



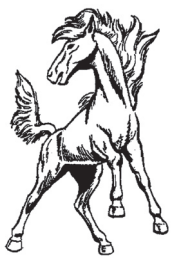
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Obtaining Your License: Prepare to Scream

by Beth Sekishiro

With total morons infesting the roads these days, just about anyone can get their license. As a responsible, intelligent young woman, I'd have no problem at all getting mine . . . right?

The obvious answer is: wrong. You've heard about the long lines. You've heard about the construction zone. But you haven't experienced true government bureaucracy until you've tried to obtain a driver's license.

I scheduled a driving test appointment the Friday before school started. Since I was to take 2^o Latin at Novato High, I would have to commute. Failure was not an option.

I arrived at the appointed time quaking from head to toe - the most despised woman at the DMV was to proctor my test.

I performed the simple preliminary tasks, but not without trepidation. What if my headlights burned out? What if this wasn't the defroster button - it was really the passenger eject button? How many points do you lose if you eject the proctor? (Answer: it won't matter, because you'll be a hero in the eyes of thousands of your peers).

We set out, turning left onto Tamalpais. I proceeded down the road for

roughly two seconds.

"The corner turn right," she intoned in that awful, deadpan voice. I signaled immediately and

you mean, running red lights is illegal?" I shouted at her. No, just kidding. It wasn't that kind of dangerous driving maneuver. It was that other

proportional to the revenue of the DMV? I will now claim my First Amendment right concerning freedom of the press, thank you.

When I returned to the DMV about a month later, I did not fail my test. No, indeed, I left my paperwork at home and was ten minutes late for my appointment - unacceptable by their standards. When they turned me away, I did what any normal teenager would do - I pitched a colossal fit. "I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!" I wailed, smacking my fist down on the counter in front of them. "I'LL NEVER GET MY LICENSE!!! AIIIEEEEE!!!!" I filled the DMV with my anguished sobs and attempted to bore holes in the employees' heads with my tear-filled eyes. The women were cold and unrelenting, doing their utmost to completely ignore my unstable state. I now theorize that DMV employees are robots, stored in a utility closet at closing time.

Five weeks later, I was back. I'd finally realized that I could take this test as many times as I needed, and it didn't make me a second-class citizen. The same odious woman got in my car, but things were different this time. For instance, all of my stops were incredibly jerky. Also, I sped in a residential area and cut off a lane while turning left.

And this time, I passed.



entered the right turn lane. We continued on our not-so-merry way through the construction zone.

It was only when she said "The driveway turn left" in front of the DMV five minutes after leaving that I realized I had failed. Upon parking, I received the information that I had failed due to a dangerous driving maneuver. "What do

kind of dangerous driving maneuver, the one where you enter a right turn lane without making a shoulder check for bicyclists who obviously aren't there. Yes, one measly twitch of the neck had cost me my license.

Oh yeah, and \$10. Has anyone noticed that the number of times a kid fails his or her driving test is directly

I was completely devastated by my failure. How would I get to Latin? I hated to rely upon the charity of my mother and other part-time-working women (to them: thank you! I could not have managed without your kindness); my failure was to be paid for by others. I felt like a leech, the scum of the earth.

with the desk lady about a corrective lenses restriction. Come back in a month!

A Final Word of Advice:

The DMV's judgment is not the end-all be-all of your life! A recent study revealed that about one out of four San Marin students fails his or her drive test the first time; most of the students I've talked to failed at the first or second corner of the route. Just keep trying, and try to stay away from that passenger eject button.

Tips:

- Schedule your last driver's training session as close to your driving test as possible and ask the driving instructor for a list of all the bad habits you're developed in the past six months. Correct them!

- Know the routes. If you don't know how to execute a certain driving maneuver, ask an officer at the Novato Police Station. The DMV employees will refuse to tell you.

- Make sure your car is squeaky-clean on the inside. When one San Marin student

- left an empty Snapple bottle on the passenger's side floor, he was sternly commanded, with impeccable diction, to "please remove the beverage."

