



# El Rodeo



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## Rio Hondo Satellite Campus Coming to Pico Rivera



BY ISAAC CARLOS  
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Rio Hondo is a community college located in Whittier, California that provides access to many different educational opportunities. Rio Hondo's Principal, Teresa Dreyfuss states that their goal as a community college is to provide different learning centers across a clear-cut area. Rio Hondo has two satellite campuses found in El Monte and South Whittier. However, they are now building a third educational center in Pico Rivera.

Rio Hondo's third satellite school will be across the street from El Rancho High School. This is the current site of El Rancho Unified School District's El Rancho Adult Education Center.

The Education Center is an adult school for any students in Pico Rivera that need to complete their high school credits, but will not have enough time to do so if attending a regular high school. Now that the Education Center is being replaced by the Rio Hondo Satellite School, questions are being raised as to what will happen to those students who attend this center in order to graduate with a high school diploma.

The Education center is currently 2.4 acres, and Rio Hondo is using 6,720 square feet to create a "collegiate identity." They are also adding 1.3 acres of parking with a shaded campus quad. Rio Hondo will also upgrade seven buildings and add twenty-first century ways of learning.

Colleges are now creating campuses for specific majors. For example, Rio Hondo is focusing on the satellite schools and astronomy. This will also push high school students to think about their career choices sooner so that they know what college is good for their major.

Just like it has been beneficial in El Monte and in South Whittier, Rio Hondo officials hope to see the same successful results for upcoming generations of students.

## Dons Marching Band performs at the Rose Bowl



El Rancho Marching Band joined the UCLA Marching Band at half-time of the UCLA-BYU game.

BY SOL MENDEZ  
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On September 19<sup>th</sup>, the El Rancho marching band joined the UCLA band on the UCLA field. Every year UCLA hosts "Band Day." Band Day is a day where high school marching bands are able to practice and perform with the UCLA marching band during half time at a home college football game. The day begins with practicing along with the UCLA

band members at the Rose Bowl. In order to attend such an opportunity, high school bands in Southern California are required to submit photos and videos showing off their musical abilities. It is no surprise that the El Rancho marching band was impressive to the judges and had the opportunity to attend Band Day 2015.

El Rancho's marching band prepared for the event by attending practices and learning new pieces, such as "Uptown Funk"

by Bruno Mars, "Shake it Off" by Taylor Swift, and the well-known UCLA Fight Song. All the pieces were practiced and later performed at half-time for the UCLA vs. BYU game on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The El Rancho marching band impressed many UCLA staff members with its professionalism and passion for music on the field. Senior Angie Valentino, says, "It was a new experience and it just shows how great our band department is to be

able to perform with the UCLA band." Ultimately, the El Rancho band returned feeling amazing about the unique opportunity. Junior Brandon Rodriguez says, "It was amazing to perform in front of thousands of people, hearing the audience cheer and clap to the Fight Song was really fun. It is one of my best memories."

These students did a fantastic job of representing the quality of El Rancho. "It was such an amazing experience. I will always remember this as a fun and memorable day," says senior, Kaylyn Roberson. El Rancho joined about fifteen other bands in the Rose Bowl. "Musically and visually, our band was stellar!" says band director, Mr. Cordero. The band was able to experience a huge audience of UCLA football fans. There were other several bands sharing the same experience, but ultimately, the El Rancho band proved fortunate enough to educate itself and gain better practice with its sound, marching, and performance ability. The band members and director would like to thank Mrs. Kwek for providing them with support and transportation. This illustrates another astonishing achievement the El Rancho band has brought to the Ranch.

## Gadabouts map out next adventure

BY ISAAC CARLOS AND  
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The Gadabouts Travel Club, led by Mr. and Mrs. Zeko, is currently organizing a June 2017, trip to Switzerland, Italy, France, Monaco, and Spain.

