumer bloc. After weeks

of surveying the El Rancho student body and collecting the appropriate data, the Entrepreneur Club's team of class analysts put together the following profile on the spending habits of the typical El Rancho high school student. The club found that the average El Rancho student receives an allowance of about \$18.64 per week. The average Don does not have a part-time job, but spends about \$22.85 each week. The club's data reflects a trend in student spending that sees the average student spends most disposable income on food, followed closely by clothing. The typical student is willing to pay about \$15 per month for an unlimited bus pass, which is about half the current price. When looking to increase spending in Pico Rivera, the average student would need the incentive of lower sales taxes. When the club's sample was polled on what services the school should



El Rancho student body is a tremendous purchasing power in local business in the City of Pico Rivera.

provide, responses reflected that the average student wants better food options or a student store.

The second and most important step was the club's work with the Pico Rivera City Council. This

partnership allowed the organization of an El Rancho High School Bingo Game whose proceeds would provide students affordable public transportation. This transportation program would

supply an economic stimulus, that according to public transportation studies would result in an additional \$2 million of revenue through related beneficiaries such as increased school attendance.

Tierra Mia Entices Dons' Taste



At Tierra Mia you are welcomed by a rustic, modernized interior with a Hispanic twist.

BY ANALYE ARENAS

Nothing is better than a good cup of coffee. Especially when that cup of coffee reconnects us to our Hispanic roots.

The decadent flavors blended together in a Tierra Mia cup of coffee can do just that. Tierra Mia, which means "my land", is a new local business that attracts more than just the daytime bloggers and amateur screen writers; their refreshments have caught the attention of much

of El Rancho's student body.

If you are one of the many who have tried Tierra Mia's coffees or frappes, you know the delicious beverages are what seem to draw you back for more. Just like it's Bean and Rice frappe; yes, you heard it right: Bean and Rice.

Although it's name seems intimidating, its taste is more than inviting. The sweet and savory flavors leave your mouth watering.

One of Tierra Mia's most popular refreshments is the Horchata frappe. Any person

who has tried horchata knows that it is one of the most craved drinks in any Hispanic household. This delicious concoction seems to be favored amongst the El Rancho student body.

When you enter, you are welcomed by a rustic, modernized interior with a Hispanic twist. With an A-rated establishment, friendly employees, and El Rancho students commenting that Tierra Mia is "better than Starbucks", you are sure to get the best quality service.

Corrections

In last year's final issue we ran a story about Pico Rivera reaching a deal with NASA for collecton, recycling, and transfer services, where we continually referred to NASA general manager as Jack Hadjinian. The NASA General Manager's name is Jack Topalian.

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CAMPUS

Leos Club lends a helping hand

BY ISABEL RAMIREZ
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Hey Dons if you are looking for a club to engage in the Leos club is open for any El Rancho student to join.

Mrs. Kathy Metaxas, club advisor, says that the club is primarily about “giving back to the community.” She also says that there are “many activities throughout the year” in which the club is involved.

Senior Noelle Gonzalez, president of the Leos Club, says that the Leos Club has taught her to “give more and to take less.” She is “very excited for the new members who have joined and as well as for the returning ones.” Gonzalez also says that the club members develop a “close bond” within each other.

Senior Javier Garcia, secretary of the Leos Club, encourages people to consider joining the Leos Club. “It is a great experience to be able to meet new people and there is much more to community service than just cleaning,” says Garcia.

Upcoming events the Leos club will be participating include the Rio Hondo Symphony, which takes place at Whittier High School on September 30th and The



Leos club cabinet (from left to right): seniors Yocelyn Arevalo, Noelle Gonzalez, Gabriela Avila, Andrea Torres, and Javier Garcia.

Lions Club Route 66 Classic Car Show and Family Festival. The Classic Car Show will take place at Mi Hacienda Mexican restaurant on October 14th from 10-5 pm. The proceeds will go to High School Scholarship programs and to the preservation of vision and hearing loss. There will be food, games, music and dancing so

come and join the Leos Club for a night of fun. For more information contact a Leos Club member.

Meetings take place every other Tuesday during lunch in A101. The admission cost in the club is only five dollars which entitles you to a lifetime of membership in the Leos and Lions Club (parent club).

