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Test Scores Skyrocket 89 Points

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Hollywood High School met the school's target for the Academic Performance Index (API) Report. The API score is the overall student scores of the California Standards Test (CST), which was taken in May.

The API score increased by 89 points for the 2008-09 school year. Hollywood went from scoring 613 points in 2007-08 to 702 points in 2008-09. What do these 89 points mean? These 89 points are actually a remarkable improvement because it usually takes a school three

years to improve by this much.

The average score that the school receives on the CST, determines the ranking of the school. This report helps conclude which schools need to improve and which schools are doing well academically.

After comparing Hollywood's API score with other high school scores, Hollywood ranked second most improved comprehensive high school in all of California. HHS also ranked the most improved comprehensive high school in LAUSD.

Several factors aided this improvement, such as the transition to small learning commu-

School	2009 Score
Fairfax	733
Hollywood	702
Marshall	665
Bernstein	541

nities and traditional calendar, said Principal Jaime Morales.

HHS went through a lot of changes last year, like having a new principal and changing from a year-round calendar to a traditional calendar. Ray Miller, Student Data Coordinator be-

lieves it was the "demographic changes," like the addition of advisories that helped HHS improve their API score. According to Miller, schools with traditional calendar do better by ten points.

HHS is in Program Improve-

ment, meaning this school did not meet the required API score of 800 points, the highest being 1000 points. In order to get out of Program Improvement, the school must meet the API target for two consecutive years. Since HHS met the target last school year, HHS must meet that target once more this school year to get out of Program Improvement.

Morales says he wants to thank "all teachers and students for getting us where we are in academic growth" and he said that "this year we want to reach 800."

Hollywood's Spirit Week Reaches its Peak

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Throughout this entire week, school spirit has reached its zenith. Coming along with the final days of Spirit Week is the Homecoming game, parade, and dance. The pep rally is the event in which the Homecoming weekend will start.

All classes will follow the schedule of a shortened day, but all students will be released from school as if it were a normal day. After sixth period, all students will be lead to the auditorium; that is where the pep rally will be held.

From 2:10 PM to 3:13 PM, students and staff will be audience members for a unique show put together by cheerleaders, drill

team, drum line, etc.

Once the Pep rally is finished, then preparations for the Homecoming Game will begun. Don't miss the astonishing showdown between the Hollywood Sheiks and Roybal Titans, junior varsity starting 4 PM, varsity starting at 7 PM.

The Homecoming Parade will also take place around 6 PM. Many clubs will participate in the parade, as well as leadership students.

After that momentous day, the final event of Homecoming will be the dance. The dance will be located at school, in the big gymnasium commencing at 7:00 ending at 11:00 PM. Living up to the fame and popularity of the city of Hollywood, the theme of the dance is noted as

a "Red Carpet Affair." Equivalent to one of those parties that actors and actresses would attend, except this a dance for high school students.

Students don't need to show up to the Homecoming Dance dressed in an expensive tuxedo, or a ridiculous dress. "Everyone is there to look nice and have fun," says George Thomas Hayes, Leadership Advisor. A hint of formality should be represented in the way students dress, to impress, but the dance is a night for all guests to have a great time.

The decorations, music, and most of all the attendants will create the atmosphere around the whole gym; students should grasp the style of a celebrity. After all, this is the city of the stars.



VS



SHEIKS VS. TITANS is this Friday October 9th, 2009 starting at 4:00PM. Buy your tickets before the game and save!

"A fund raiser was organized by us to provide for a professional DJ," says Leroy Smith, Leadership Chairman for Events.

If the idea of having another pep rally is irritable, because of the previous ones that were arguably unnecessary, then there will be no reason for any anger. It is true, every previous Pep Rally was located on the field, in which the intense sun would distress many students, causing

cantankerousness and mental states of unawareness. The rays of the sun are quite powerful, and consistently underestimated until one realizes the power of the heat; the pain seems to override the student's mind more than the entertainment that is attempted to be offered by the pep rally performers. In a useless struggle to communicate to these lifeless and un-

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State Budget Cuts Affect Teachers, Custodians and Students

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In the fall quarterly newsletter sent to parents, LAUSD revealed that in the next two years, there would be a \$1.3 billion deficit, added to the \$700.9 million from the 2008-2009 school year. Some 2,519 teachers, along with 3,228 support staff and classified personnel were let go. But what does this mean to Hollywood High School?

In the past year, quite a few teachers were let go or demoted along with almost fifty percent of our custodians. Hollywood High is left with three custodians and a plant manager, whose

job does not include cleaning the school. One custodian has to be dedicated to cleaning the school's pool, leaving only two people in charge of the entirety of the school, which includes roughly 95 classrooms, the gymnasium, the locker rooms, the quad, the cafeteria, etc.

Two people provided by LAUSD are in charge of cleaning the restrooms, but also try to help with duties that are not truly theirs, such as cleaning the campus. The night staff has a personnel of only five people, and some of them are on vacation or work during a different part of the year.

Tadeo Climaco, Administra-

tor and Intervention Specialist, asks for a favor, "We would like to ask all of our students to help us keep our campus clean, and they could do that by making sure they put their trash in the trash can."

In the year 2002, there were three budgets dedicated towards paying for clerical support, custodial staff, and campus aid. The budgets amounted to more than \$200,000 for the fiscal year, which begins July 1st and ends June 30th of the next year. In the year 2009, there is only one budget, which has been reduced to less than 10% of the original: \$16,000. That is a difference of over \$184,000.

Climaco say, "I feel that these trying times call for us to pull together as a family, and that it is that unity as the Hollywood High School family that will pull us through."

Some students are in need of extra services such as Saturday school or tutoring or CAHSEE prep. In the 2009 school year, Saturday classes are no longer being offered. Tutoring programs are only made available because of the LACER program. Senior boot camp, which is five days, four hours each day, of preparation for the CAHSEE, might be canceled. Tenth grade pullout where sophomores practice for their CAHSEEs,

might also not happen this year. Climaco hopes that these programs will not be canceled.

