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Changes abound as school year begins

By Mike Guiterrez and Mark Kellner

San Marin has seen many changes over the past couple months. Measure A funding

in one class, while behavior problem kids get Saturday school." This way, with the possible policy changes,

Besides disciplinary actions being altered, San Marin is also being funded by Measure A money, which has provided San Marin with the necessary renovations that the buildings and classrooms have needed for years. While many are exuberant over these new improvements, some still feel that it still hasn't done enough. "Air conditioning units are designed to keep classrooms cool, but why are our humongous air conditioners limited to a measly 74 degrees Fahrenheit? With 30 to 35 students in a single class room, in blistering summer heat, 74 degrees just isn't going to cut it."

Some have liked them, while others think having their blood pressure raised by a piercing bell at 7:25 in the morning just isn't their idea of waking up. "They're really annoying, I don't know why they were even changed. I think the old ones were way better," said Sunny Banihashemi, a SM junior.

The idea of reducing credits was initially started as a type of punishment, so students wouldn't just exploit their ability to be truant as much as they like. Students would come to Tuesday school and use it as a leisurely study or homework session. "To get those credits back they have to take about two weeks of summer school. We want to make it mean, like a real punishment..." said Mrs. Anderson. In order for students to make up these credits towards graduation they would be forced to retake part of the class, if possible, over the summer.

The administration and school district, if they pass this new policy, hope it will curtail student trancies. Because the district gets money for every period a student attends, it will bring in more money to the NUSD because of more student attendances.

Be it bells, change in Tuesday school policy or new truancy rules, the NUSD has really changed San Marin's old style, and mostly for the better. Hopefully the bells will become less annoying while the AC units get cooler.

Odd bells, inconsistent PA volume or insufficient or inadequately equipped classrooms (don't have PA speakers) are just some of the problems that come squelching across San Marin airwaves every morning. However, the new system, installed by a private company over the summer using Measure A money, has a good set of on-call electricians who fix these odd bells when they've gone kaput. "We just have to work the quirks out," said Mrs. Anderson.

There have been mixed opinions of these bells, however.



allowed for many updates to the campus, such as a new bell system and air conditioning. In addition to the physical changes to the campus, the Novato Unified School District is currently discussing implementation of two new policies: Saturday school for delinquent students and the reduction of students' credits for those who are habitually truant.

San Marin's new principal Loeta Andersen, further explains these new proposals, "Truant kids would lose one credit for every five unexcused absences

the behavior and truancy-troubled students will be split up with different punishments.

While credit reduction for unexcused absences is still in the planning process, Mrs. Anderson hopes to have the Saturday school policy in effect as early as September 14. "Students have been taking advantage of Tuesday school. When I assign Tuesday schools to some kids they say, 'I don't care, I'll just do my homework.' And will go on and get something like 15 Tuesday schools in a year, and that's ridiculous."

Measure A responsible for campus improvements



Over the summer, the San Marin campus was torn up to allow for replacement of heating/air conditioning systems, phones and PA. But when students returned to school on August 26, the campus the piles of dirt were gone and the classrooms, for the most part, were cool.

Remember Measure A, the multi-million dollar school bond that the community passed in last year's election? Each homeowner pays an additional amount in property taxes towards making renovations around the school district to modernize the campuses and make our lives easier.

The following happened at San Marin over the summer:
New heat and ventilation systems
New fire alarms
New electrical systems
New phone and intercom systems

The following are planned for the future as a result of Measure A funding:

- Repair and paint exterior surfaces
- Repair and renovate school grounds and athletic fields for safety reasons
- Pave pathways and parking lot
- Modernize classroom interiors
- Renovate restrooms
- Repair and replace student center roof
- Improve site accessibility
- Improve access for fire and emergency vehicles

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What advice do you have for freshmen?

By Rachel Oppenheimer and Katie Winsor



Bertrand Johnson (junior): Wear underwear on your head every Monday, and give me lots of money.



Troy Bartok (senior): Get down on your knees, and beg for mercy.



Lauren Dumont (freshman): Watch out for my older brother.



Lauren Mendez (senior): Don't ask me to Homecoming.



Chris Say (PE teacher): Take responsibility for your actions and get involved in school



Whitney Lee (junior): The reputation you make for yourself freshman year will stay with you for the next four years of your life.

Playing with fire

By Logan Bartling

On August 25th, Vice President Dick Cheney spoke to the Veterans of Foreign Wars about the conflict with Iraq.

Cheney described the possible invasion in glorious terms, free of difficulty or excessive loss of life.

His description of a post Saddam world was even rosier. He envisions a new Middle East, inhospitable to terrorists but warm to democracy, where thugs like Saddam Hussein are a thing of the past.

The veterans welcomed his remarks with lavish applause, but the world remains unconvinced.

Israel remains the only nation supporting a potential United States attack, and some foreign news outlets go so far as to accuse the United States of imperialism, or even "wagging the dog," believing that as 9/11 approaches, the United States needs a new head villain since it is unable to apprehend Osama Bin Laden.

However, the most widely rendered criticism of the potential attack on Iraq is the Bush administration's failure to make the case for action, or to consider a scenario in which everything does not go according to plan.

A particularly bleak scenario might occur if Iraq responds to our assault with a few scud missiles launched at Tel Aviv or another major Israeli city. Israeli Prime Minister Sharon, who is not known as a man of restraint, could respond with a weapon from Israel's nuclear arsenal. The casualties would potentially be catastrophic, considering the population of Baghdad is over 4 million.

Most European nations are adamant that they would condemn military action, especially if no attempt to return weapons inspectors to Iraq is made. They have been turned away since '98, but prior to that, they were generally considered to be effective. They discovered and destroyed huge chemical and biological weapon stockpiles, and their presence may

have kept Iraq from developing nuclear devices. Scott Ridder, head U.N. weapons inspector offers expert advice on Iraq, saying "Remove the sanctions, bring back the inspectors, and there's no need for war. Iraq is not a threat to the region, the United States, or the world."

Top military officials are also very concerned about potential Iraqi tactics. The possibility that Iraq may move the bulk of its military forces into Baghdad frightens many in the region as well.

Military officers remember the city of Mogadishu in Somalia where the United States engaged in urban warfare with a Somali warlord, which resulted in 1,000 dead Somalis and 16 American servicemen in a single engagement.

The American military is dubious at best about an invasion because it fears the stigma that would come with turning downtown Baghdad into graveyard full of innocent Iraqi men, women and children. They fear that the world will see the United States starving Iraq with sanctions, and then leveling it with bombs, and they fear that angry Arabs and Muslims in surrounding nations might threaten the regimes of our friends, such as the regime of Saudi Arabia, or President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan.

