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Correction From Previous Issue

In the article, "Worldwide Cultures Shared at San Marin", Stephanie Hoogenboom was misquoted.

Printed Quote: "I thought Americans would be like movie stars, rich and famous."

Revised Quote: "Movies try to give you a certain image but you know that's not true."

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Meet the Team...



Abby Yim

-Favorite Quote: "Where there's a will, I want to be in it."
-Favorite Memories: rejection from "Dirty Dancing Havana Nights", my "trip" a day, the caddy, starbucks, Mr. Darcy, the exercise baci ball provides, the wonderment of thai ice tea, needing "Air" to breathe, the "projects", and finally all my weekend nights spent in journalism.



Sean Johannessen

-Favorite Invention: The Time Machine.
-Favorite Catch Phrase: "Hey Now, Dragon!"
-Best Pez Dispenser: I have this panda one, see, and it has this fur type stuff on it so it is like a stuffed animal. I hope no animals were harmed to bring me pleasure.



Alyssa Pomponio

-Sign: Aries
-Favorite Disney Princess: Sleeping Beauty
-Pet Peeve: Sneaker Boy
-Biggest Turn-on: A little dirt.
-Should Have Grown up in the: 1980s. The clothes, the music, the movies...enough said.



Brad McCarter

-Favorite Song: "Jimi Thing" by The Dave Matthews Band
-Least Favorite Movie: Envy
-Favorite Book: The DaVinci Code by Dan Brown
-Favorite Quote: "What lies before and what lies behind are tiny matters compared to what lies within." -Ralph Waldo Emerson



Amber Shields

-Favorite Word: Esperanza
-Biggest Compliment Ever Received: Tree-huggin', dirty liberal (Thanks Kevin)
-Weaknesses: Chocolate, foreign movies, and dead guys (I always fall for the ones that were before my time)



Zack Kinyon

-Favorite Quote: "You're not fighting this war to save democracy. You're fighting it to save the Stock Exchange." -Abbie Hoffman
-Favorite Outfit: Jeans, a t-shirt, a coat (if it's cold), my sneakers.
-Favorite Kipling Poem: To tell you the truth I haven't read many.
-Original Phrases Coined: "What's the spread?" (Means: What's going on?)

Dear Abby...(come on, I had to do it eventually)

By Abby Yim

As my sentence at San Marin closes to an end and that light at the end of the tunnel becomes brighter, I thought I'd be a good person and fight the urge to evilly cackle and point menacingly at the juniors as they pass me in the hall (I got sick of doing it first semester), I'd be kind and open my vast array of knowledge about being a senior. I rallied some juniors and had them lay it on me. After filtering out all those who just wanted to ask me to prom, I found a few with questions that were actually about getting through the last stretch of San Marin.

Dear Abby, is it really as relaxed and pointless as it seems? – from Ready to Relax

Dear Ready, the stress level of senior year varies depending on who you talk to. The answer is tied to what classes you take. Personally, the absence of a math and science this year in my curriculum has made life much more tolerable. Yet, if you are like my friend, let's call her "Melissa", who is taking seven classes, which include AP Bio, AP English, AP Spanish and AP Calculus, the stress load is very apparent. Yet, even in that situation I would say the overall mentality is more relaxed because the worst is over, and you're beginning to figure out the next step, which, as cliché as it seems, is quite thrilling. The year overall isn't "pointless", but just less weighted than sophomore and junior year. The key word term there was "less weighted", not completely forgotten. Colleges can be tricky and let you think that you're in by actually sending an acceptance letter and allow you to feel like you're invincible and that the slipping grades won't affect you. However, don't be fooled, colleges can reverse your acceptance. It's important to maintain your grades as much as Senioritis will let you.

Dear Abby, are scholarships worth the effort it takes to fill out all that paper work and essays?
–from Paper Phobia

Dear Paper, YES. It may feel tedious while writing a personal statement or writing your social security number for the ninth billionth time, but when you get that letter in the mail that promises a hefty check for school, it is extremely worth it. A little trick that may prove useful is to apply for as many scholarships as possible and once you do the first few, the rest are pretty uniform. The statements can be recycled and a flow starts to begin once you've mastered the art of filling out all the information that goes along with getting, basically, "free" money.

Dear Abby, any suggestions about applying to colleges in general? –from I Need Help

Dear Help, I may not be the best person to ask when it comes to applying for colleges, however I know who the best person is: our own College and Career Counselor, Paula Vantrease. I feel like being her T.A. fourth period has actually increased my knowledge, purely through diffusion. The college and career center room is a mecca for students transitioning out of high school and you couldn't find a better college guru than Mrs. Vantrease. It's unfortunate that I won't be able to take her with me throughout college too, but I'm very happy that she has been here for my high school experience. I strongly encourage everyone to use one of the best resources we have at San Marin by going to the college and career center on a regular basis.

Hopefully these few tid-bits of immense wisdom and knowledge will help all of you as you return to San Marin next year. To sum up my whole San Marin experience, as tedious and monotonous as it felt at times, it was a memorable experience worth having.

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Jueun An: Santa Rosa JC
Nicole Andros: Santa Barbara City College
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Lyndsey Arnheiter: Santa Rosa JC
Zack Bachmeier: Santa Rosa JC
Johan Backstrom: Handels (Sweden)
Vanessa Bacon: Santa Rosa JC
Jean Bae: Westmont College
Amir Banejad: Santa Rosa JC
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Loren Egide: Sacramento State
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Ryan Larkin: Santa Rosa JC
Whitney Lee: Chico State
Marisa Lein: Santa Rosa JC
Jon Lenaburg: Undecided
Eddie Leiva: Santa Rosa or College of Marin
Laurel Lemontt: UC Berkeley
Andre Levenson: Morehouse College
Stacy Leveroni: Undecided
Shayna Long: College of Marin
Michael Lovejoy: UC Berkeley
Randi Louie: San Francisco State
Jamie Lummis: UC Davis
Dino Maioriello: American River College
Kyle Manzoni: New Mexico State University
Ryan Martin: Academy of Art College
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Dante Nieri: Santa Rosa JC
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Jaimie Sarubbi: Young Americans and Riverside Community College
Alexander Saslow: Humboldt State
Joe Schneider: Santa Rosa JC
David Selchau: Chico State

Julia Selfridge: Young Americans and Riverside Community College
Amanda Sewall: Undecided
Jared Shaver: Santa Rosa JC
Amber Shields: Carleton College
Blane Shields: Santa Clara University
Sueaee Shin: UC Berkeley
Kenny Simmons: Santa Rosa JC
Jenny Slawson: College of the Desert
Carla Soruco: Santa Rosa JC
Matt Spencer: University of Florida
Ian Stahl: Undecided
Chris Stein: Grossmont Community College
Whitney Stenberg: Sonoma State
Lauren Stroble: Arizona State
Myriah Swinehart: Santa Rosa JC
Mike Tait: Mesa Community College
Matt Teague: Santa Barbara City College
Marisol Torres: Work at Dental Office
Brian Tuel: San Diego State
Ashley Van Allen: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Blake Vantrease: Santa Rosa JC
Clark Villaseñor: Santa Rosa JC
Jennifer Walker: Santa Barbara City College
Patrick Wallen: Undecided
Jennifer Ward: Alive and Well, Hollistic Institute
Zack Warren: Brigham Young University
Andrew Wedge: Undecided
Norrin Wise: Santa Rosa JC
Katie Winsor: UC Davis
Eric Wright: Chico State
Lea Wyatt: University of the Pacific
Kelly Wyrsh: Cuesta JC
Hanna Yanover: Chico State
Kelly Yerby: Grossmont Community College
Christine Young: UC Davis
Abby Yim: Santa Rosa JC
Alison Youngs: University of the Pacific
Andy Zabko: Tulane University
Gina Zucconi: Santa Rosa JC
Scott Zwiaska: Sonoma State

Oh, the places we will go

Academy of Art College
Alive and Well, Hollistic Institute
American River College
Arizona State
Boston University
Brigham Young University
Brooks Institute of Photography
Cabrillo College
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Carleton College
Chapman University
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UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz
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University of Florida
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Nevada-Las Vegas
University of Nevada-Reno
University of Notre Dame
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of the Pacific
U.S. Air Force
Vista Community College
Westmont College
Whittier College
Woodbury University
Young Americans

Favorite Memories

Nicole Andros: Seeing Omar dressed up as Pretty Pretty Princess. I can't believe he won and we didn't get any pictures!

Lyndsey Arnheiter: The opening scene of Gandhi in Mr. Krakora's class for two weeks.

Johan Backstrom: First Football practice.

Natalie Basile: When I told Aaron Bae that Jamie Lee Curtis was a hermaphrodite. He didn't believe me, so he asked Mrs. Carlomagno and she said it was true.

Sergio Beatriz: When I first came here, I really liked my teachers. And the time my class went to Miwok Park and had a tour; it was lots of fun.

