



El Rodeo



ER holds DACA rally for undocumented students



Karina Segura speaks to the audience.
Photo by Gabriela Nava

BY GABRIELA NAVA
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For five years, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program has allowed over 800,000 immigrants to live in the United States without fear of deportation. The DACA program has given these people peace of mind and the ability to study, work, and apply for amenities like a driver's license and credit cards. Aside from the ethical implications, the removal of the program would decrease the workforce population and in turn decrease national gross revenue.

The program was started in 2012 by President Barack Obama through executive action and without congressional approval. Despite common misconceptions, the program does not put immigrants on a path to citizenship or permanent residency, rather it gives them access to opportunities that are available to United States citizens.

Latino Club, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MECHA), and Teen Court held their own rally to show support for the act on September 19, 2017 in the quad. "It is frightening to see your future dangling by a string," says Maria Domingo, a senior who is under the umbrella of DACA. She knows nothing about the country she was born in and considers the United States her home. Many students just like her are facing the same problem.

The final decision on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Act is currently in the hands of the United States congress as President Trump has left the decision up to a vote. Many displays of support for the act have been displayed across college and high school campuses alike, showing the importance of DACA in the lives of people in every neighborhood. Until then, students under the umbrella of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program await a final decision that dictates their educational future.

The Vasquez vision: Don traditions with 21st century learning

BY ALEKSEY SOTO
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New year, new principal, and a new direction. 46-year-old Mr. Hector Vasquez, with his extensive background and passion for education, is ready and able to lead El Rancho for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Vasquez has twelve years of administrative experience under his belt. Before coming to El Rancho, he was a principal in the Placentia Yorba Linda Unified school district, but in the past, he's worked in both the Bellflower Unified and San Bernardino City Unified school districts.

"I began my principalship in San Bernardino City Unified as a middle school principal," Vasquez said. "I was a middle school principal for two years and spent two years as a high school principal in [the district]."

"I began my post-secondary educational career at Fullerton Junior College. I was fortunate enough to get a scholarship at Azusa Pacific University, where I received my undergraduate degree in Physical Education with a minor in Spanish. I went back for my teaching credential, administrative credential, and my masters in educational leadership," Vasquez said.

Coming to El Rancho was an easy decision for Vasquez to make. Both of his in-laws are alumni, and they and their family inspired Vasquez to apply as soon as the position was announced.

"My father-in-law graduated here in 1973, and my mother



Vasquez hopes to work with school and community to achieve great things. Photo by Aleksey Soto

in law graduated in 1974," said Vasquez, "and all nine of their siblings and their children are graduates from El Rancho. Every party that I've ever been to on my wife's side has been about [this school]!"

"Throughout the hiring process, I was confident and nervous," Vasquez said. "Every time you go through an interview process you get nervous, but I knew that if I got the opportunity to interview the first time, then I would have a good chance of being in the finals. Now that I'm here I'm very excited."

During his free time, Vasquez's life revolves around sports practices and games.

"I have three children, and they all play sports," Vasquez said. "My daughter, Brianna, is a senior at La Habra High School, and she is on the U.S. National Rugby team; she is in France

representing the U.S. My older son, Brandon, is the quarterback of the freshman football team also at La Habra and plays baseball. My 10 year-old son, Bryce, plays football and baseball."

Despite his busy personal life, Vasquez is passionate about his job as El Rancho's instructional leader. "I get here early, and I leave late because I want to be here," he said. "Any opportunity I have I'm either reading research about new strategies or practices, or I'm attending workshops."

His plans as a principal include, "working with the staff this year on keeping the traditions of El Rancho intact but moving to 21st-century teaching and learning." He's also planning on making this school the best it can be for its students.

As for school events, Vasquez admits he's looking

most forward to graduation because, "at the end of the year, my job as a principal is to make sure all of the seniors graduated and move on to bigger and better things. The Night Pep Rally is also a big event that I'm looking forward to, and any sporting event or academic competition."

As a high school student, he also had a career as a DJ!

"I like all kinds of music. I had my own equipment, my own group, and I DJ'd a lot of school dances and house parties.

Vasquez wants every student to, "Have fun, but study harder because everything can be achieved through education."

"I'm blessed to be at El Rancho with our great staff and students," Vasquez said. "I love the school and the community, and I hope that together we can achieve great things."

AVID visits San Diego universities



The seniors AVIDly enjoyed the trip to the colleges. Photo by Aleksey Soto

BY ALEKSEY SOTO
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Sixty college-bound seniors in El Rancho's AVID program spent September 25th touring both San Diego State University

and the University of California San Diego. The tour, which was organized by the AVID cabinet and advisor, Mr. Porter, was an opportunity for these seniors to get a glimpse into college life and learn more about these

campuses, as some may consider applying to these schools. Two hours after departing from El Rancho, the group stopped at SDSU and attended an informative presentation that covered everything from aver-

age test scores to the annual Red and Black dance. After the presentation, the group was split up and guided across campus by SDSU students. Then, they had time to buy food on campus and eat before heading to UCSD.

At UCSD, the tour consisted of explanations of the six-college system and various campus landmarks, such as the Sun God monument and the Geisel Library. Again, after the tour was finished, the students had time to walk around campus and purchase food or souvenirs.

"I think everything went great," Porter said, "I hope [the students] got the feeling of what it's like to be on a college campus."

"I also hope that they got a reality check about the things they're going to have to do to get to those campuses," Porter added. "Even for the students that aren't going to get into those schools, I hope they understand that if they put in some work in the next couple of years after high school, they can get into those types of colleges if they really want to."

OPINION

Pro and Con: What Time Should School Start?

Let's Get the School Day Over With

Too Tired to Learn, Too Tired to Care



BY LESLIE PLAZA
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Would starting school later in the day fully prepare students for the future? Although starting school later in the morning may have many advantages, how efficient is it for students and teachers?