Even though Hollywood is working with fewer resources, it is still trying to float above the water. A great deal of this success goes to the hard working staff and teachers that try to make the school function smoothly.

Joseph Nacorda, Assistant Principal expresses the same sentiments. "In times of economic recession, all of us have to do our share of doing more for less." It is all a matter of pushing through till the end.

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ID badges: really necessary?

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It all starts with one photograph, with just one flash to the eyes. Then somehow out of the blue, we end up with a small version of our face, on a card, strapped around our necks. The Hollywood High School student body has been "Strongly Advised" to wear our ID photos in school. It's understandable that this is a way to protect the school, from dangerous outsiders, but why does protection have to come with a cost?

According to Marco Tolj, Assistant Principal, the idea of wearing the IDs originally came from many of the administrators and faculty. The ID photos have brought a lot of controversy and many of the students have refused to wear the IDs and the lanyards because they don't want to walk around the school with tags around their necks. We shouldn't be forced to wear the IDs because they

give a sense of division to the school.

The lanyards have different colors; they represent the five different SLC's in our school. For example, SAS has purple, Health and Nutrition has navy blue, Media and Technology has black, Magnet has burgundy, and Social Justice has turquoise lanyards. The color sets a tone of groups and separation. Schools shouldn't be segregated in that way. Yes, it's true that we have small learning communities but we are all one school and labels shouldn't set us apart.

Along with the IDs the faculty will be issuing good and bad tickets. So basically the students will be treated like pets. When good deeds are done, they will receive an incentive. When bad deeds are done they will receive a scold. Sounds just like when I punish my puppy.

Tolj, whom is in charge of the ID and

lanyards distribution, said that the IDs must be visible and will have to be worn around the neck. This shouldn't be considered fair. Students shouldn't be punished if they don't have their identification cards. If they have it, even if it's not visible, they should still get rewarded because they still carry the responsibility with them.

In the future, many students will have to wear some sort of identification; especially in big companies. Basically the students have to get used to wearing the lanyards because they will be wearing them for almost the rest of their lives. That does not mean we should start wearing them now. Yet, unfortunately, this idea isn't planning on leaving.

Letters

Mr. Steinberg's Government class states their opinion about the war in Afghanistan.

By sending more troops we are just adding to the number of deaths and wounds to a never-ending battle. Instead of sending more troops we should focus on returning the troops that are still in war. We should assure families that the soldiers they bid farewell, will return soon.

Veronica Neri Alvarez

We need to support Barak Obama's decision of sending more troops to Iraq or Afghanistan. In order to obtain safety against a terrorist group, we need to capture their leader. This is one of the reasons why we should agree with Obama because if we give up, then the war was for nothing. The soldiers and casualties that lost their lives to it was for nothing.

Sebastian Vandenberg

How was your first day of school?

"It was alright but then I noticed that I got the same teacher for three periods and I got scared."

-Mister Merriweather
Freshman

"I met a few older girls that I liked."

-Alberto Garcia
Freshman

"I made five new friends at the end of the week. I accidentally knocked a girl in to a locker."

-Rebekka Grammenos
Freshman



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NEWS

Can I see some identification please?

New school policy requires students to wear their ID at all times.

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A new school policy now requires students to wear their identification badges at all times. IDs will serve as a way to keep track of who is tardy to class, by scanning students at the front door and giving them a ticket.

While most students think that having to wear a school

ID is a new concept, it is an interesting fact that this idea has been on the table for more than a year. The idea itself did not come from a single person; instead it was a collaborative effort between lead teachers, counselors, and administrators.

When on campus students must wear their IDs and they must be visible at all times, according to Marco Tolj, assistant principal in charge of ID. Every student has been given a colored lanyard, which represents their Small Learning Community. However, these lanyards are only temporary and will be replaced by new lanyards with the SLC's color and name, Tolj said. This is only a way to try to make the school seem congenial and to have students be proud of their SLC, he said.

Tolj said student IDs will improve school safety. If everybody on campus wears an ID it is simple to identify possible trespassers.

"This is Hollywood, sometimes we get people from the outside," said Principal Jaime Morales. "They may look 16, but they are older."

IDs will not only serve to identify trespassers, but also to help decrease the amount of tardies to school, Tolj said. From now on, students who are tardy will be scanned at the front door before being allowed to enter to class; the student will then be given a tardy ticket.

The first time this happens the student will only receive

a warning. Detention, letters home, and Saturday School are further consequences.

Mr. Tolj said, "There needs to be consequences and positive consequences."

What are positive consequences? Good tickets will be awarded to students who follow schoolwide rules. For example, picking up their trash after they are done eating. But possible prizes included raffles at the Student Store or going to prom for free!

"People need to be rewarded for good things," said Mr. Tolj. HHS is hoping that by giving away prizes, to students who behave well, they will be motivated to achieve the honorable.

How exactly will tickets be issued? First, scanning will be delayed until every student has been given the chance to acquire a school ID. Then there will be three scanners on campus. When a student is late or when he/she does something good, somebody will scan their ID giving a ticket automatically. Tickets will be stored by a system that will be kept running by five computers.

IDs are free, but the price of scanners and software will be somewhere around \$30,000, said Tolj. This, however, will save money by eliminating the cost of having to pay school personnel extra hours to have somebody record tardies manually, said Tolj.



PHOTO CREDIT: JAFET BUCARAM

YOU'VE BEEN SCANNED: These new ID badges must be worn at all times. Tardy students will have their badges scanned by the computer.