Matt Brand: Playing Snood in Mrs. Campagna's class.

Kevin Breakstone: When the rally got canceled and there was the strike on the field and ninjas attacked and I saved the day...yeah...

Mike Bridgeman: I don't have a favorite memory because there are so many memories.

Marie Buich: My Cowgirl-Indian skit for Homecoming with Zach Warren - it was hilarious!

Courtney Carroll: I don't have one.

William Chais: The first day of school freshman year. A Senior telling me he was going to kill my dog, and I told him I didn't have one, and he said he'd buy me one and then kill it.

Laura Cherkas: Walking out of the first '04 rally.

Jennifer Combs: Freshman year in Mr. McBroom's math class when Chris Andros missed the door, walked into the black board, and passed out, leaving a nose smudge on the chalk board, which we left up all year.

Katie Distefano: Freshman year softball MCAL champions, Sophomore and Junior year NCS softball champions.

Muiread Donlevy: Colin and Matt singing in AP Chem.

Melissa Duffield: The smell of Morning Star in the morning (I am a hoesy person!).

Joe Farasati: Mr. Kanane's class everyday was a blast.

Harmony Farhadi: At the first rally when everybody got kicked out for booing, including the freshman for booing themselves. That was classic.

Dominique Fougere: Freshmen year "Intro to Art" class. Everything about that class was hilarious: the students, the jokes, and the teacher. Good times.

Franco Franca: The Gym walk out.

Tyler Frost: Shopping cart madness with my friends on weekends.

Jacqueline Gallegos: The rally when the freshman were booed and then got cancelled.

Mark Haapala: Del Norte Victory.

Leland Hansen: The entire senior and junior class getting kicked out of the rally.

AJ Hennessy: the week when AJ Hennessy's parents were gone, April 18-25, 2004.

Thomas Holleran: Looking at Mike's S-10 Chevy when his tailgate and bumper were smashed in from an accident he wasn't in. I felt bad, but oh well, he got sick of his bumpy rides.

Stephanie Hoogenboom: As an exchange student, I didn't spend four years at San Marin. But this year was a great experience for me and San Marin leaves good memories.

Nicole Jackson: Third period English having Vanessa M., Bridget O., Amanda, and Natalia sing during Mr. B's English class.

Aaron Johnson: The poo smell; PE badmitton.

Brian Lee Keast: When I met all my friends like Sergio and Mrs. C.

Paul Kirpes: I'm ready to learn, Kinane - US History.

Alex Kovaleff: When Christina Blankenburg gave me our first dance sophomore year and let me be a part of her life.

Emily Kruger: Kinane's US History class junior year.

Eddie Leiva: Getting kicked out of the rally.

Andre Levenson: The rally and basketball games.

Shayna Long: The Homecoming skit of Loren Egide and Christina Pelka impersonating me and Dino.

Randi Louie: When the seniors were kicked out of the gym during our rally.

Dino Maioriello: Going up to Del Norte and showing them what Mustang football is all about. GO DEL NORTE!

Andrew Marcus: Every class systematically getting kicked out of the rally.

Ryan Martin: An old friend of mine, he graduated back in '02, bull rushes me and knocks me flat on my side. All I remember of it was me talking to another friend of mine at the old tree across from the library, and then me horizontally inverted, lying on the ground not talking to my friend. He picked me back up right after he realized I didn't dodge him. I mean, I didn't see it coming, and he is and was a big guy.

Joseph Martinez: When Angel Alfaro couldn't step it up and face his challenge.

Vanessa Miner: I told Kenny Simmons that my lipstick was chocolate and he ate it.

Elise Mitchell: My freshman English class with Mr. Whitburn and meeting Carla Sarucco.

Sarah Moraes: Otis Spunkmeyer and his scrumptious cookies.

Nathaniel Morse: Sleeping through most of English and Geometry and sneaking out of Science.

Kaley Myer: Flimibuff presentations freshman year.

Amaan Nathoo: Beating the French 4 class 4-1 in soccer with the Spanish 5 AP class.

Irma Navarro: My Senior Homecoming, wait...I wasn't allowed to go!

Steven Needham: Brenden Dempsey's accident coming home from the Arcata wrestling tournament.

Alex Newkirk: Booing the freshmen and getting kicked out of the gym. (Rally Day.)

Dante Nieri: At the rallies, everyone would yell and go crazy.

Roya Nikzad: Chem junior year 6th period with Bachert and company.

Lauren Novick: The slide show at the end-of-the-year rally with pictures from all the senior events.

Fiona Palmer: Eight hour bus ride, then eight hours back. Torture.

Christina Pelka: Dressing up as my secret love, my idol, my reason to get up in the morning: Dino.

Ashley Peterson: The Powderpuff Football Game...oh wiat, that never happened...or did they change it to next month?

Challen Pressley: Whitburn's freshman English class and pulling the fire alarm in France.

Edgar Ramirez: Winning M.V.P. Varsity Soccer two years in a row.

Joey Ratto: The walk-out of the gym for the first rally of the year and writing "POO" on the hill...yeah that was us.

Danny Robinson: Watching Blake scare younger classmen.

David Selchau: Beating Del Norte in double overtime in below freezing weather.

Sue-ae Shin: On the first day of school, I was very very nervous because I didn't speak any English back then. I just got here from Korea. Despite my English, people started to help me to find classrooms.

Kenny Simmons: Winning the NCS Championship and getting to play in the Oakland Coliseum. Gives me the shivers.

Carla Soruco: Walking into the gym for a rally for the first time as a senior. Sitting down in the senior section with my class shirt on and listening to the freshmen boo themselves.

Mike Tait: Either David Mattos having a seagull crap in his eye or when Derek Bosia dropped Dino Maioriello in the gym for being cocky.

Marisol Torres: The cheerfulness of rallies on Fridays.

Brian Tuel: One time this idiot fell down a flight of stairs, hit his head, then landed in a pool.

Clark Villasenor: Marching down campus with bagpipes playing while screaming "Freedom" my sophomore year.

Danny Wilson: When Ronnie said, "We are going to take it easy for the rest of the year."

Hanna Yanover: Getting banned from the school

library with Claudia and Bert.

Christine Young: The Music Department trip to Disneyland during my sophomore year. We had fun at the park, but we also got to see backstage of the park and see how musicians for Disneyland are hired.

Andy Zabko: Pretty much the entire Chemistry class 5th period junior year. Because of that, I'll never forget the "Doug" theme song.

Scott Zwiaska: Being part of the first San Marin Lacrosse team.

Seniority

By Bridget O'Connor and Christina Pelka

"Hey, what's up?"

"I don't know. I'm just chillin' in mi casa."

"So, uh, are we going to Tag's before the game?"

"Um, did you just ask me that? Of course we are. What are you wearing anyway?"

"Probably a sweatshirt and my jacket. It heard it might rain and no one is going to go."

"Ahhhh we're still going right?"

"Um, did you just ask me that?"

And that was how it was. Every Saturday. And, of course, we went. And we saw the same crowd of loyal fans at every football game. Home or away, rain or shine, we went. We paid our money, showed our school IDs, and we supported our boys. And we laughed a lot too. Something that's getting harder and harder to do at this school.

Before we entered high school, San Marin was supposed to be the best time of our lives. We heard stories from older brothers, babysitters, and even teachers. San Marin was a fun place to be.

We knew that when we came to San Marin our freshman year, it wouldn't be the same. But we tried. We went to every dance. We stood up at every rally. We involved ourselves in sports. And we were proud to wear green and gold. We were proud of our school.

Each year we knew it would get better, or at least we thought it would. For us, senior year was supposed to be the most exciting year of our lives thus far. We were supposed to boo the freshmen, chalk the hill, terrorize the underclassmen at break, and just slack off. All of it in good fun. A rite of passage. A tradition.

Little did we know, we would be kicked out of our first rally. A day we had been looking forward to for years, sitting in that corner of the gym near the boy's locker room. It was a corner of respect, but we were shown none. And that was the beginning of the end. A senior year with no seniority.

And our fun kept slipping away. Suddenly, coming in seconds after the bell could jeopardize our walking at graduation. Going to the bathroom could cost us ten points on a test. Cheering at a basketball game could lead to suspension. Being honest got you in trouble, and lying kept you safe. What was San Marin coming to?

Now, only a few weeks until our graduation, we talk about our year and how much we wanted to do, only to realize how much was taken away. It wasn't any torture chamber, but it sure wasn't what it was supposed to be.

We had a lot of great memories these past four years, but we made them ourselves. We tried to make the best of every situation.

So, we leave you with this. Class of 2005, 2006, 2007 and all the rest: Do what you can to make your senior year memorable, because no one is going to do it for you. Go to every football game, even if it's in the rain or somewhere you have never heard of. Go to basketball games and stand, even if our team is losing. Go to Cali Grill, even if you're not hungry, and get some nugs. Go to Coldstone, but don't make them sing. Destroy your friends' cars, and start a war. Go out on the weekends and get to know your classmates more. Have theme parties with your team, and dance the night away. And if there's nothing to do, rent *Heavyweights* or *Love and Basketball*. And those were our high school experiences. Filled with driving around, the occasional party, catfights, corn bread, and the cut on Vineyard.