The Gadabouts will spend three days in Switzerland where they will see Lion Monument and the Chapel Bridge. They will also ride a cable car to the top of Mount Pilates, which has a beautiful overview of the entire valley. On days four and five they will be exploring Cinque Terre by train and participating in a photography lesson. Days six through eight will be at the French Riviera and Provence in France. Travelers will be able to take a tour of the Principality of Monaco to see the Prince's Palace, Monaco Cathedral, and the Monte-Carlo Casino. The following day they will see the Vieille Ville and the Promenade des Anglais, then visit Pont du Gard, Nîmes, the Nîmes Amphitheater, Avignon, and the Palais des Papes. In Provence, the students will take a cooking class. Days nine and ten will be held in Barcelona, Spain where the Gadabouts will take a bike tour of the city. Then they will see La Sagrada Familia, Montjuïc Hill, Barrio Gótico and the Barcelona Cathedral with a dance class for the tourists. The extended three-day



Cinque Terre, Italy is one of the destinations on Gadabouts, 2017 summer excursion.

trip will be to Madrid, Spain. The Gadabouts will take a walking tour of Madrid, Prado and Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor, and Plaza de Oriente with a visit of the Royal Palace to complete the journey.

Gadabout's President, Adriana Carchipulla, attended the 2013 winter trip to Germany, Czech Rep, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, and Austria. She states

that the trip really, "opened [her] mind to the different cultures of the world." She met one of her closest friends on the trip and never knew such a friendship could be built in such little time. She had, "always known that [she] wanted to travel," but never truly explored until December of 2013. After that trip, she knew that she, "wanted to travel the world for

the rest of [her] life." Carchipulla now encourages everyone she meets to travel around the world.

For more information go to Mrs. Zeko or Mr. Zeko's website ([www.mrszeko.weebly.com](http://www.mrszeko.weebly.com) and [www.mrzeko.weebly.com](http://www.mrzeko.weebly.com)) or go to [eftours.com](http://eftours.com) and put in the tour code: 1748018FF or go to B104 and talk to Mrs. Zeko. Spots are limited!



## OPINION

## It shouldn't take Aylan to open our eyes



BY ERNESTO GARCIA  
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Three-year-old Aylan traveled from war-torn Syria to Europe where he was seeking a new safe home. The Mediterranean chose otherwise and took his life away.

Aylan, along with his mother and brother, were among a group of twelve who were trying to escape a country, which continues to bleed red. The twelve passengers drowned on their way to the Greek Island of Kos. The three-year-old boy was found dead on one of the Turkish shores and was photographed by one of the Turkish locals.

The picture of Aylan's lifeless corpse, where he is found face down wearing a red t-shirt and shorts on a beach in Turkey, suddenly became viral around the world, which soon brought the attention to world leaders on the war in Syria. Now the world is focusing its attention to a war that has been occurring since 2011.

It is quite sad that it took the image of a little three-year-old boy washed up on a beach to attract peoples' attention to the war in Syria. Everyone is so focused on their own lives that they do not bother with what goes on in the outside world. People from Syria have been migrating to Europe and other parts in the

world but people did not care because they are isolated beings that do not concern themselves with more important issues.

Aylan was born into a country which was already at war and it was his life, his image on the beach, his lifeless body, that caught peoples' attention. Had it not been for Aylan, the world might not have concerned itself about Syria. People would have not known what issues go on in the world.

While people debated whether to get the new iPhone, or worried about the Trump insults, citizens trying to escape Syria screamed for help, prayed for aid but received hardly any-

thing. The tragic, gut-wrenching photo that is already being compared to the nine-year-old Vietnamese girl suffering napalm sends a sting to the human heart.

The world has become a place where people have become isolated in themselves-a place where a three-year-old boy has to be found dead washed up by the sea on a shore in Turkey to bring attention to his homeland.

Aylan could have been alive and safe if only people began to notice the world outside theirs and had acted earlier before the three year old Syrian boy, whose whole life was ahead of him, drowned in the waters of the Mediterranean.

## Plumbing problem or something more sinister?

BY JOANNA FLORES  
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Our local Walmart in the Pico Rivera Towne Center was temporarily closed along with other stores in California, Texas, Oklahoma, and Florida, in April 2015. As a result five hundred and thirty workers were laid off in Pico Rivera's Walmart with a five hour notice due to supposed plumbing issues. This has led to many suspicions around the community about what is truly going on inside our Walmart.