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Culinary Arts Club	Teens For Change
Gadabouts	U.C Partners (University of California)
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Key	
LEOS	

Library Corner

BY CELY ANAYA, EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

The El Rancho library has an expanded selection of reading material this new school year and our head librarian encourages students to check out the recent arrivals.

“We just recently received a one hundred book order,” said librarian Mrs. Chodos. Many students are unaware they can request books at the library. Many requests are taken into consideration.

“I try to fill in as many request that students give as possible, if budget allows, but don’t bother asking for *50 Shades of Gray*,” joked Chodos.

Chodos also mentioned a few things she would like students to know about. “Be sure to go to the Don Page and go to academics to check out the library portion where you can follow us on twitter (@ERHSLibrary),” said Chodos.

She also said that this year’s *Teen Read Week* will take place February 25- March 1st.

A word of advice she offers to students is to actually read books, not just watch the movie. She recommends students, *Read The Hunger Games*, it’s better than the movie.”

WORD ON THE STREET

what school events are you looking forward to most this year?



“NPR because I’m going to perform.”
- Valerie Viray 9th



“Night pep rally because I want to help get all the sophmores pumped and help decorate.”
- Marlene Gonzalez 10th



“NPR and Friday night football games.”
- Paloma Cajero 11th



“Prom, it’s going to be our last dance of high school and it’s prom, it’s exciting.”
- Denise Ramirez 12th



“Homecoming because it’s the first main dance of senior year.” - Edgar Ibarra 12th

FEATURES

Calderon pushes for Blue Pride



ASB Vice-President Eric Calderon prepares for Homecoming Week.

BY KARLA VIRAMONTES
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

While many students do not join school activities or sports because they do not seem to have time or have a tight schedule, senior Eric Calderon, shows students how it is possible to participate in multiple amount of activities.

Currently, Eric is in two varsity sports, football and volleyball. Unfortunately, Calderon is injured at the moment. Not only is it enough to say that he is in sports, but takes the commitment that comes with it. He practices most of the week and at times finishes late. Eric says, "Mondays and Tuesdays; I would say about 6:30 to 7:00pm." And on Friday, he doesn't go home. Instead he is preparing for the game that day.

Not only is Calderon occupied with sports, but he is also

in classes that not many students take. This year, he is taking English honors. Calderon is already taking the extra mile, being in challenging classes and two sports. He also balances his time well enough for homework. At the moment, he is working on his personal statements that will be sent to the colleges of his choice.

To top this off, Calderon is also involved in school activities. "I am ASB, vice president and I joined Leos club this year." Now that Eric is injured, "I am going to start to help out with decorations for the Night Pep Rally and help the senior class." Besides this, Calderon helps outside of school.

Now the question that many students are probably asking themselves is how he has time for all these things. "Pretty much, after practice, I just go home, eat, shower, and spend

the rest of my time doing homework, trying to catch up in anything. During lunch, I try doing homework as well since I usually spend my time in the ASB room." He even says that he still manages to have a lot of free time.

With Calderon being involved in so many activities and preparing for college, he plans to attend Cal State LA or any school that has a fire program.

To encourage students to be involved in activities, Eric says, "every student should be involved with school; go to every single activity and get involved early. I understand how most people want to do everything when they're a senior, but just get involved now. Don't wait until your last year because by then half the time is over. Make every year like it's your last."

Not only does he encourage students to be involved in activities, but he also encourages his peers to do well in academics. He says, "Just do your work. I regret in the past not getting as good grades and I would have gotten all A's if I would have done my work. Every single student can pass as long as they do their homework and pay attention in class."

Eric adds, "Don't be afraid to be different. School pride has died and it's something that should be brought back."

Calderon continues to be involved in activities and succeed in academics. Calderon ends by saying, "I'd like to thank all my teachers, shout out to all football players, ASB, and just everyone I know. "

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The Ranch welcomes new teachers!



English teacher Mrs. Larríos returns to The Ranch.