- Check that you have all your paperwork before leaving the house. Double-check your paperwork. Have a parent check your paperwork. While sitting in the car in your driveway, check your paperwork. I cannot stress this enough.

- Swivel your head around

- until you feel like Linda Blair from *The Exorcist*. Of course you check traffic before launching into an intersection. But you must make this excruciatingly obvious to the proctor by turning your head 90° every six seconds or so.

- Be early. If they say that your appointment is at 11 AM, they may mean it. Or they may mean that it is at 10:45 (trying to extract this information from the ladies behind the desk is an exercise in futility). Schedule 20

- minutes for realizing that your brakelights are out, you've left your vehicle registration at home, etc. Additionally, you (yes, you!) are inevitably ten minutes late to everything. It's ten minutes from the San Marin area to the DMV office. Therefore: plan to leave home at 10:05 - a full 55 minutes before your appointment. In the DMV world, this is a little far from reality. You forgot to calculate a waiting time of ten minutes for the bumbling geriatric man squabbling

It's Her Prerogative...?

by James Greenly

Sexual growls crawl over the slinky grinding synths – everyone instantly recognizes the reality of the situation: It's Britney Spears, baby. Whether you love her or hate her, you know her. From the electronic violins of "Toxic", all the way back to the innocently sexy "...Baby One More Time", you know all of her hits. Chances are, you know the words to "Lucky". Well it's time now, ... to buy "Greatest Hits: My Prerogative". It is now my duty to attempt to convince you that you must buy it... it is absolutely necessary that you go to the closest music store and get your own copy. Trust me. Buy it.

Fortunately enough, the album covers, for the most part, all of her major hits. However, there are missteps. It includes the staple of her image: "I'm A Slave 4 U." But where are hits like "From The Bottom Of My Broken Heart?" Clearly, Britney's management has once again failed. However, they save themselves with the addition of two new (and one not so new) tracks. "My Prerogative", for example, the first single released: the chorus rasps and purrs over the sexual swirling synths, complimented greatly by the processed strings that

gently flow with the song. "Do Somethin'", the second single, is a bouncy drum 'n' bass experiment. It has an amazingly catchy chorus, surpassing the likes of "Stronger" and maybe even "Oops... I Did It Again." The



album also includes "I've Just Begun (Havin' My Fun)", a song that many of Britney's more faithful fans already know – to its merit, though, the track is infectious and sounds almost like a poppy cover of No Doubt's "Hella Good." With the inclusion of the three new pieces of pop perfection, the album (priced at a strangely high list price of \$18.99) is, in my extremely biased opinion, worth buying.

Unfortunately, Brit's personal life isn't heading in the same wonderful direction her career is. Never before has Britney treated her fans so badly; never before has she neglected to let her fans in on her plans and opinions.

Interviews are becoming more sparse as time goes by, and even when she does make some sort of public statement, it mostly sounds as if she's saying it for the purpose of saying it. Britney tends to make promises she doesn't keep. These promises are so often lies that the Britney fan base isn't very happy with her behavior – or her marriage. Mrs. Federline has a strange priority problem when it comes to her fans. She doesn't seem to believe that her fans hold any sort of relevance in her life. It's due mostly to Mr. Federline. Since she became engaged to him, she seems distant – distant from what made her so loved: her pure love for performing, music, and her fans. Lately, this isn't the case. But I can't really blame her. She is in love, even if it is Kevin... For this, I support her, and will continue to support her. But she needs to try and stay a little more in-touch with her fans. While those of us who are closer to being adults will love her anyways, her younger fans will begin to feel hurt and rejected.. Is it her prerogative to effectively push her fan base even further away? Either way, the music is still great. So go and buy her album. Even if you don't want it. Buy it as a gift. Buy it and keep it in your closet. Spread the Britney-love.