For students, sleeping in can make a significant difference in their day, but how will waking up late prepare us for future jobs? Employers expect the worker to be at work on time, regardless of how early work starts. According to a survey on start times, the average job begins at around 8:00 a.m., the same start as school.

Extracurricular activities and sports consume a heavy amount of time after school. Many people in sports train af-

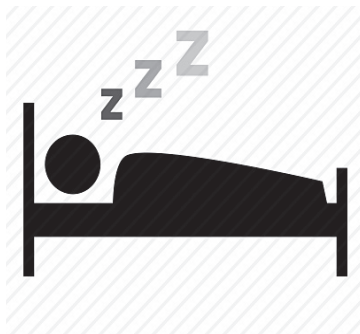
ter school for over two hours and still have to finish homework and other activities. If school starts later, activities and sports will be pushed back, students may be finished with homework and other responsibilities past midnight.

"Although it can be hard to wake up," senior Andrea Chavez says, "once you do, you can start your day earlier. If the school were to start later, we would leave later."

Teachers will also be impacted by starting later in the day. Teachers have other responsibilities, such as their own families and grading. Some teachers also travel through many cities to get to work, which could lead to arriving home very late.

Most students tend to believe that starting school late will benefit them, but how proficient will students be later in the day? Studies show that overall, waking up later in the day leads to laziness, procrastination, and fatigue.

Overall, starting school earlier in the day will allow for students and teachers to keep track of their responsibilities, and will prevent further and unnecessary stress.



BY MARIELA MICHEL
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Many students wake up in the morning tired with little desire to learn and more desire to sleep. Some students come late for the simple reason that they overslept, so then when should students be waking up?

The teenage brain naturally begins to become tired at around 10:45 p.m. and usually wakes up at around 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. Waking students up at 6 a.m. causes them to go through their morning classes tired which leads to them being unable to recover by 10 a.m. when the brain should be fully awakened.

"I feel that late start should become the regular time because I know students that don't eat breakfast because they don't have time, so they don't try the rest of the day because they're just hungry,"

says freshman Helen Mendez. "It gives them more time to wake up."

An estimated 40% of students leave for school without eating breakfast. Oversleeping discourages students from buying food at the cafeteria for lack of time; therefore, many students stick to buying their food from vending machines, which has an adverse impact on their health.

Teachers admit to having several students arriving as late as second period.

"I think school should start later because according to a study, our young brains don't wake up until around nine," says senior Yamileth Diaz. "If we start later there will probably be an academic improvement and fewer tardies."

"I think school times should be scattered, like college," says French teacher, Mrs. Moghimi-Danesh. "Most students are late and having scattered times will help students be on time."

The most common complaint heard in the halls of El Rancho is "I'm tired," and is it any wonder? Students are forced to awaken too early for their brains to fully wake up and work for hours afterward, making it difficult for them to focus on their work and to rest their tired minds.

Political Update: What's Going on in the World? Today?



45th President Donald J. Trump confronts press. Photo Google Images

BY GABRIELA NAVA
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

United Nations Assembly- President Trump made a controversial and strongly worded speech on September 19 at his first United Nations National Assembly. Trump threatened to "totally

destroy" North Korea, addressing Kim Jong Un as "Rocket Man" in reference to his nuclear missile testing. The President added he had come to a decision on the Iran Nuclear Arms Deal. In response, the Iranian President Hassan Rouhani vowed to take action if Trump decided to end the deal.

One message was made clear, if the United States needs to defend itself or its allies, it will not hesitate to annihilate the threat. Tensions with Korea and its missile testing are causing concern about a possible "Cold War scenario" in the coming years.

Trump Investigations- Robert S. Mueller and his team are continuing to investigate Donald Trump's actions during his presidency. Mueller asked for documents regarding the most criticized actions, including the firing of F.B.I. director James Comey. More information is expected once documents are turned over to the F.B.I. investigators.

Healthcare- A new health-care bill is under consideration: the Graham-Cassidy repeal.

This bill would terminate the expansion of government health insurance programs for low-income Americans, a service otherwise known as Medicaid.

The repeal will also end cost-sharing subsidies and tax credits for small businesses that provide employer insurance plans, leaving it up to individuals to ensure themselves. Mandates that require people to have health insurance will also be removed, leaving Americans at risk in the event of a costly illness. Under Graham-Cassidy, health care providers are able to deny coverage to those with pre-existing medical conditions. This is the most controversial portion of the health care reform.

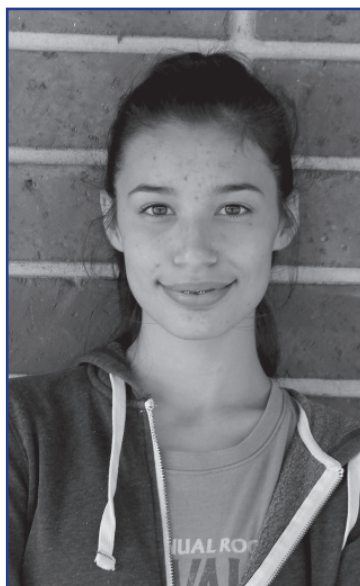
Word On the Street: How does having a zero affect you?



Cons
"I have a hard time focusing on my other classes cause I'm so tired now."
Junior, Dylan Joseph



Cons
"Its early and you have to make sure you finish all your work in that class and you can't miss anything."
Junior, Carolyn Contreras



Pros
"Getting a head start in the day. You also have open sixth period."
Junior, Anahi Rodriguez



Pros
"You can have more classes under your belt, and you get more experience."
Junior, Yazlin Juarez

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FEATURES

Julio Ornelas is *Simply Irresistible!*

Julio "thiccie" Ornelas poses in the quad.