BY JAVIER GARCIA
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

El Rancho welcomes back English teacher Andrea Larios after a year absence. As a UCLA, Cal State Long Beach alumni, her teaching resume includes Warren High School, Burke Middle School, and a college writing class in Cerritos. Having taught at El Rancho for four years prior to her absence, Mrs. Larios has taught AVID and has coached the softball team to triumph. "I just love seeing students' a-ha moments," says Mrs. Larios. Apart from helping students grow, Mrs. Larios loves waterskiing and traveling the world, having visited countries such as Thailand, France and the Caribbean.



Chai currently teaches special day class for the severely handicapped.

Former Burke Middle School special ed. teacher, and US Irvine volleyball coach, Robert Chai is proud to be a new Don. "Everybody here is like a family, and the campus is big too," says Mr. Chai. He currently teaches special day class for the severely handicapped in R-4. With his interest in physical therapy, Chai attended Cal State Long Beach to study sports medicine. As an avid surfer Chai loves to catch waves at local beach hotspots such as Huntington Beach, as well as traveling to Hawaiian shores. "I was in the water before I was born," says Mr. Chai. Chai's second passion is volleyball, having played his high school years and will move on to coach the sport at UCLA.



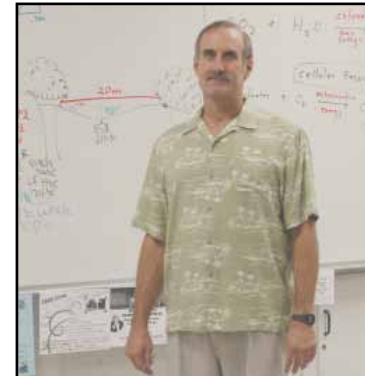
Former elementary teacher joins El Rancho staff.

Mrs. Casillas is brand new to the high school setting. Having previously taught English at schools such as Obregon and Durfee elementary, she is excited to have joined the staff. As an alumna of Azusa Pacific, she enjoyed studying Child Development, quickly gaining her Master's in the field. She currently teaches freshman English in Z-5, and along with her freshman, she is learning about the high school environment. "I just love seeing students grow," says Mrs. Casillas. Outside of the classroom, Mrs. Casillas enjoys supporting her two kids who are both in sports.



Lopez takes over as the new head varsity football coach.

University of Wyoming alumni Mr. Lopez has arrived to lead our football team to victory and promote physical fitness. As head coach of the El Rancho Dons varsity football team, Mr. Lopez is stoked for his first head coaching position. His previous positions include assistant coach at Trabuco Hills High School in Mission Viejo, and offensive coordinator for Santa Margarita. Mr. Lopez, who graduated with a major in finance, has taught government and physical education, and is currently teaching Sophomore PE. "Work hard and take care of the classroom first," says Mr. Lopez on advice to young athletes.



Strayhorn joins the science department at El Rancho.

Stan Strayhorn, El Rancho's newest physics teacher, and Cal State LA alumni, has taken over Mr. Halverson's former classroom. With a passion for teaching and a love for science, Strayhorn's career has included high schools such as Garfield, San Gabriel, and Sherman Indian. His career landed him a federal government position with the Department of Interior Bureau; Indian Education, where he taught science to students of Sioux and Navajo descent. Aside from integrating science and math in his lesson plans, Strayhorn enjoys competing in men's singles tennis, with an NTRP (National Tennis Rating Program) of 4.5, and raising his two high school boys.

SPORTS

Cross country looks to repeat

BY ANDREA MUNOZ
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

As the El Rancho Cross Country team begins their season, they have last year's accomplishments in mind. This year Coach Tirrell Wynn hopes to win league and qualify for state for both boys and girls.

The season has not started for these runners, but they must begin strong and have a long way to go before they win league and qualify for state this year. "There [has been] improvement... competition definitely gets stronger each year and we are headed to running stronger..." said Wynn.

On Saturday September 8, cross country runners competed in their first invitational of the year. They ran at the Don Bosco Tech Invitational with nearly 60 schools and about 2,000 runners.

The girls and boys team both had a strong performance at the Don Bosco Invitational. The boys' team placed first with a time of 1:19:02 and the girls' team placed seventh with a time of 1:39:53. Combined the boys and girls won the sweepstakes race.

The girls were not able to match the boys' performance as they respectively finished seventh. It was a close race for the girls, they missed the first place spot by only 0:05:49.