Pulling the Plug on Electronics

by Ben Sangster

The use of electronic devices will not be permitted during educational hours. No cell phones, no CD players, no PDAs, no iPods... nothing. Well, cell phones shouldn't be allowed in classrooms. They distract from learning, which is the reason that all of us are here. The only way that the rules have changed, though, is that now we can't use electronics during breaks and lunch. In the past, we could make a call during a passing period, or put on some music during break. Unfortunately, all of that is the past now. And it's such a shame, too.

More than too harsh, this rule may possibly be a violation of California Educational Code. One rule¹ states that school districts can't make rules limiting types of communication protected by the First Amendment. Another rule² states that the school district *can* control any things that transmit or receive radio waves. Obviously this rule gives the District the right to govern cell phones if they want. But CD players? The First Amendment covers music, music is an expression of speech, and CD players are methods of communicating music. Therefore, the rule that refers

to forms of communication applies to CD player. The rule giving the District the right to govern electronic signaling devices does *not* apply to CD players, because they do *not* transmit and receive radio waves. So District policy that forbids the use of electronics on campus is in violation of the rule protecting students' freedom of speech. The District's policy on electronics actually opens them up to possible legal action. According to another part of the rule relating to freedom of speech, any student that feels that their First Amendment rights have been violated could sue the District.

Ms. Anderson believes that "students could text-message the answers of a test to others," or record answers on CDs, or keep notes on iPods with which to cheat. This *is* possible, but is it really likely? Schools like Harvard or Yale don't think so. These schools issue their students iPods and PDAs... and require the students to use them! So aren't they worried about cheating? Perhaps, but they have obviously figured out how to counter the threat of cheating. Perhaps San Marin should take a leaf out of their book, so that our students can be allowed to use their electronics again.



¹ Education Code section 48950(a)

² Educational Code section 48901.5(a)

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Election '04

by Eric Eisberg

In one of the most polarizing and important elections in more than fifty years, President Bush claimed victory over Democratic challenger John Kerry, obtaining a majority of the popular vote for the first time since his father did so in 1988. Senator Kerry had been the projected winner in exit polls, but Bush pulled out



Bush unsure while casting his vote.

a victory in the key states of Ohio and Florida to amass the 270 electoral votes needed to become president. Despite rumors from both camps before the election, there will be no recount in any state.

Nationally, the Republican Party

increased its representation in both the House and Senate and maintained its control over all three branches of federal government. While the party is five votes shy of being able to establish complete control of the Senate, they are easily the more powerful force.

In other election news, California overwhelmingly approved a ballot measure that would grant \$3 billion over ten years to embryonic stem cell research. California also voted to reelect every Congressional delegate, as well as every state senator and assemblyman.

Arafat Dead at 75

by Paige Lehman

A revered leader or a hated terrorist: the story of Yasser Arafat often depends on who is telling it. Arafat, who died after a long illness on November 11, was the leader and best hope for stateless Palestinians. He was also a thorn in the side of the Israeli government, who considered him a terrorist not above resorting to violence. While Palestinians are mourning him as a hero, his promises of a Palestinian state are still unfulfilled, as Israel still occupies the West Bank and Palestinians are still living in refugee camps, subject to curfews and raids. He was seen as a unifier in his heyday, but towards the end of his life was less revered

as violence on both sides increased.

Born of Palestinian parents in Cairo and raised in British-controlled Jerusalem, Arafat began his involvement in the Palestinian Liberation Organization in the early 1960s. He became chairman and started a campaign of terrorism against Israeli targets. The PLO was based in Jordan until 1971, when Jordan, fearing Israeli retaliation and the collapse of the Jordanian state, exiled the group. Soon after, Jordanian Prime Minister Wasfi Tel was assassinated and nine Israeli athletes were killed at the Munich Olympics. Although Arafat never admitted responsibility, he



A Modern Genocide

by Dan Saslow

For the past year, the headlines of major newspapers have focused upon the war in Iraq and the presidential candidates' fight for election. While it is true that the election required significant national attention, the country of Sudan in Africa has been enduring civil war for decades, and now pro-government Arab militias have been actively destroying villages throughout Darfur, killing 70,000 Africans and creating over 1.2 million refugees.