Gregory Salcido, Pico Rivera mayor, says, "City Hall was notified at 1PM that Walmart would be closing at 7PM due to plumbing issues. Because plumbing permits were never sought, I don't believe it." Affecting over two thousand workers, Walmart reported that approximately seventy five percent of workers were transferred to other locations. "We continue to conduct plumbing repairs and store upgrades. Our goal is to begin serving customers by late October or early November" said a Walmart spokesman.

In our local Pico Rivera Walmart, residents have seen United Nations vehicles on the property. Multiple sightings of



Northrop Gruman Corporation in the late 1980s, Pico Rivera.

government forces have aroused suspicions about what occurs at these five unsuspected Walmart closures. The Jade Helm 15 may help answer the question. Jade Helm is a military exercise where the government closes down facilities for Realistic Military Training. Realistic Military Training is training conducted outside of federally owned property. This is designed to ensure proper co-

ordination between the Department of Defense representatives and local and regional authorities. Could the Pico Rivera Walmart possibly be a facility where these actions are taking place?

Keep in mind that in 1982, the one hundred and seven acres on and around Walmart was known as the Northrop Gruman Corporation. The Northrop company focused on creating

stealth bombers used during war. Due to military actions on the property, it has led some individuals to believe that the closing of Pico Rivera's Walmart has a relation to the Jade Helm 15.

This is only one of the theories for the closures of the multiple Walmarts. Mayor Gregory Salcido also states, "I hope they're honest from this point forward to benefit everyone."

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# COMMUNITY

## Hiding in Plain Sight: Brickhouse Pizza

BY HUGO MARTINEZ  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Shopping at the numerous stores in Uptown Whittier can create a huge appetite. Deciding which restaurant to choose from is frustrating, considering the vast amount of options. There is one way to make this difficult decision into an obvious one, Brickhouse Pizza.

Located at 7028 Bright Avenue, Whittier CA, this small but cozy establishment is divided into three dining areas and has a mini game room for the kids. The second you walk in you would be greeted with a chorus of friendly hellos and welcomes from a bubbly staff. Brickhouse Pizza is a family friendly restaurant and visited daily for their pizzas, pastas, and sandwiches.



The restaurant, Brickhouse Pizza, attracts many customers because of their delicious pizza, pasta, etc.

Ordering food is a slow process, but the smiling waitress will have your food out in less than fifteen minutes. Our meal consisted of a large fluffy pizza, nine spicy wings, and a large pitcher

of soda, feeding three people, for only \$25. The food, especially the thick cheese, tasted fresh and prepared to perfection. The comfortable ambience and average noise level made conversations very

easy and enjoyable to partake in. Senior, Cristian Riesgo, assesses "My overall experience at Brickhouse Pizza was pretty good. The food was delicious, but I didn't really think

the interior of the restaurant was aesthetically appealing." Overall, Brickhouse Pizza would be great for those who are looking for a casual hangout and delicious food.

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### Electrical Upgrades Coming to City



BY WESLEY FRAZIER  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

California Edison has announced on September 23, 2015, that it will be upgrading the power poles in Pico Rivera. Although this will improve the electricity, some sections of the city will be without power for up to three days.

California Edison recently reported on what is happening to the power poles of Pico Rivera, stating that they will be receiving an upgrade by replacing wires, electrical equipment, and existing poles.

The project will be active from September 23, 2015 to December 2015. The operation hours of this project is from Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The citizens of the city will be notified seventy-two hours before the construction begins. However, other cities that were doing this did not notify the citizens of the power shortage on their street, so be cautious.

There will be some other problems while construction is under way. Some sidewalks and street lanes will be closed so look out for detours. The power will be turned off so remain refreshed in case of a heat wave.

For more information visit Southern California Edison (SCE) on Facebook.