"We all want to win but it does not always happen. I hope that we will be able to make it to state as a team this year," says Daniel Avila.



Cross country runs in preparation for today's race at Legg Lake.

The El Rancho Cross Country team runs throughout the whole city of Pico Rivera including streets, hills, and riverbeds to try and become a more competitive team. Senior Zachary Mejia says, "this year I feel as long as we keep pushing ourselves, we will have a good shot at making it to state."

As far as league, the team looks forward to running against Whittier High the most. "We never want to underestimate anyone," said Wynn. They have been

working hard at practice every-day of the week, which began at the beginning of the summer.

For the seniors this will be their last year competing for the El Rancho Cross Country team. "They know it is their last year and want to make it special and make it memorable and we hope to achieve that," said Wynn.

Overall the team will work hard with Wynn's help and try to achieve their goals this year. Their next race will be on Friday the 28th at Legg Lake.

Sports Results

Varsity Football

8/24/12
El Rancho @ Marina
Score: 28-23 (W)
8/31/12
El Rancho vs. Diamond Bar
Score: 34-56 (L)
9/7/12
El Rancho @ Bell Gardens
Score: 52-48 (W)
9/14/12
El Rancho @ Montebello
Score: 57-48 (W)
9/21/12
El Rancho vs. Clovis East
Score: 27-28 (L)

Girls Varsity Volleyball

8/29/12
El Rancho @ Cantwell
Score: 3-0 (W)
9/6/12
El Rancho @ Village Christian
Score: 0-3 (L)
9/11/12
El Rancho vs. Montebello
Score: 3-0 (W)
9/13/12
El Rancho vs. Warren
Score: 3-1 (W)
9/15/12
El Rancho vs. Diamond Bar
Score: 2-1 (W)
El Rancho vs. Arcadia
Score: 0-2 (L)
El Rancho vs. Sierra Vista
Score: 2-0 (W)
El Rancho vs. South Pasadena
Score: 1-0 (W)
El Rancho vs. South Hills
Score: 1-0 (W)
El Rancho vs. Arcadia
Score 0-2(L)
9/17/12
El Rancho @ Keppel
Score: 3-0 (W)
9/19/12
El Rancho @ Bell Gardens
Score: 3-2 (W)

Boys Varsity Water Polo

9/4/12
El Rancho @ Bell Gardens
Score: 9-15 (L)
9/6/12
El Rancho vs. Alhambra
Score: 19-0 (W)
El Rancho vs. Montclair
Score: 21-5 (W)

9/8/12
El Rancho vs. California
Score: 20-6 (W)
El Rancho vs. Warren
Score: 2015 (W)
9/12/12
El Rancho vs. Montclair
Score: 20-7 (W)
9/17/12
El Rancho vs. Rowland
Score: 16-9 (W)
9/19/12
El Rancho vs. Warren
Score: 13-14 (L)
9/21/12
El Rancho @ Wilson
Score: 19-0 (W)
El Rancho vs. Morro Bay
Score: 15-5 (W)
9/22/12
El Rancho vs. Nogales
Score: 5-11 (L)
El Rancho @ Glendora
Score: 10-9 (W)
El Rancho @ Burroughs
Score: 15-9 (W)
Girls Varsity Tennis
8/24/12
El Rancho vs. St. Lucy's
Score: 5-13 (L)
8/29/12
El Rancho vs. Los Altos
Score: 11-7 (W)
8/30/12
El Rancho @ Norwalk
Score: 8-10 (L)
9/6/12
El Rancho @ South El Monte
Score: 13-5 (W)
9/7/2012
El Rancho vs. Paramount
Score: 4-14 (L)
9/10/2012
El Rancho @ Bellflower
Score: 10-8 (W)
9/11/2012
El Rancho @ Montebello
Score: 12-6 (W)
9/14/12
El Rancho vs. Cabrillo
Score: 15-3 (W)
9/20/12
El Rancho vs. Santa Fe
Score: 5-13 (L)
9/25/12
El Rancho @ La Serna
Score: 5-13 (L)
Cross Country
9/8/12
El Rancho @ Don Basco Tech Cross Country Invitational
Score: Boys-1st overall
Girls- 7th overall
9/15/12
El Rancho @ Woodbridge Cross Country Classic
Score: Boys- 19th overall
Girls- 60th overall

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SPORTS

Dons set to begin Del Rio League action



Captain Joseph Sanchez gets ready to pass the ball to teammate John Garcia.