Ever since the early 1960's, conflict between the government and various army coups prolonged civil war throughout Sudan. In the 1980's, more war erupted between the military and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), the principal insurgent faction created during the war. For the next decade and a half, intense civil war ensued, including various government changes and the endorsement



of a new constitution in 1996. Despite the tension that resulted between Muslim and Christian groups, the SPLA (Sudan People's Liberation Army) and the government agreed to end the 19-year

ending economic and political marginalization. Since then, "Janjaweed" militias have allegedly received increased government support to battle these liberation movements and clear out civilian

villages considered disloyal, involving murder, thievery, and rape.

This is obviously not the first genocide that has systemically destroyed millions of lives. In the 1930's, many Jews and minorities simply thought they were forced to board trains for relocation to another residency. They instead rode to hard labor, brutal living conditions, and most infamously, systematic murder. Americans from then on prided themselves as freedom fighters –

war in 2002. Succeeding that agreement, negotiations and peace talks occurred as tensions continued to grow again. In early 2003, the SPLA and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) attacked military installations in hope of

a nation dedicated to stopping all genocidal attempts around the world. Today, in Africa, millions are homeless, tens of thousands have been killed, and thousands have been raped. We have apparently failed.

•If you want to find out more about this conflict, you can visit here: <http://www.crisisweb.org/>. Select 'Sudan' under 'Reports'.

•If you want to help bring humanitarian aid to those affected by the genocide in Darfur, go to <http://www.darfurgenocide.org/>.

was regarded as guilty by the Israel and other Western nations.

Other bad decisions marked Arafat's reign. When the PLO relocated to Lebanon, Arafat began attacking Israel from across the border. Lebanon was already suffering from civil war as Israeli defense minister Ariel Sharon (now Israeli prime minister) sent troops into Lebanon to expel the PLO. The PLO then pulled out of Beirut, leaving Palestinian refugee camps unprotected. Lebanese Christian forces massacred these 2,000 Palestinians. He supported Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait, putting him at odds with the rest of the Arab world. In his final days he did too little to curb the suicide attacks against Israel and the occupation of Palestinian lands by Israeli troops.

But he was also a passionate leader who brought the Palestinian struggle to the world's attention. In 1988 he renounced terrorism and recognized the right of Israel to exist. He was given the Nobel Peace Prize for the Oslo Accords, an agreement between then-Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to have the Palestinian and Israeli states co-exist. Although the plan eventually fell through, Arafat was first to make an attempt for peace

between the two nations.

The future of Israel and Palestine is uncertain. The United State's support of Israel has long been a factor in the roadmap to peace. Arafat was often called a roadblock in the plan, but with him dead it is unknown what approach the United States will take. It is also unknown how kind history will be to Arafat, but there is no doubt he will be remembered as one of the most important leaders of the 20th century.



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The New Love of Thursday Night

by Denise Nilan



Love affairs, alcoholism, legal scandals, and comic book humor unite to form the 90210 for the new generation. It's *The O.C.*, and this season is promised to be even more scandalous and outrageous than the first. And with this promise FOX is drawing in an average 8.7 million viewers per episode.

The small community of San Marin accounts for a considerable portion of *The O.C.* viewing audience. Students are known to hold 'O.C. parties' on Thursday nights to indulge in the drama with friends. The rich plots make the show more like a soap opera rather than a weekly prime-time hit. The high school romance and feuds make the show a must-watch among teenagers, and it's not only girls who are addicted. The "hot chicks," from the show attract an astonishing number of male viewers. Stars like Mischa Barton and Rachel Bilson and their bikini scenes make *The O.C.* more like *Baywatch*. Most of these male fans keep their love for *The O.C.* a secret. One anonymous sophomore even commented, "It's such a girl

Straight from the Runway

by Paige Thelen

What better way to spend a rainy Thursday night than at the San Marin Senior Fashion Show? On November 3rd at 7:00PM, parents, friends, and San Marin students gathered in the student center to support the senior class of 2005. Dinner was catered by Tagliaferri's Deli, and the event raised around \$4,000 for the senior class.

seniors strutted up and down the temporary runway sporting trendy clothing from vendors such as Mode Marche, Luckies Skateshop, and Nordstrom's. Wearing everything from evening gowns to San Marin apparel and accessories, the seniors did a fabulous job of showing their support for their class

having a blast.