October spells college applications

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The season of application madness has returned. Around campus, you will start to find Seniors are starting to run around frantically trying to get a recommendations from their teachers, making sure all their test requirements have been completed, harassing Ms. Judy Campbell, college counselor/coordinator, to fill out every critical form, and rushing to the Post Office to get everything mailed on time. For all the overwhelmed Seniors out there, no need to worry! The newspaper staff has decided to throw a bone out to all the desperate applicants; and have compiled a most helpful list of college application tips. They are as follows:

1. If you have not already done so, make sure to take the SAT or ACT tests in October, November, or December.
2. If applying to Universities of California or other selective colleges, taking two SAT subjects of your choice is required.
3. If you have only been in the United States for

less than three years, you may need to take the TOEFL test - check the requirements for the colleges you are applying to.

4. APPLY ONLINE!!! Most colleges accept, and even prefer this to a mailed application.
5. When applying to private colleges, look for a page entitled to SCHOOL REPORT or SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT and give it to Ms. Campbell right away!
6. Pay attention to application deadlines!!! Give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendation letters so you can get everything mailed on time.
7. The time to apply to California State Universities is in October and November. UCs are in November also. Most private colleges have December, January, or February deadlines.
8. If applying to Community Colleges, SATs or ACTs and letters of recommendation are not required.

Boys/Girls State representatives create their own mock government

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Imagine being able to create your own state government with laws that you find appropriate for it. That's what Diego Altamirano, Adam Brenner, Marco Franco-Licon, Michael Francisco and Elise Jackson, five students who attend Hollywood High School, were able to do in the Boys/Girls State program sponsored by the American Legion.

Each year the American Legion selects the top eight boys and a girl from schools in each city through an interview held at their offices. Based on their interviews, four boys are selected to participate. Soon after that, in June, the students go to a college and begin their adventure.

The boys headed out to Sacramento State, while the girls went to Claremont McKenna College.

The first day seemed to be different for each student. While it was exciting for Brenner, Altamirano said he was nervous of being roommates with someone he had never met before. After the first day though, everyone

was feeling more comfortable. All the boys got along and were able to go to the state's capital. They also met the state senator and assemblymen of California.

Brenner said he expected a more planned schedule, but was surprised at the freedom they gave the boys. He participated in the Party Platform Committee and in the Newspaper. Altamirano, on the other hand, was able to interview veterans from past wars.

The boys learned how the government worked from city to state level and how crucial it is to a state. "We found out how the government works first hand. It's stuff you can't learn from a book," said Brenner. Since the boys were separated from the people they knew and placed in new groups, they learned good communication skills and leadership skills.

As for Jackson, said she was a bit disappointed. Having been the president of a few clubs at our school and hearing the experience of her brother who attended Boys State last year, Jackson was informed on how the government and program ran. So when she got there, she expected intense politics and

girls interested in government.

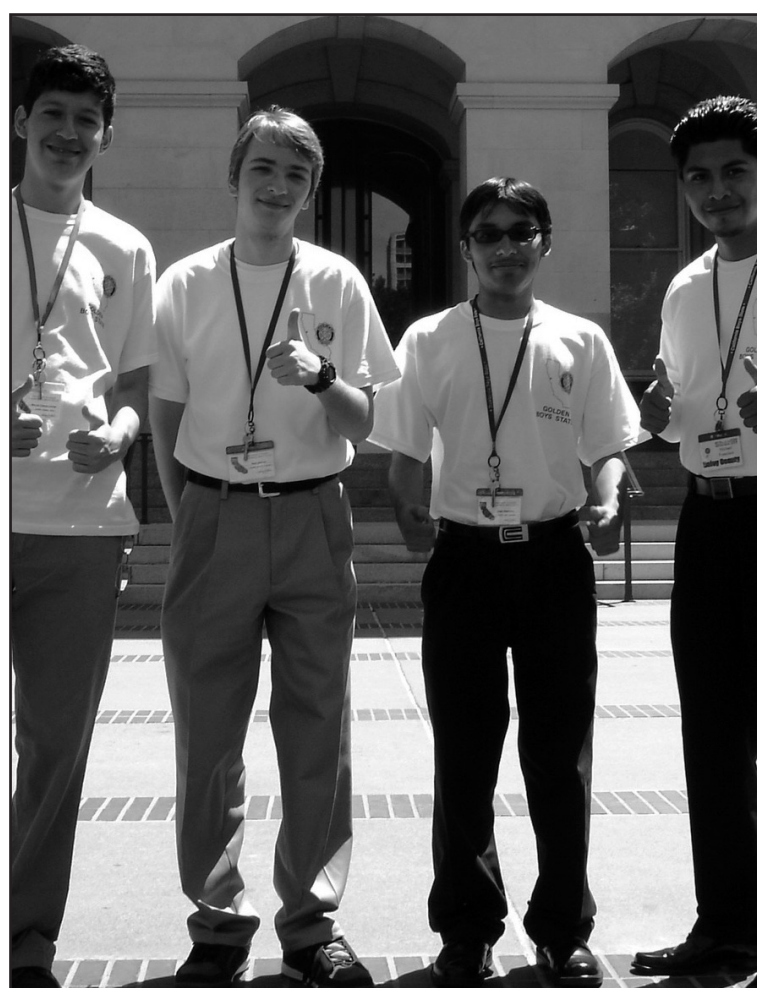
However, when she arrived, she found that some of the participants there were clueless about politics and only attended to make their resume more appealing.

On the other hand, Jackson said she was impressed with the arrangement of things. "We named our city the Portola Pirates and decorated the entire dorm with pirate stuff. Everyone was really into it," said Jackson.

At Girls State Jackson was not able to socialize with people from other states because they kept the girls together by city. The reason why Girls State wasn't as great as Boys State was because of the funding. Girls State didn't have a lot of money so they couldn't do many things.