Just try to live your life. You will never be in high school again. So don't look back years from now, wishing you could do it all over again.

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Video Games: The Opiate of Our Generation

By Sean Johannessen, Zack Kinyon, and Brad McCarter

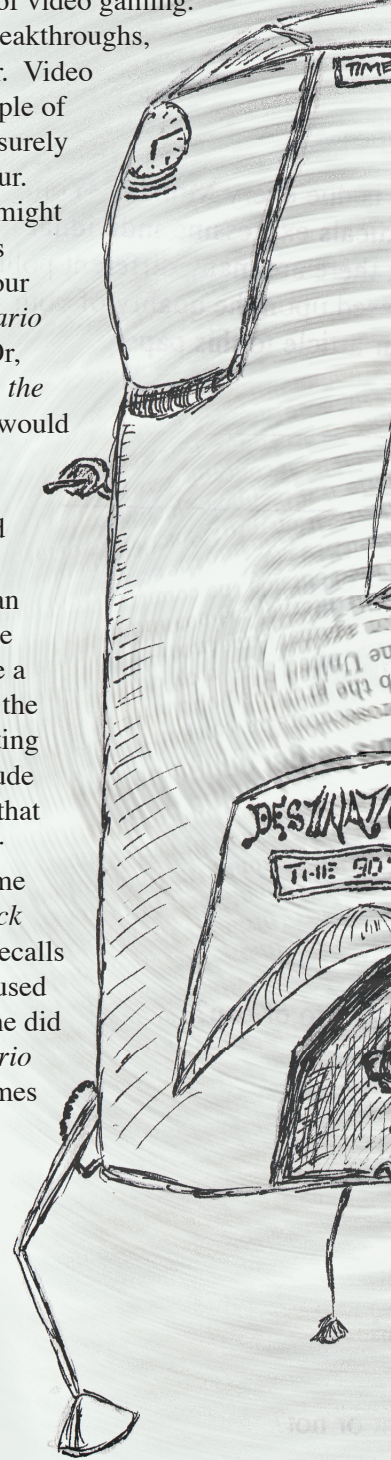
While some generations define themselves through fashion, music, or political movements, we define ourselves through the art of video gaming. Some may scoff at the idea of gaming as an art, but to those people we say, "It is." With our generation came a wave of technological breakthroughs, expanding the world of entertainment from the board to the screen, and then to portable devices so kids could game whenever, wherever. Video



games have swept across the globe and connected the people of all cultures. Whatever nation you may hail from, you can surely relate to an Italian plumber who rides a little green dinosaur.

"Sonic BOOOOOM!!!!" Recognize this phrase? You might if you used to play one of the most popular fighting games of our time, *Street Fighter*. If animated violence wasn't your bag, then maybe you are familiar with the racing game *Mario Kart*, with its wacky characters and go-cart style racing. Or, maybe you preferred the classic Sega Genesis game *Sonic the Hedgehog* for its fast-paced, two-dimensional puzzles. "I would have to say that *Sonic* beats out *Aladdin* as my favorite Sega video game of all time. It will always have a special place in my heart," says senior Will Chais. And who could forget the classic *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle* series? For some, like senior Kevin Breakstone, it was much more than a game. "Some foreign exchange students from Japan gave me *Turtles III (The Manhattan Project)*. It quickly became a favorite in my household as my brother and I played it all the time. It was a true bonding experience for us. I loved fighting those deranged foot soldiers on the bridge." If all these elude your memory, then surely you are familiar with the game that began this entire revolution, *Super Mario*. By itself, *Super Mario Bros.* was a very good game but included in the same package was the game that put the zapper on the map, *Duck Hunt*. "*Duck Hunt* was great because it was interactive," recalls junior Emma Wnuk. "You had the zapper in your hand. I used to get right next to the TV so I would never miss. Everyone did that right?" The combination of *Duck Hunt* and *Super Mario* exploded onto the scene and set the standard for video games everywhere.

Whether or not you were a true video game junky, at sometime or another you played one of these classic video games that truly define our generation of technological gaming.



The Classic Television

By Alyssa Pomponio

Television has played an undeniable role in each of our lives, and the following shows unquestionably impacted us during our childhoods.

"Beverly Hills, 90210": Before there was "The O.C.," "Dawson's Creek," "Party of Five," or "Melrose Place," there was one show that changed primetime television forever. "Beverly Hills, 90210" was the first television drama about teenagers. The original cast of characters included all-American Brandon, bossy girl-next-door Brenda, bad boy Dylan, popular Kelly, rich kid Steve, nerdy Andrea, younger David, and conservative Donna. There was always one to identify with and never a lack of eye candy. The "90210" phenomenon took off like nothing else before. Some fans, like myself, could be found in front of the TV every Wednesday night at eight o'clock getting a feel for what high school "was really like". "90210" merchandising was everywhere, from Teen Beat Magazine covers to key chains to clothing to Barbie dolls. The show dealt with real issues: friendships, parents, relationships, alcohol and drugs, and sex, among other things. In fact, "90210" was the first of the primetime teen dramas to do a teen pregnancy storyline. Without this show's groundbreaking, primetime television would not be the same.

"Doug": Nickelodeon's cartoon about Doug Funny, an average kid in Bluffington, was arguably the best cartoon on television (that is, before it moved to the ABC Saturday Morning). Doug began and ended every episode writing a journal entry in his room, with dog Porkchop always nearby. We all sympathized with his relationship with Patti Mayonnaise, the cute friend whom he just happened to have a massive crush on, despised Roger Klotz, the bully who always called Doug "Funny," and desired a true friend like Skeeter Valentine. Whether Doug was getting advice from his artistic older sister Judy, spending the day with crazy neighbor Mr. Dink, or eating ice cream with Mr. Swirly, there was never a dull day in Bluffington. Besides being a racially PC show (Doug was peach, Patti was Orange, Skeeter was blue, and Roger was Green), "Doug" introduced us to our first rock stars: The Beets. There is no question that "Doug" was a major part of our childhoods.

The entire TGIF lineup: Though it is hard to believe, there was a time when each and every graduating senior stayed home every Friday night and couldn't have been happier. With ABC's unstoppable TGIF lineup, why would anyone choose to go out? "Full House" offered up wholesome family values with the same excess that Danny Tanner cleaned. Steve Urkel brought comedy to "Family Matters," and no girl could deny his slight sexy appeal in his persistent devotion to Laura Wilson, especially after transforming himself into the ultra-suave Stephon. The kids on "Step by Step" took sibling rivalries to a new level while newly married mom Carol Foster and dad Frank Lambert tried hopelessly not to notice. "Hanging" with Mr. Cooper, which occupied the 9:30 time slot, was funny but too late for most of us to stay up for. Overall, the TGIF lineup was an amazing combination of television masterpieces.



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- "I Saw the Sign" by Ace of Base
- "You Oughta Know" by Alanis Morissette
- "Waterfalls" by TLC
- "Barbie Girl" by Aqua
- "Black or White" by Michael Jackson
- "Amish Paradise" by Wierd Al Yankovic
- "Basketcase" by Green Day
- "Pieces of You" by Jewel

Cinema's Gems

By Alyssa Pomponio and Abby Yim

Think back to those special movies you watched over and over, the ones you knew so well that you could quote the dialogue perfectly. Now we'll bet that your list includes at least one of these.

"Sandlot": Somewhere between the mass-barfing-to-the-Tequila-song scene and the Squints-kissing-the-hot-lifeguard scene, this movie became a classic. It's the heartwarming tale of a shy, nerdy boy who discovers the meaning of friendship, accepts his stepfather, learns to throw a baseball, and gets into the "biggest pickle of them all". With unforgettable characters like Smalls, Benny, Ham, Yeah-Yeah, Timmy and Tommy Timmons, the Beast, and the rest of the gang, there is no shortage of comedy. Each one of us would be lying if we said we didn't love this movie (and when we say love, we mean watch three million times).

"Clueless": Although her computer-operated revolving closet was a tad excessive, the character of Cher was a landmark for countless girls' childhoods. "Clueless" captured the fashion of the '90s, short skirts for girls and baggy pants for boys. Cher taught us valuable lessons, like don't wear shoes that are "so last season" and that helping people can make you happy. "Clueless" gave birth to dozens of catch phrases and quotes that many of us still use today, including "like," "whatever," and "as if." Just think, without this movie, we would never be able to count the number of "likes" said in boring class presentations.

"Aladdin": "I can show you the world." Oh Aladdin, don't do me like that! With a sympathetic hero, a ravishing princess, a hilarious genie, an evil villain, a devious parrot, and a loveable monkey, this movie had it all. "Aladdin" added a little Arabian culture to our young minds, not to mention all those catchy tunes. It was a story of love overcoming insecurity, sending a message to all of us kids: Love can conquer class barriers with the help of a charismatic genie and a magic carpet. Ah, there is still hope in the world.