Photo by Aleksey Soto

BY ALEKSEY SOTO
EL RODEO NEWS STAFF WRITER

He's respectful, responsible, and ready to learn! Julio "thiccie" Ornelas is not only the perfect Don, he's simply irresistible!

On campus, Ornelas is the perfect student. He's involved in everything academic, from the Associated Student Body to the California Scholarship Fed-

eration to Academic Decathlon.

"I'm CSF president, Be A Leader Vice President, and I'm the ASB president now. I've also been in Decath for the past two years and I'm one of the captains," Ornelas said.

We love an intellectual king!

If you want to find him, he'll be, "either in the Decath room, which is members only and B.Y.O.B, bring your own book, or

in the new ASB room in B104."

School isn't the only thing that rules his heart. He's a proud father of four dogs that he often takes on walks. He enjoys binge-watching shows on Netflix with them, too.

"I love my children, but sometimes it's hard being a single father. I like walking them a lot because they're fat."

As if being a father wasn't enough, he's also a responsible older brother! "I have a little brother who's a freshman. Don't hit on him because I'll cut you," Ornelas said.

Ornelas happens to be a man of good taste and an expert connoisseur of fine Mexican cuisine. "My favorite place to go is King Taco," Ornelas said. "You'll find me chowing down on a carne asada burrito." However, he also enjoys the occasional frozen yogurt and pozole!

On his days off, Ornelas loves to sleep because he's, "one thicc b that needs sleep," and loves retweeting all about El Rancho and ASB cards on his Twitter account (@_tulio_), as well as slid-

ing into his friends' DMs. Don't text him though! Unfortunately, he still doesn't have a phone!

This king is looking for someone funny, smart, and assiduous. Sadly, he's not interested in a partner...yet.

"I'm not looking for a potential bae because we're leaving in a year," Ornelas said. "Hit me up when you have a college degree." Four extra years in school suddenly seem even more appealing!

If you want to hit him up in college, you'll find him hopefully, "[attending] USC, UCLA, or like a prestigious school [majoring] in Biological Sciences to eventually become an oncologist." Take him out to a Kali Uchis concert and watch his wig fly to Asia, but don't take him to Olive Garden; he ain't about that alfredo life!

"[The date] doesn't have to be expensive because what's more important is not what they spend on you, it's spending time with them," Ornelas said.

Keep an eye out for him in the halls and at football games throwing it back for school spirit!

Teacher Feature: Mr. Crone is in the zone!



Mr. Crone tries out VR box from NBC app creator, Arlene Perez.

Photo by Katherine Herrera

By Kayla Perez
El Rodeo Staff Writer

He's serious, philosophical, independent, hungry, and sleepy. Who is it? Why, it's John Crone! The talented and technically skilled AP CSP and Digital Imaging teacher/Yearbook advisor has brought an inquisitive spirit to El Rancho High School for the past 27 years!

From running the Don Page to taking fabulous football game pictures, it is clear that nothing can stop Mr. Crone from capturing the nostalgia of El Rancho. However, there is more than what meets the eye for this blue-eyed beauty.

Being a teacher was never a part of the plan for this UCLA Graduate. "Growing up, I wanted to be an airline pilot. I planned to join the Air Force after high school to get free flight training, but I didn't get in," says Crone. Till this day, he has kept a very positive outlook his teaching experience, "I love it today and feel very fortunate to be doing it, but finding it? That was just luck."

Another thing that appears to be luck is Mr. Crone's strong STEM background. "I was always pretty good in science & math," reveals Crone. "My high school unveiled a rudimentary computer program-

ming class while I was there, and with my math/science reputation, they chose me as one of the students in the inaugural class."

However, growing up in Lakewood, California with his mom and two sisters was more than honors and programming classes for Mr. Crone.

"I played baseball in elementary years and had lots of skateboarding (and related injuries) in junior high, when I got to high school I worked at an auto parts store after school, and I ran JV Cross Country in the fall, JV Track in the spring" says Crone, "I also worked for the CIA but I'm not allowed to talk about that,

so forget I ever mentioned it!"

When it comes to teaching, Crone tries his very best to listen to his students and support their educational goals. "Get as much schooling as you can! Education gives you choices. Then you can make them of your own free will, not by necessity because the rent is coming due," encourages Crone.

When he is not busy helping students develop apps or taking pictures of El Rancho, Mr. Crone spends his free-time watching drama, comedy, and action movies. His deepest secrets reveal quirky surprises that no one would guess upon. "My formal degrees are in English lit," says Crone, "I could live happily just eating pepperoni pizza and carne asada tacos. That's not a secret!"

At the moment, his main goal is to be teaching at least three periods of AP CSP and one period of AP CSA in the next five years. A man of extreme imagination and fierce ambition, Mr. Crone is a force to be reckoned with!

Where Are They Now? Alumna, Arlene Perez

By KATHERINE HERRERA
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

This month's alumni, Arlene Perez, brings her computer science knowledge to El Rancho.

After double majoring at the University of California Santa Barbara, in Political Science and Philosophy, Arlene Perez took her UCSB degrees elsewhere. With a Facebook Scholarship, Arlene studied Computer Science and Coding in San Francisco.

In March 2017, the start of Arlene's career began. With NBC Universal on their NBC iPhone app and Apple TV, Arlene continued to thrive with her

CS degree and work with NBC.

In high school, prior experience in calculus AB/BC in high school, taught by Steve Francis, Arlene took her love of math to Washington D.C. and joined Teach for America.

Teach for America, a diverse group of leaders that thrive to teach and show unwavering commitment from every sector of society to create a nation free from injustice, helped Arlene share her love for math.

As a child born and raised in Pico Rivera, Perez's idea of presenting her work to El Rancho came from the multiple generations of her family and teach-

ers in the ERUSD community.