Some believe the principle that if you take a complex situation such as this one and do anything at all, you have a 50% chance of making it worse.

Among the most hostile to United States action against Iraq is Nelson Mandela. He recently addressed reporters outside his Johannesburg home, telling them, "We are really appalled by any country whether it is a superpower or a poor country that goes outside the United Nations and attacks independent countries." He's also skeptical about the success of such an attack, believing that the situation is so complex, that any predictions about the outcome are rash at best.

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Scheduling problems disrupt smooth start of school

By Susan Beresford and Niki Kidd

Although the beginning of every school year seems to be filled with confusion and many schedule changes, this year the administration successfully tackled the problem to reduce much of the chaos from previous years.

By sending out information to students before the school year began on the classes they were

new counselors, the front office managed to fix many of the simple problems quickly.

Paula Vantrese and Beal handled many of the small changes that needed to be done at the table in front of the office so the counselors wouldn't have to worry about the minor problems. This alleviated some of the stress for these

new members to the staff.

Despite the efforts to solve scheduling conflicts, many students walked into class only to find a lack of seating available. Students were forced to sit at teachers' desks and computer stations because classes were so full of

major problems for both instructors and students. Each teacher, by contract, is only allowed 155 students per day, with at least seven teachers over that number at one point. Although less students enrolled than were predicted, more students than ever are now taking seven classes to accommodate the state's minimum requirement for the number of instructional minutes. The overcrowding is due to the fact that the district only pays for six periods.

Once the district acknowledged that additional staffing was needed, and they saw "the whites of the students' eyes," they hired Mike Kinane, a 1993 San Marin graduate, to teach U. S. and World history. "I'm very excited to be back," said Kinane. He will be teaching morning classes at Hill Middle School and afternoon classes at San Marin. Last week, the counselors started to move students' schedules around to make smaller classes and more periods of classes offered.

Five sections (periods) were added with the addition of the new teacher. The district gave the school three more sections and a new teacher while the school itself combined Consumer Math and Accounting into one class and two integrated four periods into one in the Academy.

On Monday, students received their new schedules and most were very upset. Having to make a major change in the schedule two weeks into the term caused many students unwanted stress.

Even with this class size improvement, reverberations will be felt for weeks to come.

Affected students will have to adjust to their new schedule, new teachers and new classmates. Students moving from Government to Economics will have the biggest hurdle to overcome because they will be weeks behind other Economics classes.

As of September 6, 2002

Total number of students	1060
Freshmen	300
Sophomores	265
Juniors	299
Seniors	196
Number of seniors with 5 classes	105
Number of seniors with 7 classes	27
Number of students with 7 classes	371

Note: Numbers are approximate because they have been fluctuating so frequently

scheduled to take, many of the class discrepancies were handled during the summer. "I really think that the letter in the summer helped," said Assistant Principal Toni Beal. "The letter with the classes on it stopped people from changing their schedules as much."

Even with the addition of two

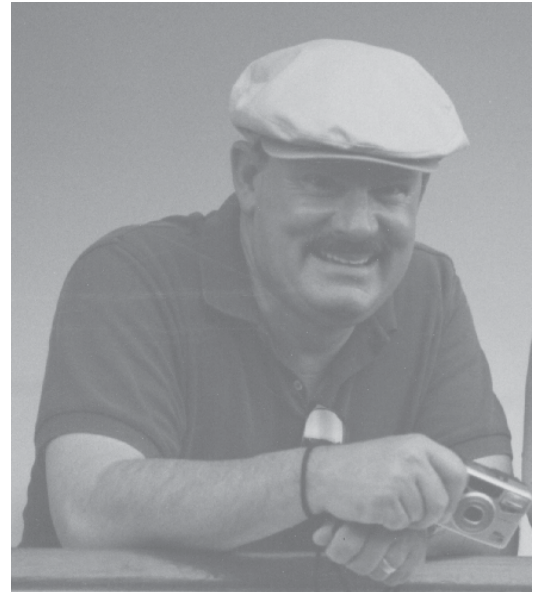
people. This problem arose because the district office, last spring, based the staffing on the number of kids that they believed would come to San Marin the following fall. They predicted 1,064 students would enroll. There were not enough teachers for the amount of students in each subject, causing



Career room tech Paula Vantrese records student scheduling problems at the "triage" table during the first week of school.

Driver's Ed offered 1^o

By Zack Kinyon and Amber Shields



To comply with state regulations, San Marin has reinstated a Driver's Ed. course as part of the school curriculum.

The class is being offered on a pass/fail basis as a seven week long 1st period course. This course has actually been offered since the second semester of the '01-'02 school year. Those who take the class will receive 2.5 credits towards high school graduation along with a Miwok Driver's Ed. Completion Certificate, which is needed to obtain a driver's permit. Unlike the after school courses which were offered exclusively in the past, the morning class is free. The morning class covers the same curriculum as the after-school class does, and is enthusiastically taught by Paul Eisenburg, owner of Miwok Driving School and retired Terra Linda High School history and driver's ed teacher.

Chuckling nostalgically, Mr. Eisenburg recalls some of his most memorable classes. "I had a lot of

fun teaching the morning driver education class last semester," he says.

"While teaching at a private school in San Anselmo, some young fellow 'streaked' the class. Even though he was a blur, we all realized he was pretty young!"

Despite the lighthearted topic, Eisenburg's suddenly sobers considerably and his expression turns solemn. "In one class, we lost a student during the first week. He was killed in a motorcycle accident, riding to class on Lucas Valley Rd. Obviously, he didn't yet have his permit and crashed trying to pass a truck."

Eisenburg is looking forward to the new memories each class holds.

Potential drivers looking for a first period, sign up in the front office. Sessions start near the beginning of each quarter.

And remember: Always look left, right, and then left again when turning in an intersection.

Fire displaces residents, frightens community

By Katie Winsor

Two young boys who were allegedly playing with matches started a fire on Friday, August 23. The fire consumed two Novato houses and heavily damaged a third.

The boys, ages 7 and 8, set the fire while playing with matches in an open space preserve near their homes on Michele Circle. The fire

quickly spread to the homes and consumed them within minutes.

The first firefighter arrived at the scene approximately two minutes after the first call. At one point there were 60 firefighters, 14 engines, and six aircrafts at the scene. Two firefighters were injured fighting the blaze.

The damage of the fire exceeded one million dollars.