BY SAMANTHA GURROLA
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

After a close loss against Clovis East, 27-28, the El Rancho Varsity team is more than ready to use it as motivation for their next game.

With a record of 3-2, the football team is prepared to start off league in a positive way. On October 5th, homecoming week, they will be facing California High School in the first game of league.

El Rancho's high school

football team is ready to take on a different view by the students and are ready to fight until the end. With a new coach onboard, the team is working harder than ever to make this season one to remember and to gain a new banner in the gym.

The team is ready for this season and all the obstacles that will come their way. "Our goal this season is to win league and of course to get that CIF title," says captain Joseph Sanchez.

Unfortunately, the team lost a key player, Adrian Rodriguez, in the first game but the team is not going let that get in the way of achieving their goals. "The team is working hard, they are hungry for the wins and they give it their all every game and practice," says Rodriguez.

Rodriguez knew that he had broken something the second it happened, but knew he had to be a leader and stay strong for his teammates. "It was sad see-

ing Adrian get hurt and we were disappointed, but we keep him in our prayers," says Sanchez.

The Dons start off league against California High and are excited to see what will come their way this year. Sanchez says, "The Cal High game should be a good game but we are looking forward to the La Serna game because they will be the team to beat."

New coach, Vinnie Lopez, is ready for league to start and knows that the team is determined to win this year. "People always tell me that this year we are not giving up, we play all four quarters...the kids are more disciplined," says Lopez.

Discipline is not the only positive aspect that is helping make a stronger team. Rodriguez says, "we are not the same team as last year, we don't have distracted players anymore, we have leaders that set good examples and keep the team going and motivated."

This year's varsity team is stronger than ever. "It is going great, our offense is really strong, and it's a big help having Johnny there, our defense needs work but I am confident that it will get better by league," says Sanchez.

Every coach wants the best for their team but you need to put in the work in order to reach your goals. Coach Lopez says, "as a team we are trying our best to succeed in getting the Del Rio league title; what I expect from each of my players is to practice and play each play at 110 percent to their capability."



Wendy Contreas-Gomez gets ready to serve against Warren.

Volleyball strives for yet another victory

BY LESLIE CHINCHILLA
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

The girls' volleyball team has begun season with a record of 9-3, only losing to Valley Christian and Arcadia. The team is looking to not only win league, but to go far in CIF

Although Coach Picon joked about needing to improve a lot, she does have high hopes for the team. "We have high expectations of the girls: for them to go to CIF games and play well throughout league," she said.

Elisa Sanchez, senior and captain of the team, noted that the team does need to improve on strategy when it comes to plays. However, she also said, "This year's team, we've grown as a family."

Last year's struggles, she said, have led the team to become a closer unit on and off the court this year. The teamwork present within the girls has apparently been working, as they have won four of their last five games. Sanchez also admits to feeling pressure during games because she is the leader of the team, but knows that everyone has "each other's backs" on the court.

Fellow captain Aileen Rodriguez thinks that the chances of earning the league championship and proceeding to CIF are high because of the team's work ethics. "We have been working together since last year so we've been building up since for a year already, and I think we've improved a lot and there's a lot more heart," said Rodriguez.

Rodriguez added, "I'm looking forward to the La Serna game the most because, like, we've improved and I'm just ready to just beat them this year."

The season is just beginning for the girls' volleyball team, but, for them, each game is working towards the common goal of triumph. The team will continue their season against Bellflower on September 28 at the ERHS Main Gym.

Tennis looks to make a comeback

BY ANGELICA GAMEZ
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

El Rancho's varsity girls' tennis team is beginning to look forward to their upcoming season. With a record in preseason of 4-3, and 0-2 for season, Mrs. Lippstreu says that El Rancho's girls' tennis team is "decently strong."

Winning is always a must, but with winning set aside, coach Lippstreu has other expectations for the team. "Our goal this season is to always have fun and play our best, a good character kind of thing," says coach Lippstreu, "and the only way to do that, is show up to the games."