"Pico Rivera is my home. My entire family, all 60-80 of us, live here and I have so many cousins that attend ERUSD schools," says Perez.

The interest to pursue computer science evolved from her interest in technology. Social applications via Google, Twitter, Snapchat, Facebook, and much more piqued the interest and questions of the technological side.

Although technology consumes every one of our lives, the fascination of coding applications revolves around the studies of computer science. The knowledge of Coding and Computer Science

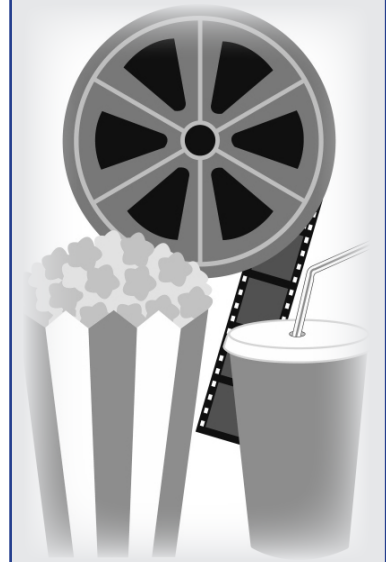
can expand the use of technology in everyday life. Perez says "Technology consumes your every day. Go out there and make meaningful change by learning tech."



NBC app creator, Arlene Perez, shares VR with CSP students.

Photo by Katherine Herrera

In Need of Local Hotspots?



From movie theaters to boba, here are some great places to visit!

BY LESLIE PLAZA
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Hanging out with friends, going on dates, or just enjoying some time alone? Here are some affordable local hotspots for any occasion!

Watching a movie in theaters is always a must, but who wants to spend fifteen dollars per ticket? Stop by the Starlight Whittier Village Cinemas in Uptown Whittier on Tuesdays for a deal of five dollars per ticket. Also, the Regency Theatre in Norwalk has three dollar tickets for past-released movies.

"I wish I could go to the theaters," says senior Mariela Michel. "It's a different experience than just watching online, but tickets are so expensive! The prices all sound pretty convenient."

In need of some good grub? Everyone knows McDonald's is a quick and easy option, but what about those times when a McDouble won't suffice?

Hot Wings located in the Towne Center has a large variety of wings, from buffalo to mild, and a variety of pizzas for both meat lovers and vegetarians. Luckily, Hot Wings provides a lot of coupons, so you won't break your wallet! If you're not in the mood for pizza and wings, try L&L Hawaiian BBQ for authentic loco moco and delicious pork. Also, L&L Hawaiian BBQ sells a full meal for about six dollars.

A final local hotspot is the new Uno Tea House located across from Smith Park. Uno Tea House offers many treats such as boba drinks, ice cream, crepes, coffee, tea, and much more! Starting at three dollars, their popular "Japanese Cone" can satisfy chocolate and fruit lovers. Stop by Uno Tea House to try delicious treats that are enjoyable at any time of the day.

WELCOME

Self care and Study Tips

By Karizma Reyes

El Rodeo Staff Writer

- ✿ drink water and stay hydrated
- ✿ drink hot tea or coffee
- ✿ eat fruit and stay healthy
- ✿ make a calming music playlist
- ✿ get enough sleep especially before a test
- ✿ meditate or stretch

✿ clean and organize your room

✿ burn incense or candles
✿ face mask and exfoliate

✿ wrap yourself in a blanket straight out of the dryer

✿ enjoy nature, watch a sunset, or look at the stars

✿ disconnect from technology for a short while

✿ treat yourself and eat your favorite snack

✿ take a relaxing bath

✿ keep a positive mindset and love yourself

October CCC Visitors

Here is a list of colleges visiting campus. Make sure to go to the College and Career Center and sign up to see them!

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

Date: Friday, September 29, 2017
Time: 2:08 PM-6th Period
Location: B-107

JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Time: 8:00 AM-2nd Period
Location: G-3

OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE

Date: Tuesday October 3, 2017
Time: 1:30 PM-5th Period
Location: B-107

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

Date: Friday, October 6, 2017
Time: 11:30 AM-4th Period
Location: A-209

MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2017
Time: 1:30 PM-6th Period
Location: B-107

NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR UNIVERSITY

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2017
Time: 9:40 AM-3rd Period
Location: A-104

PITZER COLLEGE

Date: Thursday, November 2, 2017
Time: 1:30 PM-6th Period
Location: B-107

College Reminders

By MARIELA MICHEL
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

A student's senior year often consists of trying to balance out extracurricular activities, college and financial aid applications, and grades. From college applications to financial aid opportunities, here are a few tips and reminders to get students through their senior year.

The UC application is open! Students must fill out personal information, submit their SAT/ACT scores, and select four out of eight personal insight questions (PIQs) to answer. The application deadline is November 30th. Waiting until the last minute is risky as the website is known to crash from too many submissions on the last day.

The link to apply: <https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm>

The Common Application is open for students applying to private colleges. Students must submit their ACT/SAT scores, personal information, and a personal statement on one prompt out of the seven provided with a maximum of 650 words. Depending on the college, an additional essay may be required, or they may require students to apply on a separate website.

The link to apply: <https://apply.commonapp.org/Login>

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens on October 1st and closes on June 30th, giving students plenty of time to submit their applications. Students must be legal citizens, have a valid social security number, and maintain satisfactory academic progress to be eligible. The California Dream Act application is available for undocumented students and must be submitted by March 2nd.