# CAMPUS

## ROP courses offer pathways to careers

BY KATHERINE BARAJAS  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

A new school year comes with new class choices! Tri-Cities ROP offers courses that are available to El Rancho students and in other schools as well. For the newbies, ROP (Regional Occupational Program) is a public educational service that provides practice, hands-on career preparation and career guidance according to [tricititiesrop.org](http://tricititiesrop.org).

ROP courses are available to any high school student who is 16 years of age and older. However priority is given to those who are residents to areas of Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier and Norwalk. The classes available on campus are: Administration of Justice, Forensics, Foods and Nutrition, Foods and Hospitality, Sports Medicine, Emergency Medical Responder, Business Internship, and Marketing. The classes that are not offered on campus are: Administration of Justice in Whittier HS, Fire Technol-



*The Emergency Medical Responders attend a field trip to further explore a career in medicine.*

ogy 101 in Rio Hondo College, Introduction to Dental Assisting at Tri-Cities ROP, Marketing & Sales, and Nurse Assistant Pre-Certification in the

El Rancho Education Center. Taking ROP classes proves beneficial. Eduardo Parra (11th grade) says, "We learn about our career choices. I rec-

ommend it for people who want to learn more about themselves and what kind of job they want." Each class gives high school elective credits, which keeps

each student on track for graduation. The classes are free to low cost in comparison to adults who have to pay for certain expensive courses to become professional experts. Some courses give a certification that will get an individual recognition and help with finding a job!

One also learns new skills and gets to meet new people with similar interests. Leslie Lopez (12th grade) states, "I like my ROP classes, especially my medical course. You get a sense of how working in the medical field would be like, you meet people that have the same interest as you and have a great teacher."

"My food and nutrition class is fun and I get to learn about all the unhealthy food you eat and it opens your eyes about all that," says Jasmín Herrera (12th grade).

If anyone is interested in any of the ROP classes visit Ms. Yazdani in the College and Career center.

## El Rancho Teen Court's new year



BY ALEXIS HERNANDEZ

The El Rancho Teen Court is ready to start this school year and has projects on the table for this upcoming year.

This summer twenty students attended two different trainings. In the beginning of June ten students went to the University of Pepperdine in Malibu where they met with all the Teen Courts in California and attended various workshops. Some of the workshops included applying the concepts of restorative justice in the courtroom and in their schools, how to avoid cognitive bias on different ethnic groups, how to prevent cyber bullying, and the consequences of human trafficking. A couple of weeks later ten more students attended a rigorous forty hour training at the Museum of Tolerance. The students were trained to deal with hate crimes using the concepts of restorative justice to incorporate the defendants back to the community. The students had the chance to talk with a survivor of the holocaust, a victim of a Neo-Nazi, one of the Little Rock Nine students, and were trained by the Honorable Judge Wesley and the Honorable Judge Sotelo.

At the end of the week the students attended a trial in which they were in charge of determining the faith of a defendant who had committed a hate crime towards his high school teacher

who was Jewish. The defendant threatened to brand and burn the teacher and also threatened an African American student who he called Kunta Kinte, by telling him he would hang him. The students were able to sentence him and restore him into society and at the same time make him realize that what he did affected individuals including him and his mother.

This year's Teen Court Club has started to plan the year. President Karen Lopez along with her other officers have interviewed over 100 students; however, due to a shortage of position the Teen Court Club only took about fifty-five students for this year's club.

Teen Court has also announced that they are changing their name. The new name will be the El Rancho Law Society. The reason for the change is because the Law Society is pursuing to start a mock trial team, initiate a suspension diversion program, and at the same time maintain the number one spot in the state of California for Teen Courts. The students have set goals such as improving the questions asked in the courtroom and creating a more professional environment in the courtroom. The El Rancho Law Society would also like to expand district wide so that other students of ages thirteen and up can participate in the Teen Court sessions. Come support the club in their monthly trials.

# Blood Drive



## El Rancho High School

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# CAMPUS

## Dons welcome thirteen new staff members



Ms. Tapia, Biology 9 CP teacher in room A-206, owns a 1997 GS Acura Integra and is very much into the car scene. She plans on building her Integra and making it look impressive.