Snack Time!

By Amber Shields and Abby Yim

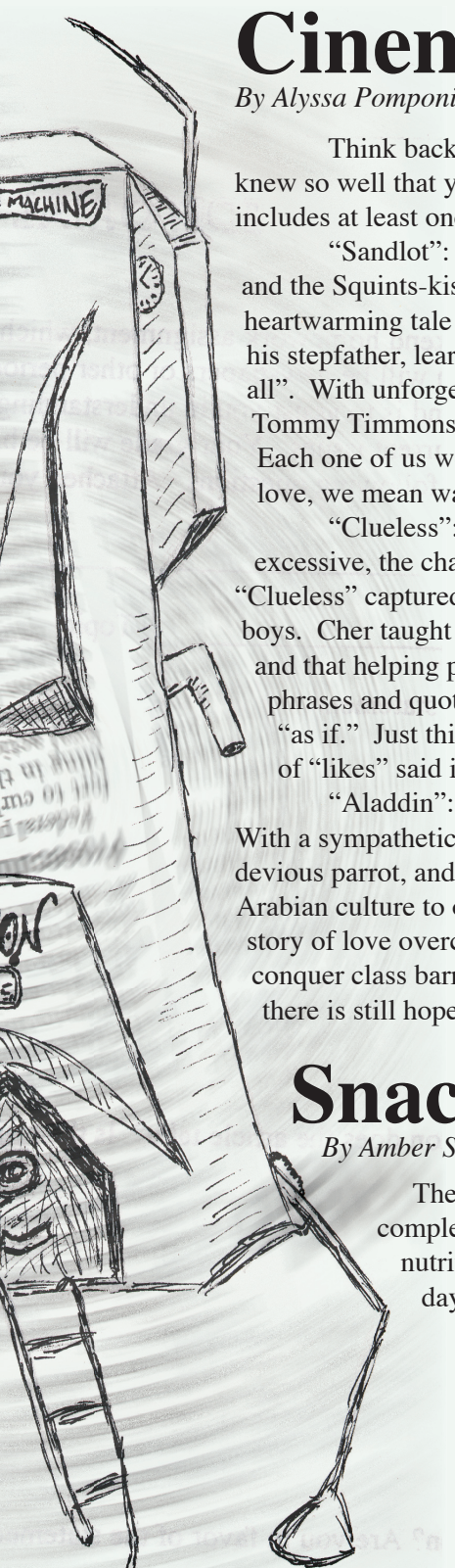
The years I've spent in the public education system would not be complete without reminiscing over my favorite part of the day: lunch. In elementary school my mom would lovingly pack a healthy, nutritious lunch. Little did she know that packing carrots and sliced apples only aided my convincing skills, not my health. Any given day you could find me talking to the kid sitting next to me into trading their gushers for my celery sticks. Here are some of the highlights from that magical time:

Squeeze It's: Probably the easiest way to describe these drinks would be to say that they were melted sugar with some obscene dye, an extremely appealing combination for any child. The plastic bottles illustrated a face of some angry flavor like "grumpy grape." You could find me squeezing that semi-toxic liquid on a regular basis in the playground of San Ramon.

Gushers: Speaking of melted sugar...Gushers were semi-solid, semi-liquid snacks that were not only fun to eat, but also fun to play with. Popping Gushers and squeezing the oozy sugar gel all over-what could be more fun?

String Cheese: There is no wrong way to eat a string cheese. Everyone had his own way, from the child who methodically shredded the thing to the one who ate it all in one bite. The versatility of this lovable food not only defined our generation, it defined who we were individually.

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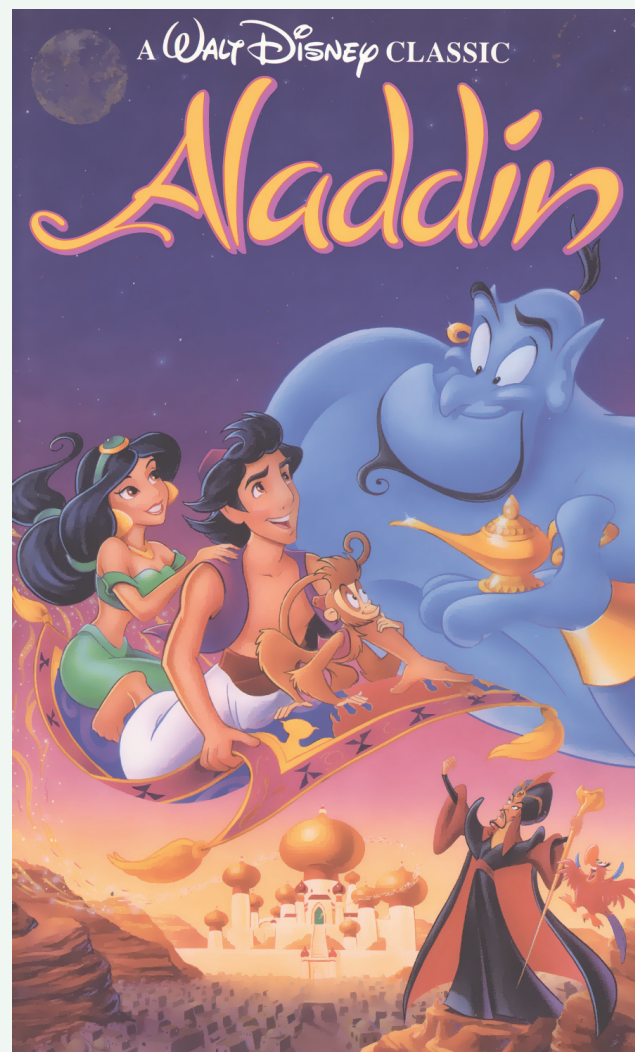
Childhood Favorites

Books:

- Box Car Children collection
- Babysitter's Club collection
- All American Girl collection
- Goosebumps collection
- Hardy Boys collection
- Magic School Bus collection
- Dr. Seuss collection
- Nancy Drew collection

Fashion:

- Stretch pants
- Pastels
- Leggings
- Sweat pants
- Baggy shirts
- Hair Bows
- Really baggy pants for guys
- L.A. Gear light up sneakers