Of the three losses, one game they wish they could change was the Norwalk game. "Everyone ate a big lunch," says coach Lippstreu. With a loss of 8-10, everyone wishes they had done something differently. "It was a close score, and we could've beaten them," says Aiyana.

All the team was able to do was prepare for their next game against South El Monte. They won that game with a score of 13-5.

Season is just around the corner, and the team is starting to set personal goals for themselves. It's many of the girls'



Christina Garcia prepares for the next game of the season.

first year in varsity but they already know where they want to be by the end of the season. "My personal goal is to have more confidence in myself," says junior Aiyana Leal-Robles.

Junior Veronica Torres would like to stay number one in doubles along with her partner, junior Natalia Sanchez. "In order to reach my goal I will come to practice and play hard," says Veronica.

Veronica and Natalia love

playing together. "Veronica makes the whole experience of playing tennis so well," says Natalia. Because of their teamwork, they have become number one in doubles. "We communicate for every little thing," adds Natalia.

Season isn't going to be easy with only one returning Varsity player, Christina Garcia, but even Christina is going into season confident. "We have a great team this year, and I want to help the

new varsity girls with whatever they need help on so we can make it far in league," says Christina.

The new varsity girls look up to Christina. "I want to reach Christina's level by the end of the season because she's number one in singles," says junior Sophia Renteria. Sophia is going to have to work hard in order to catch up to Christina.

One game all the girls are looking forward to is their season opener against Santa Fe. "Santa Fe was the best in league last year," says Sophia. In order for the El Rancho girls to be the best in the league, they must beat Santa Fe this season.

Some games in season, including the game against Santa Fe and the game against La Serna, aren't going to be easy for the Dons. "La Serna and Santa Fe have some top players who have been playing for many years," says Christina. The Dons will have to pick up their game if they want to compete with them.

Coach Lippstreu along with the varsity girls' tennis team is excited for this season. No matter how many games they win or lose, coach Lippstreu wants them to "Win with honor, and lose with dignity."

ENTERTAINMENT

Making movie magic in Hollywood

BY PATSY VILLASANA
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Make-up is the gateway to stunning transformations. Make-up artists use their tools and tricks of the trade to amaze, delight, and even disgust their audience.

For the few who are brave enough and determined to tackle the challenge, a career in the make-up industry can provide endless opportunities to work alongside A-list stars around the world. The path into the billion-dollar industry of make-up is available to everyone. Fledgling make-up artists have the options of entering an internship, attending a make-up school, or even becoming self-taught.

Enrolling in a school that specializes in the art of make-up introduces a student to hands-on experience with a qualified, professional make-up artist. Specialized programs are offered depending on a person's area of interest.

"[When I attended] Cinema Makeup School, my teachers were professionals with ten plus years of experience, so most of them were able to push me through the door and into the make-up industry before I even graduated." said Julienne Garnier, a Cinema Makeup School graduate who specializes in body painting.

If you're looking to someday be an esteemed international make-up artist, media make-up classes are your best option. The duties of media make-up artists branch out extensively.



A portfolio picture from Yuki Kimuro, who was a member of the makeup department for the cult classic "Dawn of the Dead."

Some "major" in wound simulation or stage character make-up while others work the ropes behind high-fashion runways.

While some classes at a school of make-up artistry can cost upwards of ten thousand dollars, the majority of them will get you

working behind the cameras of Hollywood in just a few months, although training or schooling of any kind is not required to be a working make-up artist.

But the life of a beginner make-up artist is far from easy. Landing a job in the make-up

industry can be described as survival of the fittest. The working hours are unpredictable as are the number of clients and length of time the project will last.

"[When I worked] for the film "Dawn of the Dead", it was from five o'clock in the morning straight to noon," said Yuki Kimuro, a cinema makeup artist who's been working in the industry for the past seven years. "And we still had around 250 make-up artists coming and going throughout the day."

Since only the head of the make-up department will make it into the movie credits, most make-up artists can expect a lack of recognition in the first years of their career, with many never making it into any make-up hall of fame.