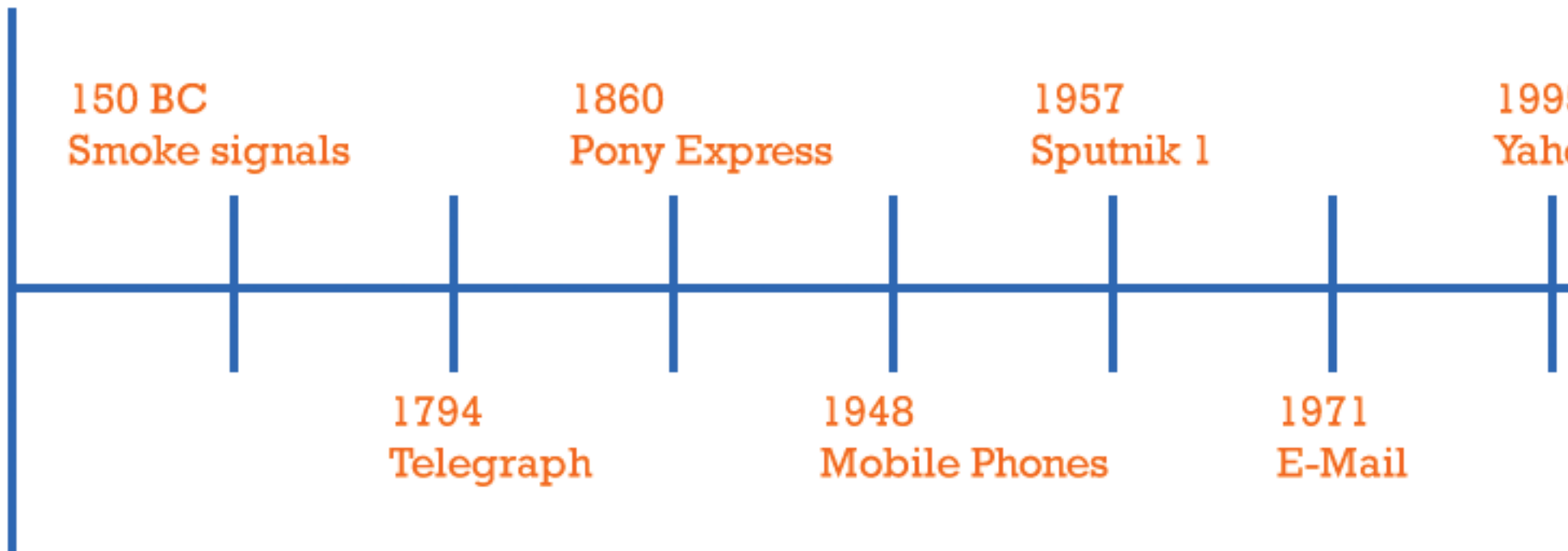
Something that Jackson said she really enjoyed though was the 20th speech by the Secretary of State of California.

After the program was over, the students came back with new stories and new experiences to talk about. If any juniors are interested in applying for next summer, talk to counselor, Mr. Grijalva for more information.



BOYS STATE REPRESENTATIVES: (from left) Marcos Franco, Adam Brenner, Diego Altamirano, and Michael Francisco standing in front of the State Capitol this summer. They spent two weeks at Cal State Sacramento. Girls representative Elise Jackson went to Claremont McKenna College.

FEATURES



Developing the generation gap:

ELIZABETH MARQUEZ AND LISSETTE MORALES EDITORS

Social networking has become the new and quick way to communicate and spread news. Depending on one's perspective, social networking can be considered a great innovation or a nuisance. It can be as simple as keeping in touch with old friends, or as fascinating as receiving personalized voice mails from favorite celebrities. According to WhatIsSocialNetworking.com, online communication can have many benefits such as making new friends and gaining knowledge about other cultures.

Yet, social networking opens up a door to sexual predators who seek to take advantage of the easy access of personal information, and the leaking of off the record comments.

Social networking sites such as Myspace, Facebook, and Twitter are used to keep in touch with friends; both old and new.

PAM senior Flor Fuentes says, "I call it a better version of e-mail." WhatIsSocialNetworking.com states online communication is frequent among people from different nations. This encourages diversity and the acceptance of unfamiliar lifestyles.

While some people prefer e-mails rather than phone calls, others feel that the benefits of face-to-face conversations outshine the easiness of instant messaging. Laurie Tobenkin, an SAS English teacher, feels that one-on-one conversations are much more personal than e-mails. "E-mails can be misinterpreted, while in a conversation the expressions are much more evident," says Tobenkin.

On the other hand, some feel that instant messaging is a quicker way to get one's point across. Sometimes picking up a phone, dialing, and starting a conversation is much more of

a hassle, especially if time is of the essence. SAS senior Rudy Galdamez believes instant messaging is better "because you can play it off like writing a letter, you don't get totally talked back to." MET senior Jessica Galvez looks at it more as a way to "update on a homework assignment or an important event taking place." Some also believe that instant messaging makes a conversation less awkward and gives a boost of confidence.

Twitter has become one of the most used websites for online communication. According to ArticleBase.com, the best estimate for users on Twitter is 2.5 million. Twitter provides a way for people all around the country to expose every thought or action one makes.

Websites like Myspace, Facebook, and Twitter give predators the opportunity to track a victim thanks to the personal

information revealed on these websites. Whatissocialnetworking.com advises the public to not trust everyone online. "Just like you're advised when meeting strangers at clubs and bars, school, or work," says WhatIsSocialNetworking.com, "you are also advised to proceed with caution online."

Some people wonder if social networking is getting out of hand. Technology has advanced so much that crazed fans can even receive voice mails from their most preferred idols.

Tobenkin believes that social networking is generational. Just like social networking can be appealing to the younger crowd, it can be a bit complicated to the older generation.

It also depends on one's understanding of technology because if the one's ability to work with technology is minimal, the situation can become over-

whelming. As social networking becomes more evident as the years go by, the older generation is attempting to accommodate to these changes.

Stephen Lange, SAS math teacher, believes that the dependence on social networking has not gotten out of hand.