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FEATURES

Song Dedications

Vanessa Abold: “Shake What You Got in Them Jeans” to Sierra Matthews.
Sunny Banihashemi: “Roses” by Outkast and “Cuz I Wanna Feel the Thunder” to Amanda Bautista.
Eric Benson: “Because I got High” to all the senior class.
Nicole Bossier: “Milkshake” by Kelis to Phil Becker because his shake brings all the girls.
Erin Brydon: “Fight For Your Right to Party” to Christina, Sara, Angie, and Biggie. Always fight, always party.
Leslie Butori: “Represent” by Orishas to Rachel.
Jason Calhoon: “Someday” by Hoobastank to Carla.
Lauren Camarda: “What was I Thinkin” by Deirks Bently to Myriah Swinehart.
Eddie DeLeon: “Don’t Worry” by Bob Marley to Toni Beal.
Colin Dietz: “Love You Out Loud” by Rascal Flatts to my high school sweetheart.
Kevin Dougherty: “Que Pasa” by Orishas to Eric Rivera and David Selchau because I’m hard and neither of them want to mess with me.
Yolanda Figueroa: “Amor Platonico” to Loren Egide, it’s a Spanish song but it’s true.
Jennie Gay: “Young” by Kenny Chesney to Katie Distefano.
Steph Goldfien: “You’re a Star” by Josie and the Pussycats to Danielle McVay, “What Dreams are Made Of” by Hilary Duff to Kelsie Rotkel, and “The Ballad of Bilbo Baggins” by Leonard Neroy to Kevin and Steve.
Raquel Goncalves: “For All” by Celine Dion to my girls Jacky Gallegos, Norma Rodrigues, Yoanda Figueuroa, Marisol Torres, Mayra and my brother Ciro, who really always has my back. I love you all.
Natalie Graham: “We are Family” by Sister Sledge to Irma, Ashley, Whitney, and Tina. San Francisco!!
Alex Grant: “Toxic” by Britney Spears to Sammy Murdoch.
Erin Graves: “Like a Virgin” by Madonna to Sierra Matthews.
Brooke Gregg: “Yoddaling in da Valley” by Kid Rock to the Sube.
Jacob Herz: “Art” by Taproot to Rainson’s Advanced Art Class
Alaina Ho: “Friday Night” by The Darkness to Amber Shields
Megan Holden: “When You Say Nothing at All” by Allison Kraus to Scott Zwiaska
Katelyn Johnson: “It’s Your World Babe” to all the friends I’ve grown up with and to those who have been a part of my life these past four years. We’ve made some great memories, but I have a feeling these next four will be even better. Best of luck.
Diana Kem: “Who Let the Dogs Out?” by Baha Men to Jean Bae.
Steve Kenyon: “Oh Canada” to Emma Gauchi and Dr. Demento, and “Dungeons and Dragons” to Kevin Breakstone.
Ashley Kristensen: “Bootylicious” by Destiny’s Child to Vanessa Abold.
Ryan Larkin: “I Really Want to Make You Sweat” to the entire female class of ’05.
Whitney Lee: “Now and Then” to Sarah Meier. No matter how close or far apart we are or what boy gets in the way, or what new friends we make, I will always love you my sunshine! You were always my best friend and always will be.
Jon Lenaburg: “Baby got Back” by Sir Mix A lot to Shayna Long.
Mike Lovejoy: “Truly, Madly, Deeply” to Aura Sanchez.
Jesse Mathewson: “Burn One Down” by Peter Tosh to me.
Marc McCurdy: “Who’s got the Herb” by 311 to Paul Kirpes.
Danielle McVay: “Boat Dreams from the Hill” by Jawbreaker to Kelsie. What a crazy few days that was! “Pretend to be Nice” by Josie and the Pussycats to Steph.
David Mendez: “I leave You Wait and Bleed” to Biggy.
Matt Milano: “Three Little Birds” by Bob Marley to everyone under high school stress.
Jayson Montanez: “Throw it Up” by Lil Jon and the Eastside Boys featuring Pastor Troy to Brian Morrison.
Brian Morrison: “I Just Want to Get to Know You” to me.
Devon Mulligan: “He Love You Not” by Dream to Abby Yim and Claudia Collins.
Ryan Navarro: “Scatman’s World” to Nina Tran. Thanks for making high school fun.
Megan Nogueiro: “Hey Ya” by Outkast to Lauren Novick, Mike Sanguanetti, Jared Shaver, and Jamie Lummis.
Ryan Pedigo: “Because I Got High” by Afroman to Sam Mohyee.
Angela Phan: “Got Rice!?!?” to my Asians at SM and the folks who love rice!
Caio Pinheiro: “Time of Your Life” by Green Day to all my friends in San Marin. I can’t avoid, I have to go home, but you guys gave me an awesome year! Thanks!
Matt Ringor: “In the End” by Linkin Park to Tyler Mcaffee.
Kelsie Rotkel: “West Bay Invitational” by Jawbreaker to Danielle, here’s to many adventures to come. “Why Not” by Hilary Duff to the other closet Hilary Duff fans. I know who you are.
Mayra Rubalcava: “Goodbye My Friends” by The Spice Girls to Jacky, Lucia, and Raquel, I’ll miss you crazy girls.
Jessica Ruth: “Beautiful Soul” to Mia Cruz.
Aura Sanchez: “For The Longest Time” to Mike.
Alex Saslow: “Beat It” to Dana Pratt, “Bon Voyage” to the music department, “Hot in Herre” to SM Cheerleaders, “Now That I Can Dance” to Alex Randall, “Thriller” to Mandy Semorilli.
Chelsea Schadler: “Spade” by Marilyn Manson to my boyfriend Taylor Dunn. I love you!
Jenny Slawson: “Complicated” by Avril Lavigne to Lizzy McFadden.
Ian Stahl: “When Dinosaurs Kiss” by Beast-Ra to all those Beast-Ra fans out there.
Chris Stein: “Gangsta’s Paradise” by Coolio to Ashley Kristensen.
Myriah Swinehart: “I’m Gonna Get Through This” by Daniel Bedinfield to Kaitlyn Buckley.
Matt Teague: “Stupid Things” by Thicke to Julia Selfridge.
Blake Vantrease: “Momma” by Boyz II Men to my mom Mrs. Vantrease.
Lea Wyatt: “Count On Me” by Whitney Houston to all my friends because I know we’ll all be there for each other no matter where we end up.
Alison Youngs: “Lean On Me” to Lea, Kaley, Debbie, Laurel, and Laura.

Senior Futures

Angel Alfaro: Angel opens up the fifteenth La Hacienda in India.
Zack Bachmeier: Zack becomes a white rapper named Casper the friendly MC.
Amir Banejad: Amir will still be sitting on his butt playing video games...and getting paid \$100,000 a year.
Natalia Bennet: Natalia, who was born in 1904, is working at the Novato Police Department and spends all her breaks in Ms. Kemp’s room.
Reva Birnbaum: After officially changing her middle name to “Amigos,” Reva moves to Nicaragua where she opens a clinic for pregnant women and hums undecipherable Spanish songs all day.
Monica Blaine: After becoming a famous chef in New York, Monica will return to California, Oakland to be exact. She will be living happily with her husband, Tyronne, and her eight beautiful children.
Kaitlyn Buckley: Kaitlyn will be an elementary school teacher, much loved by all her students.
Jason Chakkalake: Jason runs an Indian casino (even though he’s a different type of Indian).
Jason Carr: Philly Phanatic by day, crime fighter by night.
Leo Del Toro: Leo becomes a famous model whose super sexy squint makes girls weak in the knees.
Brendan Dempsey: Brendan will be sitting in front of Coldstone with his letterman jacket exclaiming he was only one away from placing.
Alex Espinoza: Alex will still be working on his truck instead of driving it.
Drew Fernandez: Drew will become a famous and well- respected biologist. His intense study of reptiles and insects will be praised across the country.
Drew Gasparini: While touring the Southern US on his acoustic tribute to Dave Matthews tour, Drew will be arrested for defecating in public and is bailed out by his successful wife Jena under the condition that there will be no more pooping in Best Westerns.
Jason Gavazza: Jason will be a regular at Bert’s pub, sometimes playing his bagpipes as he brawls.
Debbie Goodman: Debbie will be living out of a box in Madrid and painting caricatures for food.
Justin Graniss: Justin becomes the first person to install airbags into golf carts.
Brooke Gregg, Amber Miller, and Amanda Sewall: They take a trip to Amsterdam and are never heard from again.
Preston Hatfield: Preston will still be bothering Erin and Megan’s boyfriends.
Karli Jayne: Karli becomes a novelist writing for the Star Wars series.
Sean Johannessen: Sean becomes the owner of Tuesday Morning. He is a billionaire and has expanded the stores throughout the world. He still eats cheese sandwiches on a daily basis.
Bertrand Johnson: Bert will own his own pub that will have nightly brawls.
Kevin Kahn: Kevin will be a traveling TV chef, teaching his viewers about geography and local cuisine.
Michael Keena: Mike will become the old guy at Novato Builders that checks your receipt as you leave.
Ashley Larkin: After a series of failed attempts of creating the perfect tomato soup, she drops out of school and moves back home with Sean Larkin.
Marisa Lein: While at work one day, Marisa comes up with a new flavor for Baskin Robbins - “Mushi, Mushi Canadian Cream”.
Laurel Lemontt: Laurel takes Mr. Vice’s place.
Jamie Lummis: Jamie will be a foreign diplomat to the Spanish Embassy and a part time Secret Service Agent.
Kyle Manzoni: Kyle moves to Never-Neverland, becomes a lost boy, and never grows up.
Matt Mauer: Matt will be going to high school parties trying to pick up chicks. Of course he will be walking to them because he will never get another car.
Brad McCarter: After touring the world lecturing in Business, Brad will move back to the South, marry a trophy wife, and rediscover his childhood. “Fat Brad” will be reborn.
Melanie McCollum: Melanie still does not know the words to her favorite song.
Pat Minhondo: Pat becomes a window-repair man.
John Ncho: John gets his break in the film industry after becoming Nick Cannons stunt double.
Katherine Niehoff: Katherine creates a line of spandex to contain her assets after she knocks out a little boy at Marinwood pool.
Bridget O’Connor: After running out of things to argue about, she becomes the SM basketball coach and plays everyone.
Jason Pederson: Oh, wait...
Alyssa Pomponio: Alyssa becomes famous as a New York fashion designer and spends her time at all the swank high society parties until she runs into Lenny Kravitz at a dirty Denny’s bathroom and gives up everything to become a hardcore groupie.
Mike Sanguinetti: Mike will be hiding in his garage, pot-bellied and bald, staring longingly at an old picture of himself.
Joe Schneider: Joe open up a piercing parlor for the weak-stomached.
Jared Shaver: Jared will move back to Japan, where he will make a living filming cheap versions of Godzilla while swearing curse words out in Italian.
Blane Shields: Blane will be teaching Mr. Rilla’s auto students the art of driving into wood poles.
Ashley Van Alen: Ashley creates her own font, the smallest font in the world. It is only available in the color pink.
Pat Wallen: Pat goes crazy after realizing how many germs there are, moves to France, and assumes the name Pepe.
Nikki Wright: Nikki will be professionally voice acting or be a very famous singer.
Amy Yen...oh, I mean Abby Yim: Abby becomes the unofficial spokesperson for Café Bangkok, but has to retire after regretfully learning that cranberry juice doesn’t really clear her system of all those Thai Ice Teas.