School community welcomes new staff members



Karen Cohen, SDC teacher

Where did you attend college?
I attended Queens College of the City University of New York for undergraduate studies in Early Childhood Education and for a Masters in Speech Education

Do you have any previous teaching experience?
Over the years I've taught special needs students ages 1 1/2 to 18 in New York, Texas, Georgia and Florida.



Ken Feldman, health teacher

Where did you attend college?
Cornell University in Ithaca, NY to study as an undergraduate and then at the Veterinary College to become a Doctor of Veterinary medicine. I practiced Veterinary Medicine for "many" years. I returned to school at Dominican University in San Rafael to earn my teaching credential last year.

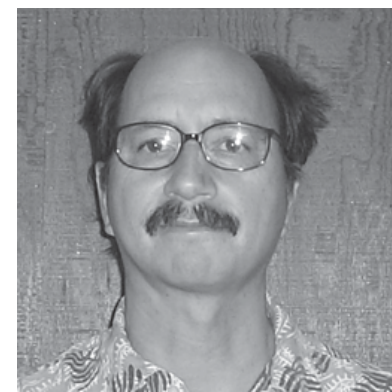
Do you have any previous teaching experience?
Three years as an Assistant Professor of Veterinary Medicine at Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph University in Ontario, Canada ('74-'75). Three semesters teaching middle school elective courses at Marin Horizon School in Mill Valley in "Media Literacy" as well as a course in "Awareness" ('99-'00). One semester at Novato High School student teaching biology and introduction to physical science ('02).



Robert Lacy, history and leadership teacher

Where did you attend college?
I attended Sonoma State University after spending several years in the military. I waited until then because I knew I would be more focused, especially since I was paying my own way. Getting my degree in political science wasn't difficult, because after my experiences in the army, everything else I do seems pretty easy. I went to college because I want to know as much as I can about as many things as possible.

Do you have any previous teaching experience?
Except for student teaching, this is my first year teaching in a formal classroom setting. I was a Drill Instructor for a few years while I was in the Army and I have also taught other things like SCUBA, swimming, diving, billiards, and marksmanship.



Fred Colunga, counselor

Where did you attend college?
I was living in Hawaii on the Big Island and decided to pursue a BA degree at the University of Hawaii. After four years of working with teens in group homes as a counselor, I decided I wanted to work with families and teens in public schools. I received a Fellowship Award to attend Sonoma Masters Program in counseling. I moved from Hawaii to Sonoma County to attend SSU.

Do you have any previous teaching experience?
My teaching experience has been presenting parenting classes to students and families as well as student teaching in grades K-12.



Jennifer Yorty, science teacher

Where did you attend college?
Undergrad- University of California, Santa Barbara, B.S. in Biological Science; Graduate-University of California, Berkeley, M.A. in Education and Science Teaching Credential

Do you have any previous teaching experience?
1 year Advanced Biology at Berkeley High School, Berkeley and 2 years Life Science at Sinaloa Middle School, Novato



Christina Bass, counselor

Where did you attend college?
St. Mary's for undergrad and graduate school. San Jose State for my Pupil Personnel Services credential.

Do you have any previous teaching experience?
I was a counselor for five years at Mountain View High School.



Thomas Mahood, SDC teacher

Where did you attend college?
I earned a BA in philopphy from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa and an MA in English from the University of South Dakota.

Do you have any previous teaching experience?
Recently, I've taught severely handicapped students at Redwood High School and Kennedy High School in Richmond. Many years ago, I taught English and coached soccer in Baltimore.



Zaynep Uvarov, English, Fullbright Exchange teacher from Turkey

Where did you attend college?
Robert College, one of the oldest American colleges in Istanbul. It is the best college in my country and also has a beautiful campus overlooking the Bosphorus Channel.

Do you have any previous teaching experience?
I've been teaching English to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in Turkey for seven years. I also taught ESL and Business English to adults

Note: the October Pony Express will feature an article about Ms. Uvarov and San Marin English teacher Terry Donahoe who is teaching at Ms. Uvarov's school in Turkey this year as part of the Fullbright Exchange.



Lori Johnson, science teacher

Where did you attend college?
UC Berkeley. It was close to home and many of my friends went there.

Do you have any previous teaching experience?
I've taught in San Francisco at Wallenberg High School, ISA High School and O'Connell High School.



Mike Kinane, social studies

Where did you attend college?
After I graduated from San Marin, I went to the Univeristy of Oregon. I earned a teaching credential at Dominican.

Do you have any previous teaching experience?
I did my student teaching and taught part time at Novato High School last year.



Interim Principal Loeta Andersen's goal for the year is, "Mutual respect on this campus between teachers and students."

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Greg Rosell and Eric Letch vow to work hard for the San Marin student body no matter who is declared the winner of the September 11 election for ASB officers. (results not available at press time)

ASB Account Totals

ASB General \$3520.08

Class of 2003- \$6,469.18

Class of 2004- \$2,925.14

Class of 2005- \$706.36

Class of 2006- \$50.00

as of September 4, 2002

Coming up at San Marin

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| September 13 | Football at Sonoma |
| September 14 | Welcome Back Dance 8PM-11PM |
| September 19 | Minimum Day; Back to School Night |
| September 20 | Football at San Rafael (MCAL opener) |
| September 25 | First Day to buy Homecoming tickets |
| September 28 | Football vs. Redwood at SM |
| September 30 | Spirit Week begins |
| October 2 | Last day to purchase Homecoming tickets |
| October 4 | King/Queen elections
Pony Express Homecoming issue
7:00 PM Fall Show |
| October 5 | 12:30 PM Homecoming Parade
2:00 PM Football: Tam at SM
Halftime: Queen crowned, Float competition
8:30 PM - 11:30 PM: Homecoming Dance
10:00 PM King crowned |

Every Friday is Green and Gold spirit day. Students and staff, show your spirit by wearing Green and Gold every Friday.

The year we'l

By Stephanie Alderson, Jade Fielding, and Rebecca Guthrie

The tragedy unfolds

The events of this past year have hardly been subtle. Looking back, one can only realize that life in the United States has changed.

The name Osama Bin Laden became a universal chant of anger and the Taliban, a militant group in Afghanistan that must be stopped at all costs.

Events suggesting racism towards those of Middle Eastern descent occurred all over our own country.

Marin became a target as its own as Marin native John Walker Lindh was found to be an active member of the Taliban.

The stock market soon plummeted and, around the winter holidays, stores were begging for us to pull out our wallets for the sake of our anemic economy.