FAFSA: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

California Dream Act: <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>

Scholarship Opportunities:

Coca-Cola Scholar (\$20,000): <http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/>

University's Tutor Scholarship Essay Contest (\$1,000): <http://www.universitytutor.com/scholarship-contest>

Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship (varies): https://www.whshapplication.com/default.aspx?comp_id=50E8A2E1-F6F7-4F4A-92BF-B67CD9B57EA1

Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition (\$30,000): <https://www.vfw.org/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Voice-of-Democracy-Student-Entry-Form-and-Brochure.pdf?la=en>

Disaster Preparation Scholarship (\$2,000): <https://waterdamagespecialists.com/scholarship/>

It: Pennywise Returns

By GABRIELA NAVA
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Stephen King's book *It* sets the bar high for horror movies, opening at \$185 million dollars in the global box-office.

Bill Skarsgard plays Pennywise the "eater of worlds", a.k.a the dancing clown in this rendition of the film. Many people are not too familiar with this actor, but that will no longer be an issue after his role in *It*, due to the maniacal laughter and personality he gave his character.

The role was incredibly fitting, almost as though he was born to play this evil, child-eating clown.

The movie is centered in the fictional town of Derry, which is terrorized by Pennywise the clown. Things get personal when Pennywise kills Bill's younger and only brother Georgie. Throughout the movie, Bill and his friends are forced to face their fears to save their town and stop the evil clown.

Despite *It* being a horror movie, it successfully contains comedic aspects through the hu-

mor within the two main characters Eddie and Richie. These two keep the audience laughing even in the most terrifying scenes.

Face your fears and watch *It* with a friend or two. Take our advice, you do not want to see this alone.

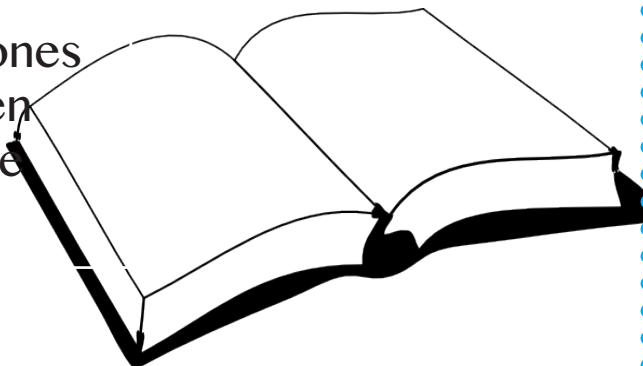


Library Corner

Match the character to the book:

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Tyrion Lannister | a. Harry Potter |
| 2. Snowball | b. A Game Of Thrones |
| 3. Meg Murry | c. Of Mice And Men |
| 4. Lennie Small | d. A Wrinkle In Time |
| 5. Hagrid | e. Animal Farm |

The first 3 students to bring the correct answers to the ERHS library will receive a prize!



BACK DONNS!

BTS drops highly anticipated album with new concept



By FATIMA LOPEZ
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

The seven-member South Korean pop boy group, BTS, released their latest mini-album ‘Love Yourself: Her.’ The album features a variety of refreshing sounds, and the accompanying concept is very different from what they have put out in the past.

The septet had been hinting at a comeback since the end of their most recent tour, *BTS Live Trilogy Episode III: The Wings Tour*. A set of comeback trailers, photos, and a short song written by BTS’ very own, Kim Nam-

joon, were released last month and earlier this month as well.

“Love Yourself: Her,” is short in length compared to their previous releases, but size was not an issue. With only nine songs, the album still managed to climb the charts, taking the #1 spot in 73 countries.

BTS is known for their very well thought out concepts, so it is no surprise that the concept for their newest release, the idea of loving yourself, becoming a better person, and focusing more on oneself, was a hit.

Love Yourself: Her has a sound for everyone. R&B, hip-

hop, EDM, and disco are some of the many sounds the group played with this time around. The album even had some notable collaborations, including one with The Chainsmokers on the track “Best of Me.”

There is no doubt that this might be BTS’ biggest release yet. As their popularity increases all over the world, so do their album sales. According to Loen Entertainment, the distributor of BTS’s new album, 1,051,546 copies were sold in pre-order from the 25th to 31st of August in South Korea alone.

BTS is a legendary group in the making. Each new comeback illustrates the amount of hard work and the level of skill these young men have. If a refreshing, new sound is what you seek, BTS is the right group for you.

The language barrier between this group and their audience should not be a problem. As group member and leader Kim Namjoon said, “Music transcends language.”

LANY goes Super Far into American music scene



By BRIDGET MARTINEZ
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

El Rancho students are loving LANY’s catchy songs “Super Far,” and “ILYSB.” The band’s unique music has caught the attention of several music lovers.

LANY (pronounced lay-nee) is an indie pop three-piece band from Los Angeles. This past summer, the band released their first debut album, *LANY*, which showcases their unique style of turning everyday ideas into something more.

Paul Klein, the lead singer, formed LANY with his friends Jake Goss, drummer, and Les Priest, guitar. LANY is an acronym for Los Angeles New York.

“We knew we wanted a four-letter word because of design and aesthetic purposes, but as you can imagine, all the four-letter words in the entire world are taken,” said Klein. “We moved to acronyms, and for a while, we

thought we would be TTYL, but then we decided we didn’t want to be 13 for the rest of our lives.”

“I eventually thought of the span across the country from L.A. to New York, and at first I was thinking it would be L-A-N-Y, but people kept getting confused on how to pronounce it when I told them, saying things like ‘L-A-and-Y?’ So then we’re like forget it—let’s call ourselves LANY, pronounced Lay-Nee.” said Klein.

Like several artists, LANY posted on SoundCloud so they could have their work published somewhere. Their rise to success was a shock to them after they received over thousands of streams on their online published songs.

LANY first came out with four EP’s titled *Acronyms*, *I Loved You*, *Make Out*, and *Kinda*. *Acronyms* had three tracks. *I Loved You* had five. *Make Out* and *Kinda* had six.

“We are a very summery band,” says Klein. “I didn’t want

to miss the opportunity to be the soundtrack to people’s summers.”