He says, "New forms of technology and communication are part of the progress of society." Lange thanks social networking for keeping in touch with friends from high school that would have never heard of him otherwise.

Through his experience, Lange says, "the Internet has the power to make students better." Lange helps his students by providing access to sites such as ThatQuiz.org, ExploreLearning.com, and Aleks.com. He also claims that irresponsible use of online programs leads to laziness and plagiarism.



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TOTALLY RAD FASHIONS: The 80's trends of mini dresses, layered necklaces and bracelets, leggings, and high waisted belts are back at Hollywood High.

Here come the 80's

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The '80's fashion has made a comeback here at Hollywood High School. The 1980's were a time to express one's individuality and creativity through their clothing. Artists like Cyndi Lauper, Michael Jackson, and Madonna inspired many people to dress with their own styles. Being unique and going over the top was essential to this period of time.

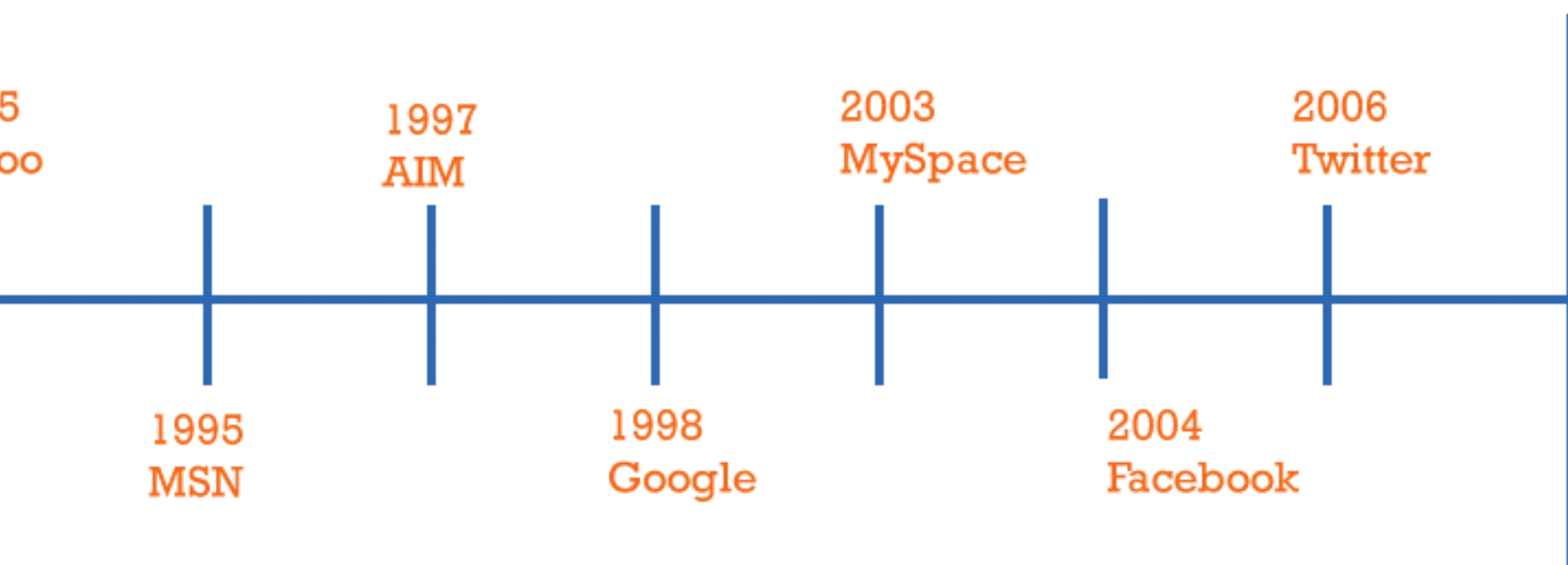
Models are walking their way down the runway with the latest in fashion. According to the New York Times, designers such as Marc Jacobs, Gucci, and Louis Vuitton are bringing back the eighties. Clothing related to the 80's fashion can be seen on mannequins in stores such as Forever 21

and are rapidly being bought.

The articles of 80's clothing used on campus are the oversized shirts, leggings, wide belts and "Chucks". Among these are also the neon clothing and the use of the shutter shades. The many layered bracelets and necklaces are crucial accessories to an outfit. Today, girls utilize their large handbags instead of a backpack. They bring their school supplies while looking great! Either ripped or whole do not forget about the skinny jeans! Skinny jeans can be worn with almost any shirt or blouse.

So now Sheiks, next time think about it twice when you're going to tell your mom or dad that they aren't cool because the eighties are back!

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Has social networking gone too far?

Ashton Kutcher was quoted in *Time* magazine, "Years from now, when historians reflect upon the time we were currently living in, the names Biz Stone and Evan Williams will be referenced side by side with the likes of Samuel Morse, Alexander Graham Bell, Guillermo Marconi, Philo Farnsworth, Bill Gates and Steve Jobs because the creation of Twitter by Stone, 35, Williams, 37, and Jack Dorsey, 32, is as significant and paradigm-shifting as the invention of Morse code, the telephone, radio, television or the personal computer."

Lange, a few months ago, believed that Kutcher's comments were stupid. "Now, I think he may be right."



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- Best for music
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- Less Private
- Useful Messaging
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Twitter 101

- Limit of 140 characters
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- Use TinyURL to save space
- ReTweeting increases more followers
- Twitter is secure
- Watch out for spammers



FAHIYA RASHID ACCEPTS HER AWARD while having the support of her family and SAS English teacher James B. Carmicle.