We were afraid of opening our mail and using airline salt when we discovered a harmful strain of Anthrax was being mailed to public figures around the United States. When asked to remove our shoes to be scanned at the security check in the airport, we now willingly oblige.

We felt the shock and horror when we

discovered that the hijackers had been trained at flight schools in our very own country.

We soon became used to the large military Hummers and men with large weapons keeping constant watch over the Golden Gate Bridge.

Soon a new Department of Homeland Security was created and we all got to know the name Tom Ridge.

We heard the gory details of the tragedy of slain journalist Daniel Pearl and were able to watch Bin Laden, himself, speak of his thrill upon hearing about the terrorist attacks on the USA.

Soon after, Time magazine released a tell-all article on all the warning signs government officials received pre 9/11. The picture of the possible twentieth hijacker, Zacharias Massoui, became familiar as we found out about his imprisonment for suspicious research of crop dusting, American flight schools, and unique interest in turning planes, yet not landing or taking off.

We lit candles in remembrance. We felt compassion and respect every firefighter and public safety officer on duty in this country.

We realized the New York skyline would never be the same.



One year later, the nation remembers

September eleventh is a day that everyone remembers; even the most specific details of that day are imprinted in all our minds. "It feels like, I know exactly what I did that whole day," says Freshman T.J. Anderson.

Something was lost that day that sent shock waves across the entire nation; our pride, our safety, and our lives were completely altered. A new era was ushered in that cannot be avoided. For generations to come September eleventh will be commemorated. Before it was even realized, the one year anniversary came and went. But it was remembered.

Novato citizens bowed their heads at 10:00 am in a moment of silence and a

reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

On Wednesday night on the San Marin football field, a community gathered and honored the victims, including San Marin graduate Paul Sloan.

The San Francisco City Hall was open to the public to come and sign the commemorative book that will be sent to the New York Memorial on behalf of the citizens of San Francisco.

There was a "God Bless America" Performance at the San Francisco Opera.

And special events such as planting red, white, and blue flowers in Koshland park and erecting a flag sculpture in Washington Square, the Heart of Northbeach, took place.

Not to mention the hundreds of vigils and commemorative services described at <http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/mayor/sfdayofremembrance>

The wide array of events that took place prove that America has not forgotten and never will.



I never forget



How has our country changed since the September 11th attacks?

Danny Gasparini (12): When I went to the airport the other day, I had to take off my Birkenstocks even though you could basically see through them and they made me take off my belt. That is something that would never have happened before and now it is considered normal.

Laurel Nakamine (12): I'm glad that they're raising security standards but I think some people don't take it seriously.

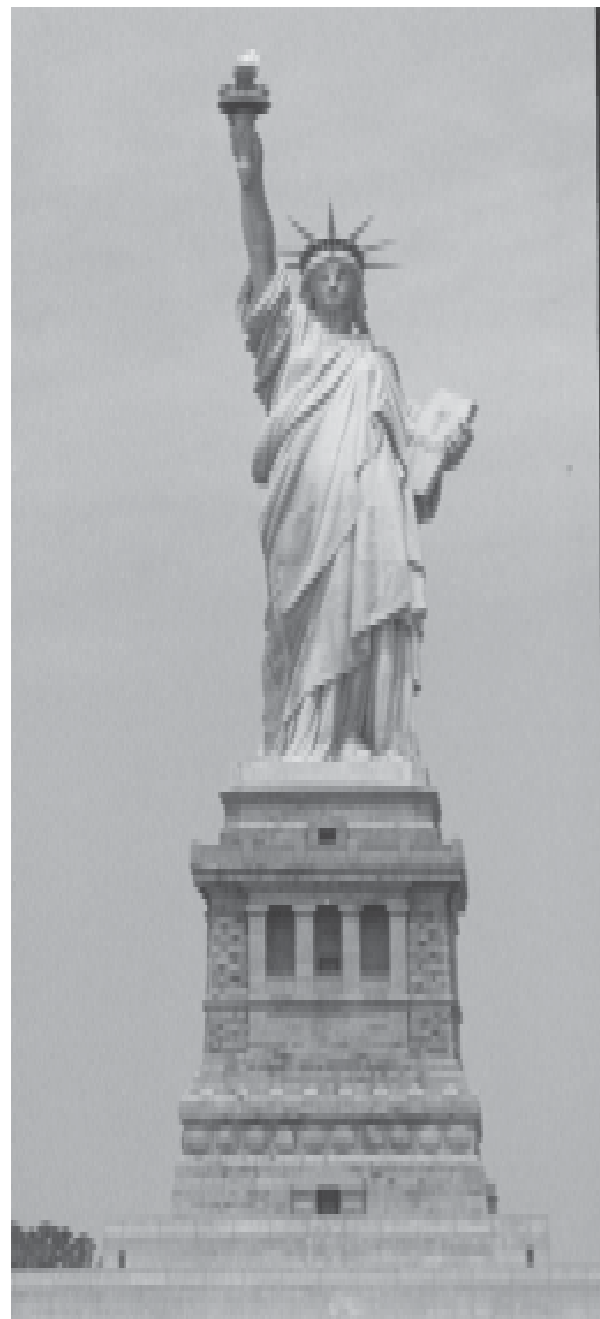
Angela Olmanson (9): There has been incidents of racism towards middle-eastern people in our country. They treat them like dirt. My family is afraid of flying, for example, my cousin was supposed to fly on September 11 and she changed the flight because we are so superstitious.

T.J. Anderson (9): We should be more aware of what's going on, for instance, there has been another anthrax scare in Florida.

Do you think the new safety precautions infringes on civil liberties and human rights?

Ashley Karrel (12): To an extent it infringes on civil liberties. I don't know where to draw the line, does anyone?

Lisa Kemp, English and history teacher: I think that in a free nation, there isn't any way to truly prevent a terrorist attack. September eleventh could happen all over again; if we were really safe America would no longer be free. I don't think at the moment it infringes on our liberties, but I don't think it's possible.



Mustangs travel the world this summer

San Marin trip to England and France

By Brad McCarter, Challen Pressley, and Rachel Oppenheimer



This summer 30 San Marin students invaded London and Paris to learn about life abroad.

Foreign language department chair Rosie Walwyn organized the trip for San Marin students and accompanied the students while they tore up the two cities.

A week in London consisted of a trip to Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London, London

Bridge, the pubs, and amazing shopping. Although the students may have been a handful at times, they did appreciate the authentic European culture and even learned something at Oxford College. Stonehenge proved to be an educational adventure, despite the somewhat nutty tour guide. The week concluded with an eventful boat ride across the English Channel to France.