“We decided we would put out *Kinda* and give something to the people to live their lives to. I think singles aren’t enough anymore,” said Klein.

The song “ILYSB” (a.k.a “I Love You So Bad”) is LANY’s most well-known song, having more than seventy-four million plays on Spotify alone. “ILYSB - STRIPPED” has over twenty-four million plays as well.

LANY’s first album has sixteen songs which mainly deal with love, teenage emotion, and lyricism. Their first album also went platinum in the Philippines.

The trio’s song titles and sentiments reflect from text-message lingo and dating apps, replete with acronyms and all-caps. They signed to Polydor in 2015 and used their recording budget to rent “the first ever house built in Malibu,” to continue creating music.

LANY has toured with several well-known artists such as Halsey, Troye Sivan, and Ellie Goulding.

Whether it was the mystery that comes with the band’s name or their incredible mixture of dream-pop and electro beats, LANY is a star on the rise worth looking out for.

Cozy Tapes: Too Cozy



By ADILENE SERVIN & GABRIELA NAVA
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A\$AP Mob’s latest release, *Cozy Tapes Vol. 2*, is a sequel to their previous album, *Cozy Tapes Vol. 1*. The album features appearances by Quavo, Frank Ocean, Big Sean, Schoolboy Q, Lil Yachty, and more. The record is seventeen tracks long, but not every song meets listener expectations.

Tracks like “Black Card” and “BYF” sound like unfinished songs with very little effort shown. “Black Card” doesn’t sound very well thought out and is repetitive. It is a different style from all the other songs. “BYF” contains a beat that doesn’t complement it’s lyrics. The song itself would have sounded better if it had a different beat and feeling to it rather than it sounding soft and sweet. “Please Shut Up” has an amazing beat but is repeats the song title way too much and it’s just unnecessary.

It seems as if A\$AP mob piled up a bunch of mediocre songs rather than focusing on making a record with outstanding music. The album would have been better off with fewer but well made songs.

“Blowin’ Minds” and “Walk On Water” are the strongest tracks with solid verses over an enjoyable beat. *Vol. 2* provides instrumentation that directs each track. Most of the beats consist of melodic 808 drums that create a unique sound throughout the record.

The song “Blowin’ Minds” contains a flute-rap instrumental which makes the song stand out from the other less joyous tracks. As for the project’s opening number, “Perry Aye”, Jaden Smith incorporates a monotone voice throughout the hook as A\$AP Rocky, A\$AP Nast, and Playboi Carti rap throughout the entire song.

There are three skits in this album. “Skool Bus” is the first and it is the A\$AP Mob students heading to their first day of school as Donterio Hundon is making jokes on the bus to his fellow classmates. “Principal Daryl Choad” is the second skit and it is based on the first day of school announcements for ‘Yam-borghini High’ students. “Last Day Of Skool” is the last skit and concludes the whole album. It is a farewell to the Yam-borghini High students as they end the year off.

A\$AP Ant teased fans with an Instagram post captioned “COZY TAPES VOL 3 - NEVER STOP WORKIN,” so fans should expect new music in the upcoming year.

What’s New on Netflix

By Fatima Lopez
El Rodeo Staff Writer

September 2017:

- “Pulp Fiction” (1994)
- “Jaws” (1975)
- “Narcos” Season 3
- “Dead Poets Society” (1989)
- Disney’s “Hercules” (1997)
- Disney’s “Mulan” (1998)
- “Requiem for a Dream” (2000)
- “The Rugrats Movie” (1998)
- “Newsies: The Broadway Musical” (2017)
- “The Walking Dead” Season 7
- “Bojack Horseman” Season 4
- “Portlandia” Season 7
- Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast” (1991)
- “Carol” (2015)
- “Gotham” Season 3
- “The Magic School Bus Rides Again” (2017)
- “Neo Yokio” (2017)

October 2017:

- “Voltron” Season 4
- “Stranger Things” Season 2
- “1922 - A Stephen King Film” (2017)
- “The Day I Met El Chapo: The Kate del Castillo Story” (2017)
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CAMPUS

Key Club host first blood drive of year



By MARIELA MICHEL
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

The El Rancho Key Club held its first blood drive of the school year on Wednesday, September 6, and approximately 185 students filled the Raul P. Salcido Gymnasium (New Gym) waiting for their chance to donate.

Key Club has been hosting blood drives since 2012. Last year and the years before, Key Club worked with the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital (PIH) to make the blood drives and red cord possible all these years. However, the last two blood drives of the 2016-2017 school year were held by Key Club under their new partner, Cedar-Sinai Medical Center.

"It all started when Ms. Darlene Garcia, former employee of PIH now working with Cedar-Sinai, offered to have blood drives with Key Club," says Key Club advisor Mr. Sorenson.

El Rancho's Key Club and Cedar-Sinai partnered up this year to make the September blood drive a reality. The red cord, available to seniors who donate three times during their senior year, has been the goal of many seniors.

Cedar-Sinai's blood drive requirements differed from the previous requirements established by PIH. 16-year-olds must weigh at least 135 lbs and 17-year-olds above 110 lbs whereas before, all donors 16 years and older had to weigh at least 113 lbs to be able to donate. Because of this, many were denied.

"I would love to donate, but I wish Cedar-Sinai should lower the weight requirement to at least 120lbs," says freshman, Helen Mendez. "I feel that weighing 115 lbs might already be enough for some people."

To be able to donate, students must submit their forms, with a parent's signature if under the age of 18, bring their identification, and fill out another form verifying that the donor has not come into contact with anything that may have an adverse impact on future transfusions. Then, donors have their vitals checked, including iron levels and weight if the nurses believe someone is underweight. When cleared, donors can donate.