Screenplay wins first place

ANTONIO LOPEZ
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On August 23rd, Fahiya Rashid, a 2009 Hollywood High School graduate, made history when she won first place in the Screenplay Competition For Students with her "At The Foot Of Faith" screenplay. She and two other students became finalists. The event was run by Sam Berstein, co-chairman of The Writer's Guild of America (WGA), and Tracy Gold, a highly acknowledged writer. Fahiya was accompanied by her family and James B. Carmicle, an SAS English teacher, who described this experience as, "wonderful." He added, "I was extremely proud of the effort and creativity that she displayed in winning first place."

Rashid's screenplay can be seen online by going to screenstudents.com and clicking on the, "students" tab. There, one can view a list of all the previous winners of the award.

If any Hollywood High School students are interested in making a screenplay of their own, they can by taking both the "Film - The Integrated Art" and "Screenplay" courses. The two are correspondent with each other, since the "Film" class is taken the first semester and the "Screenplay" class the second semester. The class is labeled as an SAS elective. Apart from being taught how to write a screenplay, the classes also grant students credits in the A-G UC requirements category.

If a Sheik can accomplish such a great feat, what's stopping any student other in Hollywood High from giving it a shot? There is also a \$1,000 prize. Plus, it's always a good idea to get advice from an expert such as Carmicle who mentored Rashid since she never actually took the class.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Five Worst Video Games

ANTONIO LOPEZ
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Everybody has played video games. Some were excellent, some were bad but only a select few were just downright horrible! This is why we've decided to create the, "Five Worst Games Of All Time" list. So one may be wondering: "Which games are so bad that they deserve being called one of the worst?" These games were so terrible that most us would refuse to play them again, even if we were paid to do it. Before we begin, let us keep in mind that this is only the personal opinion of the writer. Any opinion written here is not to be taken personally.

5. Any fantastic four game - Coming in at number five, there are the "Fantastic Four" series. Gamers tend to judge a game by its cover and usually, the initial opinion tends to be true. "Any game that is based on a movie probably isn't good" is one of the many basic opinions used and it holds true most of the time. It even applies to good movies! But what happens when one makes a game out of a bad movie? This game was too short, had terrifying game play, and the graphics look like something that

would come out from the SNES. All in all, this game was a dud. Superman 64 was considered for the fifth spot, but it was then realized that the Superman movies didn't suck. What makes this travesty even more tragic is the fact that this game is multi-platform AND has a sequel.

4. Left Behind: Eternal Forces - Essentially, the gamer plays a person who has joined the Christian religion. Your mission? Defeat the anti-Christ! Who is the anti-Christ? The "Global Community Peacekeepers". Whoa, wait just a second there! A global community that keeps peace... doesn't that sound a lot like the United Nations? Well guess what? It is. When this game came out, it was all over the news for it's controversial religious theme. It came out in 2006 and the game is thankfully only for the PC. The concept of the game is horrible, and the graphics were worse. After this game was released, we're pretty sure game developers learned a valuable lesson: Never

make a religion-themed game - or about any controversial subject for that matter. Seriously, what's next? Games where you fight off conservationists?

3. Where's Waldo? - It's like the book-styled game except it has a time limit. This "game" (if you can even call it that)

was released in 1991 for the NES. How did it work? Basically, you searched for Waldo and once you thought you found him, you would use your in-game magnifying glass to zoom in on him. There's practice, easy, medium and hard levels. Overall, nothing about this game was good. Anyone who has played it can

agree that playing, "Where's Waldo?" with the book version is far better. The game was terrible enough that in an issue of the magazine, "Game Informer," this game managed to do what seemed impossible: It received a rating of 1/10. In addition, several other magazines have given the game a 0/5 and even a 0/100. Can a game get any worse? As hard as it is to believe, you bet. THQ, what were you thinking?

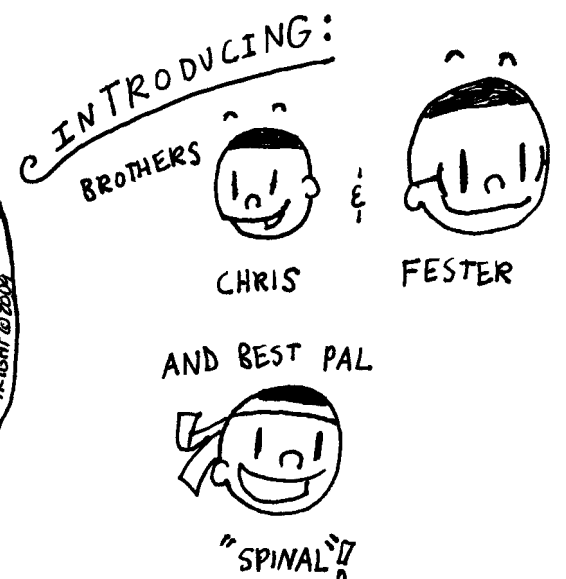
2. Chicken Shoot - One may recognize this game because it used to be a very popular flash game on the Internet, but when it was released on the Wii all of its credibility was destroyed. The game was so repugnant to the average gamer that they rated it a negative two out of ten. This was the first time in history to have received such a low score.

1. ET - The Extra Terrestrial - And now, the mother of all that is disaster. E.T - The Extra Terrestrial was a game released in 1982 - a very dark year indeed. This game was very hyped up when it was about to come out, but when it did - the disappointment was magnificent. The graphics are terrible, there is no plot to the game and Atari knows it. The game is for the Atari 2600 and Atari was so embarrassed to have made it that they got all of the unsold copies and buried them underground in some land they purchased in Arizona. After that, all of them were set on fire. This is a sad, but true story.

That concludes the five worst games of all time. Stay tuned for, "The Top Five MMORPG Games Of All Time"!