Mr. Whittier, Water Polo head coach and World History teacher in room B-102, enjoys playing the drums, singing, and listening to jazz and opera.



Ms. Jepsen, English 9 CP teacher in room I-3, enjoys traveling and wants to visit all fifty states but so far has only been to thirty-seven.



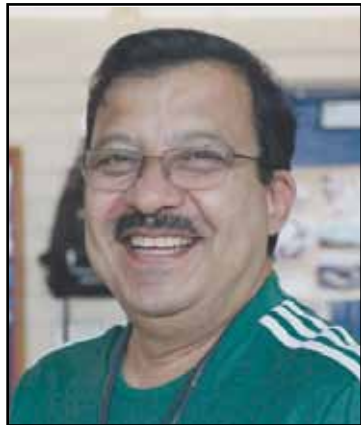
Mr. Morales, Algebra 2 and Integrated Math teacher in room K-203, has taught many different subjects of math and also teaches math 50 and 70 at Rio Hondo College.



Ms. Velasco, ERWC and ELD teacher in room L-7, loves to surf at Seal Beach and also has a background in journalism.



Mr. Chu, Physics teacher in room M-1, enjoys photography, riding his motorcycle, and going to the gun range. Additionally, he has a twenty-year-old Koi fish.



Mr. Roman, Spanish 1 for native speakers teacher in room O-3, grew up and attended school in Mexico, and enjoys spending time watching movies with his family.



Ms. Obregon, English 9 CP and American Sign Language teacher in room P-1, enjoys helping with seniors in her free time.



Mr. Porter, World History CP and Honors teacher in room P-3, enjoys spending time with his daughter and snowboarding in the winter.



Ms. Leos, Special Ed department in room S-4, is an El Rancho Alumni who loves to paint faces on the weekend.



Ms. Martinez, Biology 9 and Marine Biology teacher in room Y-2, explained that she can float in water, however she cannot swim.



Mr. Woods, ROP Sports Medicine teacher in room Z-2, a hard worker and holds four school records for track and field at his high school.



Ms. Garcia, ROP Marketing teacher in room Z-4, loves to read, swim, and walk in her free time. She also enjoys arts and crafts.

## LIBRARY CORNER

Match the quote to these popular books in the ER Library. The first 3 students who bring the correct written answers to the Library win a prize.



1. "Margo always loved mysteries. And in everything that came afterward, I could never stop thinking that maybe she loved mysteries so much that she became one."

2. "I had certain yearnings at the time, which a lot of us had, to acquire authority in our own lives in the face of police, joblessness and powerlessness. Las Lomas was our path to that, but I was frustrated because I felt the violence was eating us alive."

3. "Not everyone has a sob story, Charlie, and even if they do, it's no excuse."

4. "I just want to sleep. A coma would be nice. Or amnesia. Anything, just to get rid of this, these thoughts, whispers in my mind."

- a. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*
- b. *Paper Towns*
- c. *Always Running*
- d. *A Child Called It*
- e. *Speak*

5. "Childhood should be carefree, playing in the sun; not living a nightmare in the darkness of the soul."



# SPORTS

## Dons hope for fresh start in league



The football team storms onto the field ready for their first home game.

Taken by David Hernandez

BY TIM RIESGO  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITERS

Despite their current disappointing pre-season run of 0-4, the Don's El Rancho Football team hope to turn their record around when they begin league on October 9, 2015 at the Ranch. The Dons heavily rely on their coach's advice and guidance to maintain their title as Del Rio League champions.

Over the summer, El Ran-

cho named Roddy Hiatt, the new head coach of the El Rancho Football team. Having been defensive coordinator in 2007, Hiatt is very familiar with the Dons Football program. Hiatt now has taken the reigns of an extremely talented team ready to defend the league title.

The start for the season has been relatively slow. El Rancho is currently 0-3 in the 2015 football season, but has high hopes going into league two weeks from now.

Every game, the Dons have improved. The team is under great leadership and the players have grown a connection with Coach Hiatt, and believe with him, they can take league home once again. Senior Ricardo Toriz said the coach is, "...Doing a good job so far... I'll always have faith, those are my brothers. We've been through a lot together... We will come out on top this season."