Senior Wills

Jueun An: The job of providing much needed sarcasm and reality check to Trever Yuuli because he does a better job at it than I do.

Nick Apallas: I would leave nothing to no one. Yes, I'm stingy.

Jean Bae: Nothing to my brother Aaron.

Aron Bartee: To my sister Kelci, who will be a freshman next year, I leave you my other sister Jenice; please take care of her, she tends to get into a lot of trouble.

Amanda Bautista: To Christina Pelka, my clean, childish room. To Katie Distefano, my *Big Daddy, Orange County*, and *Dumb and Dumber* DVDs, and all my CDs. To Jennie Distefano, Lauren Dumont, and Sarah Keller, my Bellie Delli card.

Robert Beal: I don't have anything to give except the memory of my charming smile and natural, spontaneous insanity to all who have been victim to it.

Christina Blankenburg: I will my best friend Brooke to Junior Joe Everly - you can have her.

Matt Boykin: To Ryan Meblin, my coolness.

Claudia Collins: To my favorite cousin Lizzy, I will bunches of love and a collection of my toe nail clippings.

Chris Contreras: I leave my binder with all my hard work and sweat to my teachers with memories of a successful student. HA!

Matt Corral: "How to Run a School: For Dummies." We know who.

Danielle DeShazo: To my younger lacrosse and Asian buddies, I leave my plaid stick that doesn't catch and my Bob Marley mix for the beach days!

Courtney Dowdall: I leave Coach Jay to Lindsey Walsh and Lauren Candia; take care of him and save some baby-back ribs for us.

Loren Egide: My #9 football number, as long as it isn't retired.

Mia Ernst: I will to my sister Natalie the strength to endure many more viewings of *Dumb and Dumber*.

Alonzo Hardy: I leave my style to Jason (aka "J.J." and Bubba).

Ted Hart: I leave the Mechanical Macarana Monkey to Ben Calkings. Let him dance the night away.

Laura Hauser: I will to my sister, Melissa, the Geo and all the dents I put in it.

Samantha Jackson: I will leave my memories with the teachers who have helped me learn over these years, and leave my favorite tree to my other best friends who will still be here: Erik, Dominic, Trevor, and Madsy.

Ryan Jedd: I want to leave all unpaid debts to my incoming freshman brother, Kyle.

Rachael Jerve: The piece of gum under my desk in Ms. Taggard's class to my little sister.

Kyle Kazak: My essays to Eric Schodler, since he is a freshman and can use my great essays. By the way, www.Essayfarm.com is a great site. I made it.

Zack Kinyon: A good solid headlock to Brett Robinson ('06 class)...Best of luck to Tim Carr...The strength to always do the right thing, to Clint Potter...A little Credence Clearwater Revival, to Michael Cusack.

Sierra Matthews: I leave all my short skirts to my little sister.

Megan McDuffee: My corset shirt and body jewelry to Alicia Strobel.

Elizabeth McFadden: I leave my friend Rachael Halstead to our wonderful friend Johnathan. Also, to all the future drama students, the great Miss K.

Sean McIntosh: My NC hat and UCSB sweatshirt to an anonymous freshman who will appreciate them and keep them living for four more years.

Sarah Meier: I, Sarah Meier, leave the 1990 Ford Taurus, "The Antique," to my brother Ryan Meier and willingly do so.

Erik Mitchell: I would leave my cars to auto-shop for future kids to work on and maybe be inspired like myself.

Sam Mohyee: We will Aaron Bae to Kevin Jamieson.

Rachel Oppenheimer: I will to Myra Perez my boat space, but make sure you leave two hours to get there! To Alex Oppenheimer, three more fun-filled years at San Marin being known as "Rachel's brother". I will all the cheese in the world to Scott Vanhooetegem. I will Journalism and all the fantastic memories to Ronnie Campagna-the best teacher of all time.

Jared Overfield: I would leave my "desk art" for Mrs. Rainson or Ms. Rock.

Sara Packard: I don't know what I would leave, but I would leave it to my sophomore buddies and sister: Lacey, Kim, Nicci, and Tami, and junior friend Jamie.

Alexis Pettele: I will my art work to Ms. Bain and my lunchtime pizza to Michael Dunn.

Holly Pine: I will to my Melissa, Thressa, and Vanessa scandalous years to come (two more. Yes, you can do it!).

Nick Pottorff: To my bro Kevin-my parking spot and use of my room when girls start coming over. To Max Larkin-"The Motion". To Dora the Explora (aka Laura LeDuc)-my badge and frequent buyer card at Krispy Kreme.

Eric Rivera: I will the title of "sound guy" to my brother, Glenn. I will all my math homework to Brianna Kiler.

Jessica Rogers: I leave the responsibility of Rally Commisioner to whoever in leadership want it. I hope you can do a better job of spirit then I did. Good Luck!

Laura Rotz: I'd leave my Acura Integra to Lea Wyatt because she would get into a whole lot of trouble with that kind of car.

Jeff Russell: I leave my sandwich to Danny Wilson, my car to my sister Jenny, and NMD to myself.

Jaimie Sarubbi: I leave my dad (Frank Sarubbi) to the San Marin Music Department.

Julia Selfridge: I leave to Brianna Kiler the San Marin Show Choir. Good luck next year and keep the tradition alive!

Amber Shields: To all the Track Distance Girls: I will my peppermint so you can always be happy and run fast. I also will my sneakers, and my unconditional adoration, to Sneaker Boy.

Matt Spencer: I will the great AP English and AP Calculus classes the the Juniors.

Whitney Stenberg: I will everything at San Marin to Scott Vanhooetegem, Ian Walsh, and Carly O' Leary. You guys better watch over my little sister next year!

Lauren Strobel: I will to Joey Ratto all the rest of the underclassmen girls, but not my sister.

Jennifer Ward: I will to Vanessa Abold all men over 22 years old, and not Mr. Krakora.

Zack Warren: I will my tennis court to Alex Randall.

Andrew Wedge: A turtleneck to Jen Ward.

Kelly Wyrsh: Mrs. Kemp to the freshmen so they can deal with her homework.

Gina Zucconi: I leave the "Jug" to Lyndsey, Lauren, Jackie, Megan, Nicole, Kelly, Maggie, and the rest of the girls. Keep the "TB" going strong.



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The Year in San Marin Sports

By Brad McCarter

This year, as is Mustang tradition, proved to be a thrilling and exciting year in the world of San Marin Sports. With high hopes and the will to pursue their goals to the end, Mustang athletes faced many worthy adversaries and did their best to maintain San Marin's reputation of athletic excellence.

As students returned from their summer breaks and began training for fall sports, a sense of anticipation was in the air. The teams practiced hard, and things were shaping up to be an interesting season. Despite all the hard work and dedication of each and every athlete, it seemed San Marin was destined to suffer as much as it succeeded.

The football team was a prime example. After a streak of early-season loses, the Mustangs fought their way back midseason on, finishing with an MCAL record of 5-5. With their midseason rally, the Mustangs obtained a spot in MCAL's, but were knocked out in the second round. They fought their way into NCS; unfortunately, our beloved Mustangs were defeated in the first round by cross-town-rivals the Hornets. Nonetheless, we will miss the leadership and talent of **Justin Graniss** (team MVP), **Jean-Denis Ncho-Oguie**, **Brian Tuel**, **Dean Maioriello**, **David Selchau**, and the many other contributing senior players.

With the fall also came the third season of girls golf here at San Marin. The girls golf team was started three years ago and hit the ground running. This year, the team finished with a record of 6-7 and sent senior **Rachel Oppenheimer** to NCS. Oppenheimer has played for the team since it started in her sophomore year and has been momentous in making a name for Lady Mustang Golf. Boston University has

offered Oppenheimer a spot on their women's golf team for next school year, which she gratefully accepted.

Despite a rough start to the year in sports, the spring seasons had many surprises in store for Mustang fans. We took two MCAL pennants and sent numerous athletes onto NCS tournaments in almost every sport.

Boys Frosh-Soph Baseball team, under the leadership of coaches Robert Scheppler and Chris Martin, went 10-2 and ended up winning the MCAL pennant in their division. Boys Varsity Baseball, also, had a pretty successful season. For the first few weeks of the season the team was in 2nd place. Unfortunately, the road ahead was a bit more difficult than they may have expected. With a record of 7-2 going into their last 5 games, the guys ended up winning only one game closing out the season with a record of 8-6. However in their first MCAL game, the team clenched a huge victory over Drake in extra innings to move on to the second round against undefeated Justin Sienna. In spite of the momentum the team seemed to be building, Justin Sienna proved to be a team to be reckoned with and defeated the Mustangs. And after a controversial call in the 7th inning against Fortuna in the first round of NCS, the Varsity Baseball had reached the end of the line.