"Chris & Fester"

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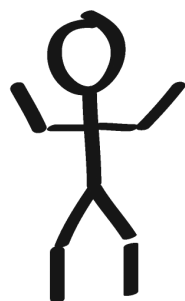
This Month in History

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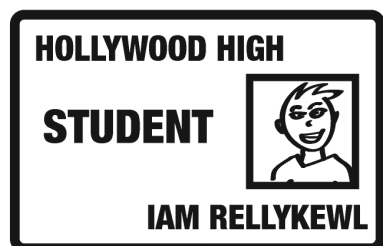
October 1, 1949: People's Republic of China founded with Mao Zedong as Chairman.	October 2, 1967: Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993) sworn in as first African American Justice on Supreme Court.	October 3, 1990: East and West Germany unite as a whole.	October 4, 1957: Soviets launch Sputnik, the first satellite in orbit.	October 5, 1932: The first nonstop flight across Pacific Ocean completed by Hugh Herndon and Clyde Pangborn.	October 6, 1765: Nine representatives from the colonies meet in New York to rally against Stamp Act.	October 7, 1765: The first colonial congress meets in Philadelphia.
October 8, 1663: Massachusetts Bay Colony forms its first government.	October 9, 1000: Leif Ericson discovers Finland.	October 10, 1845: The United States Naval Academy opens in Annapolis, Maryland.	October 11, 1811: The first steam-powered ferry boat, "Juliana," begins operation in New York City.	October 12, 1492: Land sighted from Columbus's ship, the <i>Pinta</i> .	October 13, 1792: Cornerstone of the White House laid by George Washington.	October 14, 1964: Martin Luther King Jr. becomes youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.
October 15, 1945: Nazi War Criminal, Hermann Goering, one of the principal leaders in the Holocaust, poisoned himself hours before he was to have been executed.	October 16, 1793: Marie Antoinette beheaded by French citizens.	October 17, 1978: A bill creating the Department of Education was signed by President James "Jimmy" Carter.	October 18, 1932: Thomas Edison dies at 84. At 9:59 p.m. EST, all nonessential lights in the US were extinguished for one minute in his memory.	October 19, 1990: Soviet Union switches to market economy.	October 20, 1972: Ray Bradbury comes to HHS to give a speech to the student body about writing!	October 21, 1897: Thomas Edison successfully tests a light bulb.
October 22, 1911: Italians use airplanes to spy on Turkish. First time airplanes used in war.	October 23, 1915: 25,000 women march New York City for voting rights.	October 24, 1949: United nations founded.	October 25, 1764: John Adams marries Abigail Adams	October 26, 1956: The International Atomic Energy Agency established.	October 27, 1787: The Federalist papers first appear in a NY newspaper.	October 28, 1636: Harvard College founded.
October 29, 1929: The New York stock market crash occurs.	October 30, 1938: "War of the Worlds" radio broadcast causes wide-spread panic when listeners take the report of the invasion literally.	October 31, 2064: Children will most likely still be dressing up and going out to Trick-or-Treat.				

HOLLYWOOD HIGH STUDENTS & STAFF

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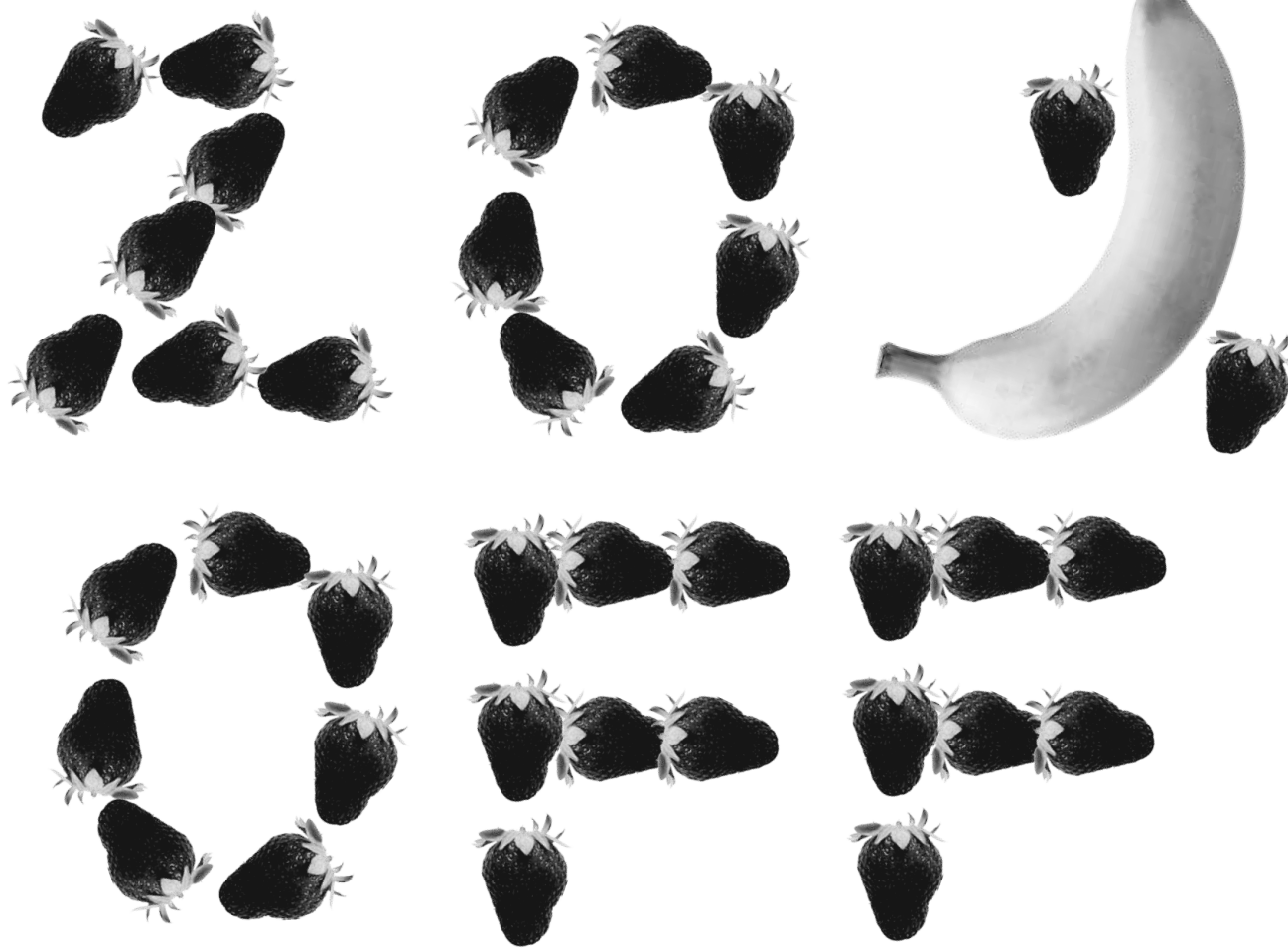
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SPORTS