The students not only soaked up Parisian culture, but also plenty of rain. The remainder of the week was full of chateaux, French cuisine, the Louvre, and a bird's eye view from the Eiffel Tower.

The most valuable aspect of the trip? "Friendships and memories were made on this unforgettable trip to Europe," commented participant Jennifer Walker.



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By Jade Fielding

Portfolio and canvases in hand, I had finally reached home after my five-hour, cross-country flight. I had not only brought home 65 pounds of luggage, but also a flood of memories and experiences from one extraordinary month in one amazing city.

This summer, I had the opportunity to spend the month of July on my own in New York City in order to attend art school at Parson's School of Design. There are a number of colleges that offer summer programs to high school students in search of learning beyond what high schools offer while increasing one's chances of acceptance to a choice university. I chose to go to Parsons to improve my basic art skills and determine if art was something I want to do in my future. I could have taken college level art classes somewhere much closer. However, the independence was an experience all in it's own.

Classes at Parson's were just as intensive as they had promised. From Monday through Thursday, 9 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon, I spent my days busily honing my drawing and painting skills. The focus of my class was to draw from observation. In the studio, we spent hours on exhausting work outs running through exercises of quick figure drawing, gestures, and details. I came out of class everyday with charcoal ground into my fingers, acrylic paints glued to my clothes and huge canvases to lug back to my air conditioned sanctuary at Loeb Hall.

Every so often, our class would be treated to a trip uptown to Central Park and the Metropolitan Museum or downtown to the Brooklyn Museum in the hear of Botanical Gardens.

Despite the nightly homework assignments and pressure for producing pieces for the final art exhibition, I managed to find time to enjoy the city and embrace its expansive culture. Summertime in New York is always lively and there always seems to be something to celebrate. Whether it's rock or rap, people will go to length to support what they love.

Through word of mouth, I heard of a free concert at a pier in Manhattan celebrating the Rock Steady Crew's 25th anniversary and the birth of hip hop which dates back to the late 70's in the Bronx. Hip hop culture has been such a huge force in New York City so it was quite a treat to be a part of the show. From the new school to old school, commercial to underground, I saw it all. I shoved my way to the front and center and

it was incredible. I looked behind me and saw a never ending mass of eclectic New Yorkers all gathered in support of hip hop culture which shows no signs of fading. There were dozens of performances spanning from the Cold Crush Brothers to the Beatnuts to California's own Dilated Peoples.

Later, I went to a free event in Coney Island that attracted a completely different crowd from the Rock Steady concert. A popular alternative weekly publication, *The Village Voice*, held their 2nd annual concert "Siren Music Festival" which displayed the hottest new acts in the independent rock scene. It featured acts like The Donnas, Sleater-Kinney, The Shins, The Yeah Yeah Yeahs, and others.

In one month, I rapidly morphed into a confident, streetwise New Yorker art student. Little did anyone know, I was no more than a young teenage girl from the suburbs of the much mellower west coast. But that is the beauty of this city. No matter who you are or where you come from, anyone can find his or her way in the city's dynamically diverse community.

Initially, I saw all the diversity and assumed severe separation of groups. This may be evident, but as a whole, New York is quite united. After the attacks on the World Trade Center, the unity is even more apparent than ever. Even almost a year after the terrorist attacks, pride was still strong and showed no signs of fading like the trend that it felt like out here in Marin.

I spent a lot of time escaping the bustle of Manhattan to the outer boroughs like Queens and Brooklyn. Brick houses with stoops still stood proudly with little faded plastic flags peering through the windows. Further down the street an old woman would be carrying home groceries in a bath of summer heat, wearing a t-shirt clad with an American emblem. I would go to catch a train uptown and end up squished between masses of half asleep zombies, but I could always count on those bearing fashionable or not so fashionable threads boasting a "NY" symbol.

Okay, so when Brazil had a soccer victory, the streets were filled with green and gold (not to be mistaken for Mustang pride). Rainbows filled 5th Avenue during the gay pride parade. But the point is that each culture, each person, can show so much love for where they came from and their own individuality. When it comes down to it, they are all New Yorkers. That is how I felt. I was accepted as one of them and it is a feeling that I will always hold with me.

The game goes on

By Colin Dietz and Michael Lovejoy

What would have been the ninth work stoppage in Major League Baseball history was averted on August 30, only hours before the deadline, when the Major League Baseball Players' Association came to terms with the team owners on a new contract. The last work stoppage ended the 1994 season, and the reverberations can still be felt today, as many fans are just now coming back to baseball.

In a recent online poll con-

ducting and luxury tax. The new revenue sharing agreement states that each team must contribute 34% (up from 20%) of its net revenue into a pool that is proportionately redistributed in favor of the poorer teams. An additional component of the new plan forces the teams that are already sharing the most revenue to contribute to a new \$72.2 million annual fund, which is then reallocated to the poorer teams. This fund is phased in at 60% in 2003, 80% in 2004, and 100% in 2005 and 2006.

MLB Statistics

- Today's average player salary is **\$2,383,235**
- Average player salary has increased **365%** since 1989
- New York Yankees' team salary has increased **637%** since 1989
- Oakland Athletics' team salary has increased **112%** since 1989
- Yankees' estimated worth: **\$730,000,000**
- Athletics' estimated worth: **\$157,000,000**
- Today's highest MLB player salary: **\$22,000,000**

Statistics from baseball-reference.com and forbes.com.

ducted by *Sports Illustrated*, 66% of respondents said that if the players had gone on strike this year, they would not have continued to support the game.

When San Marin Junior and disgruntled fan Alex Kovaleff was asked about the baseball situation, he responded, "Go Dolphins," as he looks forward to the new NFL season.

The agreement between the players and the owners has saved baseball, at least through the 2006 season when the agreement is up for renewal.

Revenue sharing

Many of the issues debated between the two sides appeared excessively complicated to the public. With subjects such as the luxury tax, player revenues, contraction, revenue sharing, and other issues, the public became lost in the details. Average fans didn't want to hear the petty squabbling; they simply wanted the game to go on.

The primary issues resolved in the discussions were revenue

payroll limit increase.

If payrolls stay the same next year, the only teams that would be affected by the luxury tax are the New York Yankees, Texas Rangers, and Los Angeles Dodgers. San Marin Baseball Coach Mark Whitburn is pessimistic about the financial disparity between the rich and poor teams. "Baseball has too many problems; taxing three teams won't help."