The most successful team all year, however, has to be the Girls Varsity Softball team with a record of 12-2 and an MCAL pennant. With yet another pennant under their belts, the girls are on their way to a three-peat of their NCS Championship title. For the past two years,

the softball team has won NCS and after their win over Del Norte last Thursday, they are now going for their third win this week. Next year should prove to be an interesting year without seniors **Jennie Gay** (team co-MVP) and **Natalie Basile** (Most Inspirational) who have been instrumental leaders in the team's recent success.

Yet another success story this spring is the Girls Varsity Soccer team. At 10-2-2, the Lady Mustangs were a named to be feared and respected.

Under the leadership of coach Jay Larson, the girls defeated many challenging opponents and ended up qualifying for

second round by University. Nonetheless, this was a great way to end their high school soccer careers for the many dedicated senior girls on the team.

When all is said and done, the San Marin Mustangs are a name that is revered not only for the talent and determination our athletes demonstrate, but also for the sportsman like attitudes of each and every player. And though each year San Marin loses some of its most valuable seniors, the Mustangs always show up the next year raring to go and maintain our long-standing tradition of determination and success.



San Marin's Softball crew gets pumped up for the NCS semifinals.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Christina Pelka



By Alyssa Pomponio

Choosing one athlete as the best in all of the senior class should have been a difficult task, but with Christina Pelka among them, the decision was fairly easy. Over the past four years, Pelka has demonstrated her dedication to each sport, which she plays with an unmatched enthusiasm.

Pelka began her athletic career at San Marin on the Junior Varsity Volleyball team. Volleyball quickly became her passion. Her sophomore year, she was voted team captain and MVP of the JV team. Pelka played Varsity her junior and senior years, making captain again in her final season at San Marin. "Our Volleyball team this year was an amazing group of people; we were like a family," Pelka says.

Pelka was also extremely dedicated to basketball. She played on the Freshman and JV teams for her first two years, and moved up to Varsity her junior and senior years. Pelka's dedication was once again perceived by her teammates, who voted her team captain in her freshman and senior years.

Pelka is not one to shy away from challenges, so it was no great surprise when she decided to branch out and try soccer her sophomore year. Pelka, who had never played before, made the JV team and played as the starting goalie. Though she was only on the team for a "brief stint," Pelka also made her mark on the Varsity Track team this year. She competed in the Triple Jump and Long Jump, the latter in which she held a top score in MCALs with a 15 foot 2.25 inch jump.

Like any great athlete, Pelka is only as good as the teammates who support her. Pelka has been able to play every sport alongside good friend Bridget O'Connor since junior year, which has only enhanced her athletic experience. "Playing alongside one of my best friends every day has been a blast." O'Connor shares similar feelings of their time together, "She was not only my best friend, she was my coach. She taught me everything I know about volleyball and she was a great teammate in basketball. Without her, I don't think I would have been so involved in sports at San Marin. She made everything fun-I was excited to go to practice everyday."

Though she is heavily involved in sports, Pelka is also extremely dedicated to her academic career. She has taken every honors and Advanced Placement class offered, except those in science, and has excelled in each one. Her hard work as both a student and an athlete has not gone unnoticed, as she won the Marin Athletic Foundation Award this year for her superior balance of athletics and academia. Pelka plans to continue her studies at the University of Notre Dame. Though she is thinking of trying out for the basketball team at this Division I school, Pelka is unsure how her college sports career will play out. Whichever direction she goes in, Pelka will no doubt continue playing and enjoying the sports she has come to love.



Senior Eric Benson hurls a fast one.

SPORTS

Sports Wrap-Up 2003-2004

Sport	MCAL Records	Coaches	Outstanding Players
Varsity Cheer		Lydia Knight	Kristina Clark (MVP), Lauren Strobel (Most Inspirational), Ryan Navarro (Sportsmanship)
JV Cheer		Kristan Neehasil	Nikki Maioriello (MVP), Jessie Alvarez (Sportsmanship)
Varsity Girls Cross Country	5-4	Tom Zechlin	Briana Van Epps (MVP), Shannon Muhr (Sportsmanship)
Varsity Boys Cross Country	1-8	Tom Zechlin	Kyle Wideman (MVP), Roger Klein (MIP, Sportsmanship)
Varsity Football	6-6	Chris Augusto, Tom Goodwin, Kevin Ghee	Justin Graniss (MVP), Jean-Denis Ncho-Oguie (MVP Back), Mark Haapala & Dean Maioriello (MVP Line), David Selchau (Coach Award), Brian Tuel (Stiveson Award), Loren Egide & Scott Zwiaska (MIP), Johan Backstrom & David Selchau (Sportsmanship)
JV Football	6-3-1	Al Globe, Michael Webb, Dan Larkin	JJ Miller (MVP, Sportsmanship), Tyler Pina-Vertin (MIP)
Frosh Football	6-2	Dan Fisherbaugh	Vince Ross & Erik Schadler (MVP), Erik Schadler (Sportsmanship)
Varsity Girls Golf	6-7	Randy Willis	Rachel Oppenheimer (MVP), Allison Green & Lauren Schwarze (MIP), Krista Walker (Sportsmanship)
Varsity Boys Soccer	8-6	Jay Larson, Mike Carbone	Edgar Ramirez (MVP), Misael Medrano (MIP), Fili Ramirez (Sportsmanship)
JV Boys Soccer	6-7	Tim Sullivan	Stefan Auzans (MVP), Nick George (Sportsmanship)
Varsity Girls Tennis	1-14	Ryan Berberian	Jessica Ruth (MVP), Dina Rosenberg (MIP), Jennie Slawson (Sportsmanship)
Varsity Girls Volleyball	3-11	Tim Hawkins	Megan Faherty (MVP), Cathryn Bennett (Sportsmanship)
JV Girls Volleyball	2-12	Francine Cunnie	Liz Maurer & Amanda Morrow (MVP), Amanda Morrow (Sportsmanship)
Frosh Girls Volleyball	0-4	Siobhan Timmer	Allison Arnheiter (MVP), Becky Landeros (Sportsmanship)
Varsity Girls Water Polo	4-7	Jim Larson	Myra Perez (MVP), Melanie McCollum (Leadership), Jamie Lummis (Sportsmanship)
Varsity Boys Water Polo	3-7	Jim Larson	Matt Petty (MVP), Andrew McKay (MIP), Max McDonald (Sportsmanship)
Varsity Boys Basketball	5-9	Chad Stuart, Bo Potts, Chris McCune	Zach Bachmeier (MVP), Paul Kirpes (MIP), AJ Hennessy, (Sportsmanship)
JV Boys Basketball	1-13	Rob Pheatt, Greg Cunha	Jeff Baum (MVP), Cliff Bachmeier (Sportsmanship)
Frosh Boys Basketball	2-11	Larry Dillon, Tom Lachenaver	Tyler Taggard (MVP), Vincent Pacchetti (Sportsmanship)
Varsity Girls Basketball	7-7	John Franczak, Scott Smith, Paul Raccanello, Kristen Loomer	Megan Pacchetti (MVP), Stephanie Nevin (MIP), Elena Miller (Sportsmanship)
JV Girls Basketball	6-8	Sean Kenney, Kim Mevis	Trelasa Baratta (MVP), Jennie DiStefano (Sportsmanship)
Frosh Girls Basketball	7-5	Fred Lucas	Chelsea Bacon & Zabrianna Harrell (co-MVP), Christina Crivello (Sportsmanship)
Varsity Wrestling	5-3	Chris Augusto, Alex Koehler	Brendan Dempsey & Steve Needhan (co-MVP) Barrett Taylor & Tyler Rushton (co-MIP), Amir Momenzadeh & Chris Susoeff (Sportsmanship)
JV Wrestling	7-1	Chris Augusto, Alex Koehler	Paul Lillie (MVP), Loney Nicol (MIP), Nick Basile (Sportsmanship)
Varsity Cheerleading		Lydia Knight, Phyllis Maioriello	Kristen Jones (MVP), Nina Tran (MIP), Nicole Needham (Sportsmanship)
JV Cheerleading		Lydia Knight, Phyllis Maioriello	Marie Walz (MVP), Courtney Chao (Sportsmanship)
Varsity Baseball	8-6	Mark Whitburn, Brain Andel, John Marble, Ken Siler	Chris Dittman(MVP), Colin Dietz(MIP), Blane Shields(Sportsmanship)
Frosh/Soph Baseball	10-2	Robert Scheppler, Chris Martin	Billy Nicolini(MVP), JJ Miller(Sportsmanship)
Frosh Baseball	4-9	Dan Fisherbaugh, Dave Cassetta	Daniel Torres(MVP), Frankie Costa(Sportsmanship)
Varsity Boys Golf	8-6	Bob Lacy	Kyle Manzoni(MVP), Brad McCarter(Sportsmanship and Most Influential Player)
Varsity Boys Lacrosse	7-7	Marty Jayne	Steve Needham and Scott Zwiaska(MVP), Mike Keena(Sportsmanship)
Varsity Girls Lacrosse	8-6	Tim Larkey	Tho Ngo(MVP), Avi Fernandez(MIP), Kelly Larkey(Sportsmanship)
Varsity Soccer	10-2-2	Jay Larson	Katherine Niehoff(MVP), Sarah Meier(MIP), Lindsay Walsh(Sportsmanship)
JV Girls Soccer	7-4-1	Mike Carbone	Casey Mokres(MVP), Jessica McIntyre(Sportsmanship)
Varsity Softball	12-2	Randy Willis, Gene Benson	Lindsey Benson, Jennie Gay, Megan Pacchetti(MVP), Elena Miller(Sportsmanship), Natalie Basile(Most Inspirational)
Frosh/Soph Softball	9-3	Leslie Hill, Jim Mann	Jennie Distefano(MVP), Amanda Morrow(Sportsmanship)
Varsity Boys Swimming	5-4	Jim Larson, Jenny Andrews	Doug Williams(MVP), Jake Herz(MIP), Matt Spencer(Sportsmanship)
Varsity Girls Swimming	4-5	Jim Larson, Jenny Andrews	Kayla Schott-Bresler(MVP), Mallory Petty(MIP), Jennie Bankie(Sportsmanship)
Varsity Boys Tennis	8-6	Ryan Berberian	Zack Warren(MVP), Matt Mauer(MIP), Alex Randall(Sportsmanship)
Varsity Boys Track and Field	2-7	Lisa Kemp, Mike Cunnie, Lisa Bandner, Will Grayson	Leland Hansen(MVP), Andrew Savage(MIP), Leland Hansen(Sportsmanship)
Varsity Girls Track and Field	5-4	Lisa Kemp, Mike Cunnie, Lisa Bandner, Will Grayson	Marie Buich(MVP), Angela Phan(MIP), Amber Shields(Sportsmanship)
Frosh/Soph Boys Track and Field	5-4	Lisa Kemp, Mike Cunnie, Lisa Bandner, Will Grayson	Martie Cunnie(MVP), Seain McCann(MIP), Roger Klein(Sportsmanship)
Varsity Boys Volleyball	1-11	Jim Koblick	Blake Vantrease(MVP), Bryant Benter(MIP), Mike Mann(Sportsmanship)