Hiatt has been running the team in the same manner El

Rancho football has been played for many generations. Bringing back many old traditions, such as coming back to the old logo. He has become a big favorite amongst the players and has them very excited going into this season. Despite the slow start on the season, expect the Dons to outperform their competition, becoming back to back Del Rio League Champions under Hiatt.

### Whittier wants to bring title

BY LEA SARGENTO  
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MICHAEL NEELY  
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This year, El Rancho High School receives a new addition to the history and sports department. The school hired Mr. Whittier, who has taken over this year's boys' water polo team after losing last year's coach, Mr. Pringle. Pringle received a new job at La Serna High School and left during the summer.

The boys took their first home defeat against Temple City with a score of 13-11. Despite the rough start, the team hopes to turn things around for the rest of the season. Coach Whittier explains that so far, "[He has] really enjoyed working here. The staff and students are very good and respectful. [He] likes that there is a culture of contributing on working for what's best for the students and school".

This year's 2015-16 captains have been committed since their freshman year. Captain Luis Garcia says, "Gaining this title as captain just makes me work ten times harder because [he] serves as an exemplary athlete." "This is my first year being a captain. I feel as if [I have] been given a lot of responsibility," says Captain Jason Curiel.

Curiel said, "My goal for this water polo season is to set an example for our younger players." While Garcia says, "My goal this year is to beat La Serna."

Whittier strongly believes the team has great potential for this season. The team practices early mornings and long afternoons to prepare for league. Whittier desires, "To establish a program that is fundamentally sound and disciplined." The boys' water polo team will perform at its first home league game on October 6th at 3:15pm.



Whittier getting ready for a rigorous practice.

## WORD ON THE STREET

What would your ideal homecoming theme be?



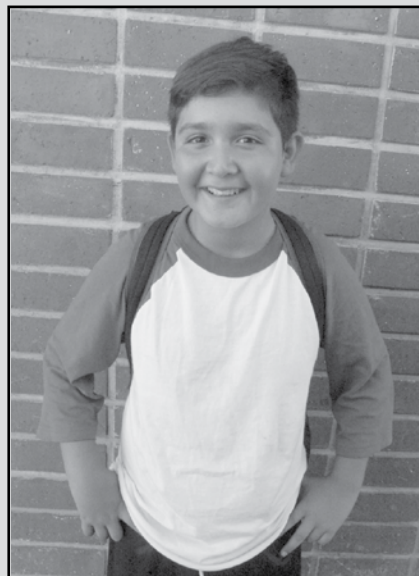
"My ideal theme for the Homecoming Dance should be a Halloween theme. Halloween lands the very next day so it would only make sense for it to have that theme. It would be great to have it as a costume dance party".

- Vincent Fuentes 12th



"I would like a Paris theme for the homecoming because I have always wanted to visit France. It would be such a great romantic theme, and it is a theme a lot of people would enjoy"

- Stephanie Lugo 9th



"My idea of the theme for homecoming would be glow in the dark. I think it would make a cool theme because glow in the dark lights look amazing under black lights, it would be kind of a rave type of dance"

- Roger Torres 9th



## SPORTS

## Lady Dons set sights on league title

X-Country  
looking to cross  
the finish line

BY ERNESTO GARCIA  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Working since May, El Rancho's Cross Country team believes it has what it takes to win league.

"The team has been working hard and we are looking forward to a successful season this year," said Alma Colindres. Four-year veteran Colindres sees the team's potential to become the best and improve. With their first league game a month away, the girls are ready to beat their competition and come in first place.

Senior Alejandro Ortiz has been on the team since freshman year and is ready for his final season. "I believe the guys have a good chance of winning first place this year," Alejandro Ortiz said. "The team is really young and they are a strong group of runners." Realizing it is his last season running on the team, Ortiz will miss hanging out with his friends and running with them during practice.