The Yankees would have to pay more than \$50 million in revenue sharing next year, in addition to a \$9.5 million luxury tax, both of which are far beyond any other team in baseball.

Mid-market teams figure to be the biggest winners in this deal, receiving much more of their competitors' money. The Yankees and other high-revenue teams will have to pay tens of millions of dollars to subsidize other franchises, and may have to raise ticket prices or eliminate a few superstars to cover these extra costs.

Drug testing

Players and owners agreed on drug testing on August 27, three days before the settlement. In 2003, all players will be randomly tested for illegal steroids as part of a survey. The results of this survey will determine what measures will be taken in following years. The penalty for testing positive for the first time is placement in a treat-

ment program. For subsequent offenses, penalties range from 30-day suspensions to two-year suspensions.

Other issues

The players and owners came to terms on several other key areas of dispute. The new contract states that no teams can be eliminated until the end of the 2006 season. This agreement came about because the owners had attempted to contract the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos during the off-season.

A possibility that remains open is moving the Expos to Washington, D.C., a rumor that has been circulating throughout the baseball community for several months.

Additionally, the minimum player salary was raised from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Junior Amaan Nathoo was distressed at hearing this. "Nowadays, all professional players care about is money; they have forgotten why they play baseball in the first place: for love of the game."

Local effects

You may be wondering how all of this affects Bay Area teams. The Oakland Athletics will benefit greatly because they will likely receive \$14.5 million next year, up from \$10.1 million this year. The San Francisco Giants will not have to deal with the luxury tax, but they will have to pay \$5.5 million in revenue sharing, which is actually down from the \$6 million that they paid this year.

The strike would have hurt the Athletics and Giants significantly, since they're both contenders for playoff positions and would have lost revenue from television, sponsorships, and canceled games. The Giants would be hurt further considering their \$20 million annual mortgage for Pacific Bell Park and the fact that the team's remaining games are sellouts or near sellouts.

The new agreement between the players and owners hopes to bring a new attitude to our pastime. The new revenue sharing should allow for other teams besides the Yankees to become World Champions. Baseball may be able to mirror the NFL's success in having "Cinderella" stories, with unlikely teams making it deep into the playoffs.

With more contenders and more equal competition, the new agreement should attract a larger fan base in the long run. While some fans remain bitter that the players came within hours of striking, this deal is a positive step towards a long-term solution providing all baseball clubs with a more equal opportunity to win. Similar to the once-woeful St. Louis Rams' recent marches to Super Bowl, pitiful teams like the Tampa Bay Devil Rays have been given a renewed hope for success.

CONCERT CORNER

By Julia Capasso and Jade Fielding

The Bay Area is known for its independent spirit and fall's concert prospects are showing just that. After the mad summer rush of touring, the music scene has slowed down around town but hasn't fizzled for good. There is a solid line up of events to check out if you're up it.

Tsunami Bomb at the Pheonix Theatre in Petaluma (9/13)

All Bets Off with Die Hard Youth, In Control, Over the Top and Never Again at Danville Grange Hall, Danville (9/13)

Hip Hop Expo - Dance Battles/Workshops/Live Aerosol Art: with performances by **The Breakbeat Assasinz** and appearances from **P-Kid, G-Boogie, Crayone, Coop D'ville**, and others at the Excelsior Boys & Girls Club, SF (9/14)

Jewel at the Luther Burbank Center, Santa Rosa (9/17-9/18)

Slum Village at Slim's, SF (9/17)

Scarub (of Living Legends), **Mission, Zion I, Inchant, Sisterz of the Underground, DJ Pioneer** at Imusicast, Oakland (9/19)

True Skool Presents: DJ Cash Money at Storyville, SF (9/20)

Kottonmouth Kings at Slim's, SF (9/21)

Alice's Now & Zen Fest: featuring **Train, The Wallflowers, india.arie, Aimee Mann** at Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park (9/22)

Luther Vandross, Gerald Levert, Angie Stone, and Michelle Williams of Destiny's Child at the Chronicle Pavilion, Concord (9/22)

Sleater-Kinney with The Bangs, Shannon Wright at the Fillmore, SF (9/23 - 9/25)

God Loves Ugly Tour: featuring **Atmosphere, Murs, Brother Ali, DeeJayBird** at Slim's, SF (9/24)

Elvis Costello and the Imposters at the Warfield, SF (9/27)

Revenge of the Robots Tour featuring **Cage, El-P, Copywrite, Aesop Rock, Mr. Lif** at the Great American Music Hall, SF (10/3)

For the Crown with Life Long Tragedy, High School Sweethearts, and All Bets are Off at Imusicast, Oakland (9/27)

Don't forget to come check out senior **Lauren Mendez** on Sundays at the Broken Drum in San Rafael playing her original music.



Paul Scissorhands at a Gilman show (photo by Alex C.)



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Volleyball victories in store

By Niki Kidd

With a new coaching staff and a slew of new players, the varsity girls' volleyball team is ready to return the commitment to excellence back to San Marin. After numerous seasons in which the Mustangs competed for the league and NCS crown against the likes of Marin Catholic and Redwood, the Mustangs had a down year last season. But this group of seniors hopes to rectify the situation and return to dominance this season.

These seniors include **Ashley Puma** and **Jenna Newberry**, two of the best all around players on the team, setter **Jessica Zanoni**, and hitters **Jenny Sack** and **Liana Suiliaman**. With new coach Tim Hawkins in charge, these seniors

will need to display a strong sense of leadership to help this team accomplish their goals.

A strong junior class of athletes also helps the volleyball team gel and succeed, with **Marie Buich**, **Christina Pelka**, **Ashley Larkin**, and **Bridget O'Connor**. The rest of the lineup includes **Monica Blaine**, **Vanessa Minor**, **Megan Faherty**, **Signey Toquinto**, and **Kelly Fitzpatrick**.

Big matches this season will be against perennial volleyball power-houses Redwood on September 9th and October 8th. Other key matchups in the Mustangs' quest for the championship will be against Branson and Marin Catholic.

Cross-country back on course

By Amber Shields

The girl's cross-country team is looking forward to another victorious season with its MCAL winning team. The girls team has lost no members and gained some promising new runners. Back on the team is MCAL Champion **Meagan McCray** along with **Zoe Brown**, **Courtney Dowdall**, **Ariel Brown**, **Lauren Candia**, and **Lisa Bandner**. All promise to make the season a memorable one.

With only one returning member, senior **Dan Byers**, the boys' cross-country team is still looking for new members. Comprised of promising new members, the boys team is still weak because of its lack of membership. It currently only has four males, and not enough to make a team. New members **Pat DeShazo** and **Ryan Pedigo** look ready for the new season.