The Adventures of the Overachievers

By Jamie Lummis, Alyssa Pomponio, and Amber Shields

We started out writing the Valedictorian (Amber Shields) and Salutatorian (Jamie Lummis and Alyssa Pomponio) articles as regular student profiles: our GPAs, extra curricular activities, jobs, etc. But three articles of our general stats soon became boring, so we decided to do something different. All three of us have been close friends throughout the years (Alyssa and Amber have “been together” since second grade and Jamie entered the picture in middle school), and though we have grown up together and obviously

come to very similar conclusions academically, we are three completely different people. So we decided to take advantage of this unique opportunity

and present you with a typical day in the lives of Amber, Alyssa, and Jamie.

One sunny (or actually was it foggy?) May day, the Homework Club was hanging out at Alyssa’s (aka: The Fashionista) house. Alyssa was admiring the mirror, looking at her glowing white teeth to make sure, once again, that there was no food in her pearly whites. She kept glancing anxiously over her shoulder, waiting for the commercials to end so that she could get back to watching her Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen marathon (Thank you ABC Family!). Jamie (aka: Mellow Yellow) kept telling her to keep it cool, as Alyssa was ruining the tranquility she needed to wax her surfboard. Amber (aka: The Birkenstock-wearing, Tree-huggin’, Out-to-save-the-world Hippie, or Francine) was also getting on her nerves. She was once again arguing with her pocket portraits of Graham Greene and LBJ, trying to figure out what course of action should be taken to bring equal human rights to all the world.

Suddenly, the girls’s satellite phone rang. “Hello? Hola? Is this working? Shh, don’t talk, I’ve got it, I’m gonna make it work. Hello?”

“Hola Señora! What’s the sitch?” the girls cried out in unison.

“Oh, good, you guys are just who I was looking for. I mean, I was going to the supermarket to buy some Pepsi to stockpile in my cabinet when I remembered that I needed to call you guys first to tell you I got the newest Pablo Neruda book, oh, and at the bookstore I saw this great book on Andy Garcia, que guapo, and...”

“Señora! You were going to tell us something important...” politely interrupted Amber.

“Oh, sí. Something is up. The school is being overrun by clowns, headed by the evilringleader Bobo the Clown. Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to find out

Bobo’s plan and to stop him.”

“Right. We’re on it!” they cried.

“Ok, bueno, and remember the words of Celia Cruz, ‘Azucar’”.

The girls ran outside and jumped into Jamie’s beat up VW convertible to go to their informant’s Roller Rink to gather information on the case.

They followed the bright neon signs and the loud 80s music to the door. Before they even got to the door, a scantily clad woman decked out in pink fishnets, a spandex miniskirt, a hot vintage off-the-shoulder sweater, and harlot red lipstick strutted up in her stilettos. “Hey Ms. Kemp!” Alyssa shouted (actually just spoke) over the music. “That crimped side ponytail is kickin’!”

“What do you guys need?” she asked. The girls quickly unfurled the whole story and were whisked away by Ms. Kemp to her secret Roller Rink library. After sorting through all the piles of fashion magazines, she finally found the one history book she owned:

The History of Everything. Flipping furiously through the pages, she quickly discovered the whole history of Bobo the Clown. “Wow, this is really interesting guys. I mean, really neat. It seems that Bobo has moved around a lot in the past ten years, and every school he has gone to have mysteriously shut down. You guys better see what’s cookin’ up at SM and put a stop to it before anything happens.”

With this information, the girls went tearing back to their underground lab (ok, so it was Alyssa’s bedroom). There, Jamie began to mix and melt certain unknown chemicals into a magic hearing powder so that they could hear through walls. Amber started researching all those “mysterious” shut downs in her REAL history books, and Alyssa started putting together the plan of attack in a nicely color coordinated, perfectly spaced, symmetrical poster (don’t worry, she used the paper cutter so the edges on all sheets were extra crisp).

With their gear in hand, the girls quickly exited the house (we mean the underground lab) in their all black leather “mission” outfits and headed towards San Marin. Upon arrival, they stealthy sneaked into the air ducts (as extensively outlined in Alyssa’s poster) and army crawled towards the office Bobo had hijacked. There they heard such a devious plan that Amber started her excited, high-pitched giggle and the other girls had to tackle her to keep her down.

“I have to shut down this school; they are just getting too rowdy at those rallies. It’s all the sugar they’ve been munching on during class. I must exterminate those pesky vending machines that have been pumping these maggots full of sugar. Then they will be too tired

to study and the school will have to be shut down.” He laughed maniacally as she fumbled out the door.



“Azucar!” shouted Jamie as she jumped down from the vent.

“This is no time for sugar. There are people starving around the world and we have a crisis on our hands,” said Amber. Jamie shook her head and didn’t bother to explain.

They ran outside, but were met by silence. As the girls ran after Bobo, they looked into Mr. Butori’s class and were stunned. Not one or two, but all of his students were asleep, drooling on their desks. Even Mr. Butori seemed to be bored by his own lecture.

Further away, one desperate student was pounding on the cages of the vending machine, but one of Bobo’s minions was soon on the scene crying, “Where’s your pass? What? You don’t have one? Go back to class!” The lack of sugar was already taking its toll on students and staff alike.

This was awful. It looked like San Marin would be shutting down before they knew it. The girls needed to find the source of power for the vending machines, but where? Suddenly, they saw Bobo get into his clown mobile. The girls all did back flips into Jamie’s VW and sped off after him.

Cruising down Novato Blvd. after the clown mobile, Alyssa (as the only senior still without a license,

she was forever condemned to back seat driving) alerted the girls that a red Miata was following them. The

girls all turned back, hoping to see some strapping young man, but when they looked back they got more than what they bargained for. Mr. Vice, with the wind burning his hair and a bottle of sunblock strapped in next to him, was coming up behind them. The girls easily avoided a long lecture by stepping on the gas (as Vice’s cruise control was set at a safe, law-abiding speed of 35).

At this point, Bobo turned into the Shell parking lot where he quickly escaped amidst the group of congregating high school students comparing biology notes and chatting about politics. Jamie’s quick eyes saw Bobo going out behind the gas station and they all followed. As Amber and Alyssa frantically tried to

figure out how to stop Bobo from whatever he was doing behind that station and how to restore power to the candy machines, Jamie

nonchalantly walked to the corner of the store and said, “Look guys, the plug is right here.” After heroically saving the machines, she yelled “Alyssa, quick, the handcuffs!” Alyssa tossed her fuzzy, pink leopard print handcuffs and with a few swift karate moves, Jamie had him down.

Several days later the school was bustling with the usual sugar induced activity. Everybody cried for a speech, but as none of the girls had anything profound, insightful, or funny to say, they all quietly sneaked off to the beach and lived happily ever after.

And like the girls in the story, the real Amber, Alyssa, and Jamie all lived happily ever after.



Alyssa



Amber



Jamie