However, this does nothing to discourage the make-up students who flock to Los Angeles, the Entertainment Capital of the World, to attend some of the best make-up schools in California. This list, according to Make-Up Artist Magazine, includes Make-Up Designory, E.I. School of Professional Makeup, and Cinema Makeup School; the latter offering \$10,000 scholarships from legendary make-up artists.

"We [make-up artists] are not just paid to play with make-up," said Kimuro. "This is an art and it's a passion we live our lives in. You need to wake up every day with the insatiable desire to bring your own creations to life."

House at the End of the Street earns its place in the horror genre



Jennifer Lawrence stars as the leading lady in "House at the End of the Street."

BY KARINA CERDAS
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In "House At The End Of The Street", a divorced mother, Sarah (Elisabeth Shue) and her daughter Elissa (Jennifer Lawrence) are looking for a new start as they move into their dream house in a small town. Not knowing anything about the town they have moved into, they soon learn a shocking secret. Years before in the house next door, there was a murder. A daughter killed her parents and disappeared, leaving only her older brother Ryan (Max Thieriot) as a survivor. Always hidden in his house, Elissa gets to know who Ryan is and begins a relationship with him behind her mother's back. As Elissa and Ryan get closer, the more dangerous their relationship gets.

The idea for this movie was announced in 2003 with Jonathan Mostow as the director and Richard Kelly as the scriptwriter. The movie received mostly negative comments and got a 13% rating on *Rotten Tomatoes*. Jennifer Lawrence, who is also known from *The Hunger Games*, did a decent job in this film. She had some awkward acting moments, but overall she did a good job, as well as Max Thieriot, who was excellent at playing the part of a troubled teenager.

The movie has a lot of twists and turns and will keep you guessing as to what's going to happen next. Although a lot of *Yahoo!* and *Rotten Tomatoes* users do not recommend people seeing this movie, in my opinion, people should watch it. "House at the End of the Street" is filled with suspense and very enjoyable for a night out at the theater.

Artistic visions of an El Rancho Don



Senior Noelle Gonzalez embraces her "personal romance" with art every day.

BY SAMANTHA GURROLA
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Creativity does not come easy for some people, but for Noelle Gonzalez it comes natural. Noelle never took an art class until her sophomore year at El Rancho.

For the past two years Noelle has been experimenting with her artistic ability. "Once I got the basics down, I used different paint and when I did not have paint I used nail polish," stated Noelle.

"For me [art] is not even about painting; its about

making installation. Taking pieces and making them my own," says Gonzalez.

Most people would use paper or a canvas for their art, but not Noelle. "When I am at home, I feel more comfortable. I tend to use my room as my canvas, so if I am not in my room painting I am outside or somewhere in my house," says Gonzalez.

"Nobody knows what will happen to themselves in the future, you just have to go with what life gives you," Gonzalez says. "I debate everyday whether or not I want to major in art, but for me art is an expression. I could always go to college and build up on my technique but it comes from within. If it happens it happens though, either way I will continue on creating art."

Being a creative person and always wanting to explore different techniques, Noelle decided to try something new. Gonzalez says, "I bought some white shoes and I got spray paint and ended up painting them metallic and I am excited to see the finished product. I like to experiment; not be forced to do something specific."

Everybody has a certain person that inspires them to do what they do. For Noelle, it's obviously an artist. "Devendra Bhanart; not only is he a musician but

he is an artist too. He draws out the design for his album covers; he is just awesome," says Gonzalez.

Art is a form of expression, everyone has a reason for drawing or painting. Gonzalez says, "art is a personal romance for me, I do it because I want to. It makes me feel more connected with everything else around me."

Noelle is not the only person that is considered creative in her family. "I never thought my mom was creative, but then I look at [the decor] throughout the house...and my father is musically creative. I like to think that we are exactly the same," says Gonzalez.

People always want to stand out from others, they want be known for something. Gonzalez says, "for me all artists do is mimic natural life...if I can manipulate something as is, then I have reached my goal. I want to do as little as possible and find something so beautiful and think of a way to recreate it in my own way."

When it comes to art, you tend to do your best when you are in the mood and not forced to create something in a specific period. "I always start things and set them aside, I never do anything if I don't want to, I rather just set something aside and finish it when I'm in the mood for that certain piece." says Gonzalez.