Tennis set to dominate

By Niki Kidd

After one of the best years in recent memory, the girls' tennis squad is ready to return to dominance in MCAL's this season. With a strong returning core of players, including seniors **Katie Seavy**, **Susan Beresford**, **Diana Keating**, **Niki Scioli**, and **Lindsey Knabel**. These seniors were apart of the successful team last year that did well in the MCAL tournament at the end of the year and are ready for this season to continue the success.

Keating said, "We really think we can do well this season with some good new talent."

Other key players include seniors **Brooke Barnecut**, **Annie Drummond-Hay**, and **Megan Mallonee**, and sophomore **Sizhe Liu**.

Key matches this season are Justin Sienna on September 10th at San Marin, at Branson on the 17th, and a home match against Marin Catholic on the 19th.

Second year golfers ready for MCAL

By Niki Kidd

After a second place finish in last years MCAL tournament, the Lady Mustangs girls' golf team is poised to improve upon last year's success.

Returning varsity players include junior **Rachel Oppenheimer**, the number one player on the squad, and seniors **Andrina Carlsen** and **Niki Kidd**. The loss of three of their top six players from a year ago will prove to be a challenge for the young team, but the early season practices seem to be paying off with lower scores across the board.

New head coach **Randy Willis**, also the varsity girls' softball coach,

hopes to translate his recent softball success to the course.

Along with the returning players, the Mustangs also have many players new to the game of golf. Junior **Jennie Gay**, sophomore **Lauren Swartz**, and freshman **Allison Greene** will add a new boost to the varsity squad.

The teams the Mustangs will have to compete for the league crown with are Redwood, Marin Catholic, and Justin Sienna. With a new coach and new talent, the Lady Mustangs are ready for the upcoming season of swings and wins.

Mustangs begin season ready for another charge

By David Hoytt

They say that repeating as champions is the hardest feat in sports. It takes hard work, time, and emotion. In that case, the San

from which to build another successful team.

Despite the losses of numerous stars, there is no need to fear because help came in the form of a stud Junior Varsity class. Receivers such as **Senior Jason Hunter** and **Junior Jean Ncho-Oguie** will have an immediate impact in showcasing their pass-catching abilities while linebackers including **Sophomore Casey Puge** and **Junior Dean Maioriello** will fill the void left in the middle.



photo by Larry Hoytt

Marin Mustang Varsity football team may just be the group for the job.

Coming off of an undefeated NCS championship season, the Mustangs are entering the 2002 campaign full of confidence. "I'm feeling good about the season," beamed **Senior Kevin Correnti**. "If we work hard enough, hopefully we can repeat last year." And as the preseason progresses it is starting to seem like that confidence is definitely not misguided. Returning 18 players from their championship team, including all-league **Seniors Jack Rolovich**, **David Hoytt**, **Scott Dumont**, and **Erik Egide**, there is a solid core

will be led by a newcomer, **Junior Brian Tuel**, as well as two cagey veterans in **Seniors Joey Archuleta** and **Eric Letsch**, who aren't interested in easing into the season. "We're going to come out and set the tone," said Letsch. "We're going to show Sonoma (September 13 at Sonoma) what San Marin football is all about."

In addition to Sonoma, there is another game that should be marked on every Mustang fan's calendar.

On November 2, the Mustangs will host those lovable lads who brought you the ever popular "N" to our hill. You guessed it, the Novato Hornets.

This game, a rematch of last year's thrilling Mustang victory, will again feature the dynamic quarterback matchup of All-MCAL **Andrew Strom** and **Rolovich**, the Golden Boy himself. If preseason sentiments are any indication, it will be a game worth attending.

Says Correnti, "Strommy's got another thing coming!"

The guiding hand in the Mustangs' endeavors this year will be second-year Varsity head coach **Chris Augusto**.

Many coaches go a whole career without ever having an undefeated season. However, Augusto, a San Marin graduate and former lineman himself, hasn't lost in the past two seasons.

"We have a great group of guys coming back from last year's team," said Augusto. "With a lot of hard work, we should have a great chance to be competitive."

With a strategic aerial assault led by Rolovich combined with the power running of Egide, Augusto thinks that this offense could be even better than the group of a year ago.

Assisting Augusto will be a distinguished group including **Isreal Jones** on defense, **John Ruckrigel** and **Dave Ayers** helping the backs, and **Brent Moore**, another Mustang alumni who for three years dominated the NFL as a member of the Green Bay Packers.

In the past few years the Mustangs have failed to be a real draw. However, with last year's successes, everyone is plenty confident that things will be different. The poster boy for this confidence is Egide, whose proclamation, "I put the fans in the stands," will probably come true with the wins continuing to poor in.

This, too, isn't misguided confidence. According to freshman Mustang fan and Egide supporter, **Megan Beresford** the bleachers should be full. "Erik Egide definitely puts me in the stands!"

Now, with the first game tonight against Sonoma, the Mustangs feel they are prepared for another long season.

On paper, it looks like they should go undefeated easily. However, that is the reason the games aren't played on paper and more teams don't go undefeated.

Instead the season is sure to be filled with exciting games and great football. So, reward your curiosity and come cheer on the Mustangs.