Homecoming

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motivated students lying on the stands, the speakers of the pep rally were constantly ignored, unheard, and upset. It was always pathetic to hear the faint cries of the announcers during the show, and all the audience would do was clap their hands slowly as if they were confused by the fact that they had any hands at all.

But a relocation has saved all students from a horror such as the one described. The pep rally was moved to the auditorium.

"The benefits of having the pep rally in the auditorium," says, Hayes, "is that everyone will be seated in a suitable environment and will be able to listen to the speakers."

After the pep rally, all students are free to return to their homes, and do whatever it is they do; but a smart choice would be to attend the Homecoming Game and cheer the football team to victory. With the new lights that illuminate the field and the intensity of the competition, the game should be a spectacular show. Hopefully, students purchased their tickets at an early and cheap price. If not, then they will have to pay more, and certainly none one likes to spend more money than they need to.

"Our football team is going to kick butt", says Smith, "They have achieved great victories, so this should be no problem for them."

Students who have nothing planned on their schedules, also the ones that don't have schedules, have an opportunity to attend one of the biggest events of the month. After sixth period on Friday, the Homecoming weekend will already begin: pep rally, the Homecoming game, as well as the parade, and to end it all, the dance.

"Homecoming was put together by efficient organization, everyone will have a wonderful time," says Sagar Vora, Leadership Chairman of Outreach.

What is the meaning of Homecoming? Simply "coming home." Some of the alumni return to their home school to remember to good times they had, back when things might have been quite easier for them, or maybe the complete opposite.

Students should come home as well. No, not literally. Come to Homecoming. To miss out would be equivalent to losing the possibility of having the best night of one's high school career.

Friday Night Lights

Hollywood Sheiks seek to defeat Roybal Titans tomorrow

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Playing against Miguel Contreras Learning Center last Friday on Snyder Field the Hollywood High varsity football team kept on intercepting the ball and making touchdown after touchdown. Sheiks won their fourth game against Contreras 46-6. The Sheiks record is now four wins and one loss.

The Sheiks will try to make it 5/1 when they face off against the Roybal Learning Center Titans tomorrow night. Hollywood is favored to win because this is the first year that the Titans have a football team.

Despite losing to Grant High School by one point on September 25, Hollywood High's varsity team has gotten off to the best start in 19 years.

Coach Cesar Sandoval thinks

that the team is doing great this season. "I think its great for the school, for the kids and the community and anyone that is involved with Hollywood and am very proud of the guys," said Sandoval.

In the game against South Gate on September 18, the Sheiks were down 14-0 in halftime. Coach Sandoval said, "the team really wanted this game and they overcame defeating a re-

ally good team." Sheiks went on to win 34-21.

Coach Sandoval motivates his team by asking to "play with their hearts and the best they can and everything else will work itself out."

Sandoval said there are no "stars" "but "notable guys are Miguel Navarro, Motu Reareaa-lagi, Steven Deguzman, Jeff Lawrence, Luis Fragoza, and Kevin Marquian."



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SEPTEMBER 11, 2009 SHEIKS triumph over Palisades High Dolphins, 27-9. The game marked the debut of the school's lights.

Lady Sheiks Spike Lady Dragons

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Hollywood High's girls' varsity volleyball team won their first game of the season against Helen Bernstein High School. The girls won all three out of the three games at home on Oct. 1.

"Having eight returners and eight beginners, we are hoping

to have a pretty good season, and hopefully make it to the play offs like we have done in the past two years", said Norma Soriano, Co-Captain.

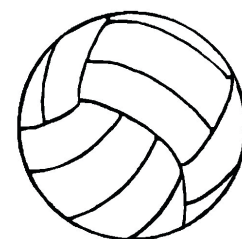
The day did not start out as planned, when Helen Bernstein High School's frosh-soph team could not attend, because of lack of transportation. In response, the frosh-soph game

has been postponed for Oct. 19 at Helen Bernstein High School.

The other games continued, but the Junior Varsity volleyball team lost against Helen Bernstein's girls Junior Varsity volleyball team won two out of three games.

The games will continue and Hollywood High's Volleyball players are determined to win.

Their next game will be Oct. 9 at Los Angeles High and Oct. 19 at Helen Bernstein High School.



A Hole Lot Of Fun In The Sun

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Due to the gruesome recession, schools are being affected by the unfortunate budget cuts. Funds that are supposed to go for the Sports Department are now gone. To compensate for

the lack of resources, Hollywood High School, for the first time, created a successful and entertaining way to support and sponsor the athletic department.

On July 2, 2009, various Hollywood High School Staff along with their family and friends hosted a Golf Tournament,

which was held at the California Country Club in Whittier. "It was our way to raise money for the athletic department," said Mr. Tolj, Assistant Principal.

Each participating player was charged \$130 as a fee to enter the competition. It was also accompanied with a wonderful steak dinner. \$5,000 worth of

donated items from the participants was also raffled during the event. Overall, almost \$4,000 was raised and will be used for team uniforms and other athletic equipment. It benefited Hollywood High School greatly and also the players that participated to make the important event happen.