"I have been donating since I was a sophomore and it has been an honorable event to be a part of," says senior, Leslie Plaza. "Being able to save a life is something that will always be special to me."

"I think it's amazing how many students participate in the blood drives," says Mr. Sorenson. "I think they all do it for the right reasons."

Link Leaders host Welcome Back Luau!



Juniors, Emily Leal and Katie Tafoya having fun at the luau.

By BIANCA ARIAS
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El Rancho High School's Link Crew had its annual Welcome Back Dance on September 15th. This event took place in the quad after the football game between El Rancho and Montebello.

Link Crew hosts these events to give link leaders the opportunity to build close connections with their freshman. Leaders go out of their way to encourage freshmen to be as active at school as possible and go to the dances as well as football games.

This year's theme was a Luau. Most students came dressed in floral prints and received leis from link crew

as soon as they stepped in.

About over a hundred students showed up. The overall mood of the dance was both energetic and lively.

"It was amazing and fun. It was a good experience. I liked spending time with my friends while laughing and dancing", says junior Katie Tafoya.

Junior Emily Martinez said that "the dance was a lot of fun. We had a great turnout and the DJ was really good!"

Leslie Nunez added "It was a lot of fun. I had a good time hanging out with my friend.

This was the ideal night to celebrate El Rancho's win while getting the chance to hang out with friends.

Dons welcome new staff members



Mr. Walsh, physics.

By KASSANDRA SALDANA
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Mr. Walsh is the new Physics teacher at El Rancho. However, he was not always a teacher, "Originally, I was an engineer for different trucking companies," says Mr. Walsh. "When I became a teacher, I worked at Garden Grove for two years, another school for five years, last year I was at Riverside, and now I am here. The students are respectful, responsible and ready to learn," Walsh says, which is his favorite thing about El Rancho.

A fun fact about Mr. Walsh is that he sometimes rides his motorcycle to school. "One thing that not many people know is that I like fixing things," he said.



Ms. Berryhill, general science

Ms. Berryhill is the new general science teacher in P-3. She is also one of the JV Girls Water Polo coaches. Before coming to El Rancho, Berryhill worked at two high schools on the Central California Coast. Her transition to this school has been smooth: "The people here are welcoming, so it was easy. I can ask questions, and no one hesitates to help me, so it is nice."

Her favorite thing about El Rancho is the family vibe in the staff, "Everyone on the staff feels like a close family. The students, too, are very welcoming and help me as well." An interesting fact about Ms. Berryhill is that she is also a coach for a competitive rock climbing team.



Mrs. Manzanares, Resource Specialist

Mrs. Manzanares is a new RSP, Resource Specialist Program, teacher. She is not new to the district and has worked at a nearby middle school: "I was at Rivera Middle School, also an RSP teacher. It was an unexpected transition."

Mrs. Manzanares' favorite thing about El Rancho is that no one knows who she is, but the Dons are sure to be welcoming to the new staff. Mrs. Manzanares' hidden talent is that she used to be a fashion designer. "I can draw pretty well," she says.



Mr. Ocampo, English

Mr. Ocampo teaches direct English. Before coming to El Rancho, Ocampo worked at Santa Ana Unified. "Before being hired here at El Rancho, I worked at a middle school for three years, and I did technology support, and before that, I worked at an elementary school for five years as an instructional assistant," says Ocampo.

"It has been challenging," he says, "But I have been getting help from the principal, teachers, and the students as well."

"My favorite thing about at El Rancho is that there is always something happening." El Rancho's size doesn't scare Ocampo because he comes from a big family. "I have five brothers and three sisters, says Ocampo.

El Rancho Teen Court attends summit

By AMY LOPEZ
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With only a couple of months into the school year, Teen Court has already accomplished plenty, and plans to accomplish much more as the school year goes on.

The El Rancho Teen Court took 10 former and current students to the California Association of Youth Court's summer summit which took place at Pepperdine University in Malibu.

The summit consisted of different courses that included how to handle cases that deal with racism, cyberbullying, and different crimes. Each student went into a course to develop skills in areas in which they needed the most help.



The summit not only helped the students who were present, but also helped other members of Teen Court who couldn't attend. Everyone was informed on how to rightly judge a controversial case and how to properly restore student cases that the El Rancho Teen Court handles.

El Rancho won the video contest against other California teen courts this year for the second consecutive year. The teen court was also officially recognized by the city in August.

Teen court, the Social Justice club, M.E.C.Ha, and the Latino Club partnered up and planned the DACA rally on September 18th to take a stand with DACA students and defend their rights to continue their studies in the United States.

SPORTS

Friday night lights return as team prepares for league



Football players take a knee during the game.

BY DEVENIE ANCHONDO
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El Rancho's football team is preparing for next week's Del Rio league-opener against the Pioneer Titans. The Dons currently sit at two wins and three losses on the season.

The Dons began the season with a loss against Norwalk in their first game.

In their second game, the Dons earned a victory over Bell

Gardens High School by a score of 42 to 34. Even though it was an away game, that didn't stop the 54 Blue Crew Members who attended the game from signing up and riding the bus sponsored by ASB.

In their third game, the Dons lost against Pomona High School on September 8th. By the 4th quarter, both teams were tied 35 to 35 until Pomona scored during overtime, winning the game by a score of 41 to 35.

In their fourth game, the Dons

Photo by Devenie Anchondo

took on Montebello High School on September 15th and won the game by a score of 35 to 7.

"Despite Montebello having physical advantages, the way we played and executed our game plan still allowed us to win," said senior Jose Lara.

Senior David Dominguez said, "I felt ecstatic because we finally put together a complete game and saw what we are capable of when we do so. It was very exciting."

Senior Juan Paxcle added, "I

felt so proud that we won because the team we beat was a rival and we did not give them a chance of a comeback and winning the game."