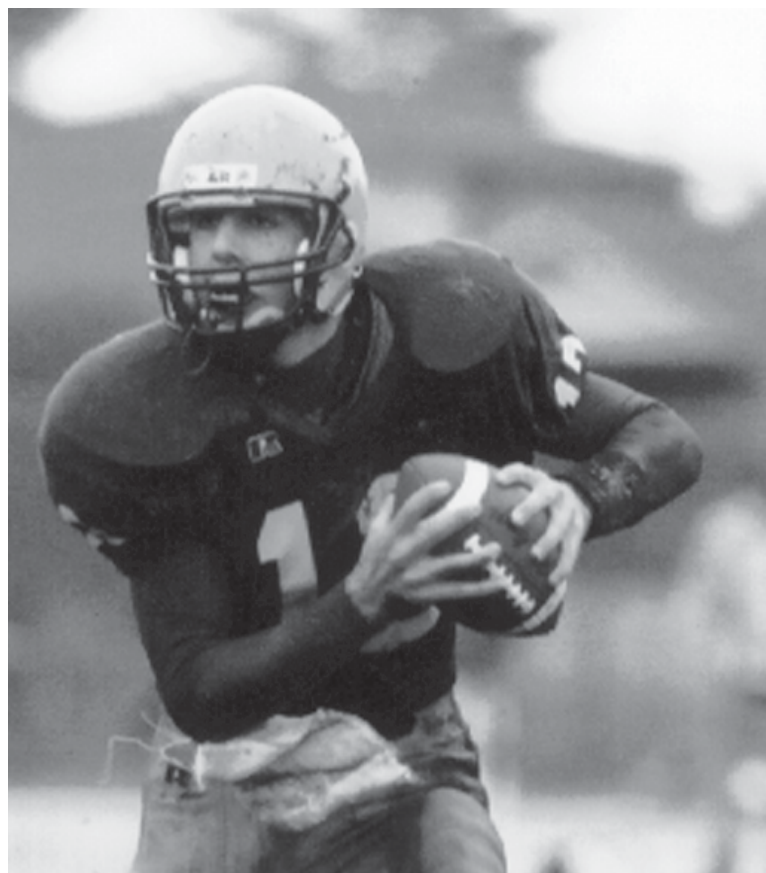


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Senior quarterback Jared Barrilleaux directs traffic at the Petaluma scrimmage on Friday, September 6

Young talent on soccer team

By Sean Johannessen

This year's Varsity Soccer team is young but talented. With veteran coach Jay Larson returning after a one year hiatus and many new faces, this squad hopes to improve over their 6-6 record last year. This will be hard with many starters graduating last year. Some of the returning stars include senior **Dario Garzo** and juniors **Edgar Ramirez** and **Jeff Russell**.

"I think that we have a strong group of boys and I am very excited about playing this soccer season," stated junior defender **William Hodges**. "We are determined to knock the socks off our opponents!" Last week they lost 2-0 at the hands of a very good Maria Carilo team and won last Friday 3-1 over Petaluma High. The team hopes to have a lot of fun and a successful season.

Fall sports preview

Sport	2001 MCAL record	Coaches	Players to watch
Varsity football	10-0 MCAL Champions NCS Champions	Chris Augusto, Brent Moore, Israel Jones, Dave Ayers, John Ruchrigal	Erik Egide, David Hoytt, Jack Rolovich, Scott Dumont, Eric Letsch, Kevin Correnti
JV football	8-2	Kevin Ghee, Zach Pascoe	Leland Hansen, Tyler Rushton, Chris Knowles, Anthony Gonzalez
Freshman football	0-8	Dan Fisherbaugh, Al Rushton	Scott Menasco, Keith Renner, Mike DePew
Boys' varsity soccer	6-6-0	Jay Larson, Mike Carbone	Edgar Ramirez, Dario Garzo, Jeff Russell, Jared Overfield
Boys' frosh/soph soccer	8-3-2	Mike Carbone	Brian Martinez, Ian Walsh
Boys' cross country	1-8	Tom Zechlin	Dan Byers, Pat Deshazo
Girls' cross country	8-1	Tom Zechlin	Zoe Brown, Courtney Dowdall, Meagan McCray
Girls' tennis	5-8	Suzie Seavey	Brooke Barnecut, Annie Drummond-Hay, Diana Keating, Susan Beresford, Jessie Ruth,
Girls' golf	4-4	Randy Willis	Andrina Carlsen, Rachel Oppenheimer, Niki Kidd
Girls' varsity volleyball	4-9	Tim Hawkins	Ashley Puma, Jessica Zanoni, Christina Pelka, Marie Buich, Jenny Sack
Girls' frosh/soph volleyball	7-6	Francine Cunnie	Ashley House, Rebecca Pelka, Courtney Coughlin, Lauren Dumont
Boys' water polo	5-3	Bryan Pughe	Bret Pughe, Greg Rosell, Matt Petty, Jonah Friedman
Girls' water polo	1-2	Jim Larson	Jamie Lummis, Emily Parker, Myra Perez, Melanie McCollom
Varsity Spirit Leaders	—	Kim Mengerelli	Cristina Restivo, Challen Pressley, Amanda Bautista
JV Spirit Leaders	—	Kim Mengerelli, Gina Husk	Nicole Lundgeron, Rachel Schotz

Time capsule: senior-freshman profile



CASEY SANDERS, senior

Answers:

1. My experiences at San Marin...well I didn't get egged my freshman year, so then I felt all-powerful.
2. 4- not many people like staying on for rallies.
3. I work at Shell and stuff.
4. All sex, because I don't want thirteen-year-old girls to learn all that stuff.
5. I shared a locker with Alex Hermes.
6. Science, because I'm never going to use it. I don't plan on dissecting my cat when it dies.
7. Gerald Ford, Ghangas Khan, and the Pope
8. I'd make sure he knows what I could do...



Questions:

1. Describe your experience at San Marin.
2. Rate the overall spirit of your class on a scale of 1-10.
3. What do you do in your spare time?
4. Would you rather see all sex or all violence censored from T.V.?
5. What is the craziest thing you've ever done?
6. What subject in school do you think will be completely useless to you in the?
7. If you could have dinner with three people, dead or alive, who would you dine with?
8. If someone a lot smaller than you kept teasing you and telling lies about you, how far would you go to make them stop?



KEITH RENNER, freshman


Answers:

1. So far it's been a lot more fun than middle school. The upper classmen have been pretty nice.
2. 6 or 5. You know, it's the beginning of the year.
3. I hang out with my friends and play football, baseball, and basketball.
4. All violence, for obvious reasons.
5. I rolled my friend down a hill in a garbage can.
6. Geography, because you just have to know all these countries and I'll just probably stay here.
7. Michael Jordan, Jerry Rice, and Rebecca Romijn Stamos.
8. I don't know, but there would be a hospital involved.

Did you know?

compiled by Logan Bartling and Sean Johannessen

- ◆ Many types of lipstick contain fish scales
- ◆ Jesus Christ is Greek for "anointed one." Jesus' real name was Yoshua Ben Yusef. The letter j didn't even exist in the times of Jesus.
- ◆ John Hanson, a Swedish immigrant, was actually America's first president. In 1781, George Washington even sent a letter to Hanson addressed to "The President of the United States." Washington was actually the 8th president, though he was the first to assume the office under the Constitution.
- ◆ Windmills all over the world turn counter-clockwise except those in Ireland.
- ◆ 100,000 birds a year die from smashing into windows.
- ◆ In a small town in Kansas called Natoma, it is illegal to throw knives at men wearing striped suits.
- ◆ President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's wife Eleanor was so afraid of being buried alive, she requested that all of her major veins be cut so there would be no chance she was alive. Her wishes were honored upon her death.



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