Junior Adrian Flores has been with the team for the past two years and has helped the new incoming runners. "I tell the younger runners to keep on going and that running is all mental, not so much physical. You can be the skinniest guy or girl on the team and still be one of the strongest and fastest runner on the team," said Flores. Flores sees the team as a big family, boys and girls, who work to make each other better.

"We motivate each other and push everyone, from freshman to seniors, to exceed their limits," said senior Ashley Grajeda. Grajeda looks for another successful season and has pushed herself to give it her all one last time. "I am going to miss running with the underclassmen. I am also going to miss my coaches both current and past. I encourage them to keep pushing, to not stop running, and to help each other out," said Grajeda.

Having a team full of returners who know what it takes to win the title, both boys and girls are working together to become a stronger and unified team.

The Cross Country team seeks to end their season as league champions when they have their final November 5, 2015 at Legg Lake.



Katheleen Madera, Miriam Arellano, and Vanessa Sanchez are ready for their game against Mark Keppel High School.

BY ADRIANA CARCHIPULLA  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

The girl's volleyball team is ready to start off another season and is already preparing and improving everyday.

The entire team is practicing endlessly for the same goal, to win League. Captain Destini Johnson is looking forward to win league. The team has already begun playing season games and

Johnson says the volleyball team is "off to a rough start but [knows] things will progress." Sophomore Makayla Guerrero hopes to "get close to all the girls and have that sister bond with them."

The team is currently 1-6, but this is not stopping the team's goals. "This year the team is young, and we are going to make mistakes but we'll learn from them and become a better team," says Miriam Arellano.

Along with a new team, the girls received new coaches but to some, the coaches are not new. Sophomore Emily Ponce believes it's, "tough, but helps because you get different points of view and different ways of coaching. Adapting to new coaches is something you do when you are an athlete," states Arellano.

The head coach, Train, hopes to, "improve from last years team," and desires for the

team to take one game at a time and learn from each one. Train feels really good about the team. The team, "is young but the girls are up to it and they just need to improve everyday," says Train. The head coach hopes to bring consistency to the court and his knowledge of the game.

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## Girls tennis eyeing CIF playoffs



Varsity tennis team warms up for their home game.

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The girls varsity tennis team plans to start a new season with more motivation. The team played its first preseason game on August 31<sup>st</sup>, but the actual season starts September 24<sup>th</sup>. The team hopes to make this season special for the seniors, as Nohely Corona said "We want to make it special for the seniors, since it is their last year with us." They played their first preseason game on August

31<sup>st</sup>, El Rancho won Los Altos HS 16-2. They are doing well so far, and plan on continuing to do so.

The team agrees with what Coach Galindo said "La Serna is always one of the biggest challenges." Coach Galindo plans to lead his team to CIF this year, stating "giving girls motivation is my biggest challenge as a coach. I hope they win league title, since girls have never won the title."

Girls Varsity tennis team hopes to make it to division 3. According to junior Esmeralda

Garcia "Our hardest challenge as a team is listening to each other." Esmeralda Garcia believes they will do pretty good because they keep practicing; she quotes Nacho Libre "I want to win." As of now Junior Nohely Corona believes the team is division four.

Many of the girls on the tennis team believe they will do well. Junior Nohely Corona states, "I think we will do really good we have most of our pre league games, and our coach coaches us well."

Many of the seniors on the varsity team are returners that have been there since freshman year.

Coach Galindo explains, "We have several returners that I've been coaching since I coached JV and have been coaching for 4 years." They plan to work hard and so when the actual season starts, they are prepared to win. Coach Galindo coached the JV team before taking over the varsity team. He plans to work extra hard with the varsity team because JV has yet to be defeated. As a result, he wants to do the same with varsity.

The goal for the team is to make this season a great one, make it to CIF, and of course win. Although the team is working hard, the members plan on working even harder when their season starts. The tennis team has many returners that are seniors, desiring that their last year proves nothing short of amazing. They want to win all their games, despite the loss of their preseason game they lost to Montebello 7-11.

In the past years the girl's tennis team has never gone to CIF, which justifies why the coach works tirelessly to prepare them as well as motivate them. Coach Galindo says "The varsity girls will be working hard to get League title for the first time."



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