In their fifth game, the Dons lost to Cypress High School on September 22nd by a score of 45 to 0.

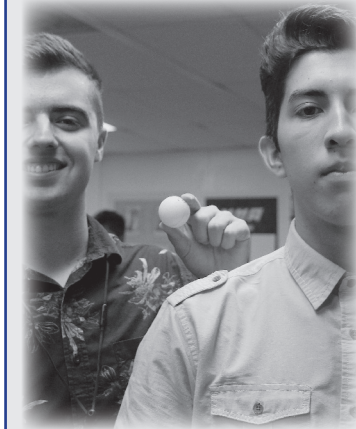
"We need to improve. I think it has been a good season so far, but we need a bit of work," Lara says.

"I feel like I have been playing well so far this season, but not up to my full potential. I'm still knocking off some rust, and hopefully, I'll be 100% ready to go by the time league comes around," says Dominguez.

"There's always room for improvement, and personally I can improve in many areas of the game, but to be more specific I would say quickness," said Dominguez. "Improving that can be done using a variety of footwork drills."

"I think that I have been playing really good and that I can make my team feel proud of me," said Paxcle. "If I need to improve on something I will stay after practice, run some routes, and ask my coach if he is willing to open the weight room so I can workout and get stronger."

Table Tennis is the new club on the block



Co-presidents, junior Steve Francis (left) and senior Sebastian Ruiz (right), celebrate their first successful meeting.

Photo by Gabriela Nava

BY ADILENE SERVIN
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Table Tennis club has become one of the largest clubs at El Rancho with over fifty members. Mr. Jason Jenkins, advisor of the Table Tennis Club, holds meetings in room X9.

"Sebastian, the club president, asked me to be the advisor. I had never met him before the moment he asked me," Jenkins said. "He just walked into my room one lunch and asked me to advise the club. I said 'yes' on the spot. It was that easy. The rest is table tennis history."

When asked why people should join Table Tennis Jenkins said, "People should join Table Tennis because it's fun, it's competitive, and it's air-conditioned."

The club president, Sebastian Ruiz is a senior who manages his busy schedule for the Table Tennis club. "Before creating the club, I was practicing table tennis months before. My friend in AP French joked around about how I should create a table tennis club and I thought 'Why not.' Ruiz said "It is not stressful dealing with the biggest club on campus because I enjoy it, but what's stressful is managing it with my other clubs."

Alexa Oseguera, a member of the club, said, "We will be competing soon against other schools such as Warren, and we are planning to make some T-Shirts and get more tables." The club seeks to raise money to fund such events.

Students go to the Table Tennis Club to seek a friendly one on one competition and to have a good time with their peers. Although some students may get more competitive than others, it is equally entertaining for all.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the club, visit Mr. Jenkins in I4. Meetings are held Mondays and Fridays in the Boy's and Girl's Club bungalow, and anyone is allowed to join.

Cross country team sprints into new season

BY KARIZMA REYES
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

El Rancho's cross country team started off this season with their mind set on winning CIF.

The team has raced at a few invitationals including the Woodbridge Invitational in Norco and the Great Cow Invitational in Cerritos. As a whole team, they are already producing good results.

This year's cross country captains, senior Eric Estrada and junior Destiny Rivera, have high goals set for the season.

"The team will go straight

to state or make it to finals," said Estrada. This won't be easy for the team, and they are working twice as hard to prepare. Estrada says, "Coach Miguel has been working us harder... we're doing pretty good right now."

With league races approaching soon, Rivera says their current plan of action is, "trying to improve together as a team... being able to move forward together." The team's preparation for league starts with the new practice plan from the coaches. Rivera briefly goes over practices explaining that there is, "definitely more extensive training."



Cross Country team at Big Bear for annual training trip.

Photo by Coach Miguel Paniagua

Head coach Miguel Paniagua thinks this year's team has the potential to win CIF. Going on 4 years now as head coach, Paniagua is constantly making changes to workouts to improve the

team's endurance and speed for races. Paniagua says, "They still have room for improvement, but at the moment I like what I see."

Girls tennis team strives for first Del Rio league title



Senior Viviana Cabrera (left), Coach Galindo (middle), and Adrianna Torres (right)

Photo by Kassandra Saldana

BY KASSANDRA SALDANA
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The girl's tennis team is working hard to finally achieve the title of Del Rio League Champs for the first time in El Rancho history. The girl's tennis team has only lost one preseason game against Montebello and another against La Serna, during the season.

"We have been doing well this year. We have only lost two games," says Coach Galindo, who has been coaching the girls for four years.

El Rancho has never had a banner for the girl's tennis team.

"This year I expect to get a league championship and get that banner for El Rancho," Galindo said. "We have never had one before. That is what we are hoping for."

They plan to continue with the same strategies. "It is pretty much the same," says Galindo. "We are working just as hard. The girls have put work into it, and they are slowly progressing."

Since he has been the coach for the varsity girls since their freshman year, it has worked to his advantage. "I am keeping the same sequence, and they keep getting better and consistent."

Coach Galindo is not the only one leading the team, but

also the captains. This year's varsity captains are seniors Adriana Torres and Viviana Cabrera.

Both leaders have created a welcoming and competitive environment. "We are motivating them by saying things like 'Oh we can do it,' because our goal is to be League Champs this year and finally get a banner," says Cabrera.

"Honestly, it is just never to give up and to work together as a team, and not to get mad at each other because at the end of the day it is not going to help anybody," says Torres. Their objective is to use the past techniques from last years captain, Jocelyn Rivera.

Since the tennis courts are behind El Rancho, there are not many people that go and support the girls. Coach Galindo says that they do not get the rightful recognition.

"Honestly, here we don't. We get very little. Some parents come and go, but there could be more," Galindo says. We do get some students and a little bit of staff after school. Kids will pop up and walk out through the

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