The Master of Ceremonies, history teacher Mr. Spinrad, and Moderators Lindsay Benson and Megan Faherty introduced the "models" and announced the raffle winners. Their introductions were interjected with witty expressions that spread contagious laughter

throughout the student center. Musical entertainment consisted of fast-paced "runway" songs along with band breaks featuring original songs from the independent student band "Abistrous" and the San Marin Jazz Combo.

Altogether, this senior fundraiser was a great success; seniors were able to come together and raise money for their class.

Twenty-eight San Marin



show I don't want to tell anyone I watch it, but I would never miss an episode."

Why so much fuss over a little FOX television show? Well the show is based on a wealthy family living in

Orange County and all the chaos and controversy that surrounds their corrupted lives. The show also depicts wealthy teens flaunting their families' money and splurging on ridiculous material objects,

all with the subtle sarcastic commentary of Seth Cohen (played by Adam Broady).

After a season drenched in thrilling emotional plots, there seems to be nothing left to

happen in *The O.C.* But the writers at FOX will woo us again with the addition of four new characters: Nicholas, Shannon, Michael, and Olivia. All we can do is wait until next Thursday.

Students vs. The SATs

by Dina Rosenberg

Many students today are facing various problems concerning their future education, in other words college. Most of the conflicts are due to the rigorous and demanding work loads high school provides, and most of all the Scholastic Aptitude Test, or as most tend to refer to as the SATs. This verbal and mathematical three-hour test measures reasoning skills and the knowledge which a student has accumulated throughout their education. But many teenagers today can support the idea that the SAT tests and challenges more of our guessing and in general, "how well you are affiliated with the SAT," skills.

Currently the SAT, which is given around the United States, will be

transformed this March. The new exam will be out of a possible score of 2400 points instead of the traditional 1600. This idea was constructed to combine the required SAT II subject tests with the SAT I, "which will better reflect what students learn in high school," states ETS (the Educational Testing Service, the producers of the test). A new writing portion with multiple choice grammar questions and essay questions will be added, as well as more advanced math. Equations, analogies, and quantitative comparisons, "the easiest sections" will be dropped. Over all, the version being introduced this January will have higher academic standards, require higher levels of certain

courses, and all around will be harder.

Because the new test is being introduced in March, a dilemma pertaining to "what colleges want," is proposed. This conflict is mostly focused toward the class of 2006, assuming that most juniors this year will take a shot at the old SATs before their senior year. Another problem created by altering these exams is knowing what is "acceptable" or not. The majority of students today know what score ranges they are capable of receiving or what they should aspire to. Colleges say that they will be flexible during the transition year, but who really knows? By changing a test which potentially could produce stress and depression

throughout high schools, the U.S. education and college application systems could change intensively as well. But one thing is certain, no matter how the colleges alter their application and

testing systems students will continue to feel the pressure, stress, and extreme motivation to be accepted to schools they wish to attend, which is becoming more difficult each year.



Livestrong: Cause or Craze?

by Katrina Richards

During break, San Marin's campus is a scurry of students. Some socialize with each other, others rummage through their lockers, while a few furiously attempt to cram for their 4th period Spanish quiz. What do the majority of these students have in common? A lot of them sport yellow rubber "Livestrong" bracelets that have been growing in popularity ever since the Tour de France. But the real question is, do the majority of those who wear them truly care about Livestrong's cause, or are the bands just becoming another fashionable trend?

Lance Armstrong, the well-known six-time Tour de France winner, founded the Lance Armstrong Foundation in 1997 in order to help people battling cancer, while he himself was living with advanced testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain. Though weaker (but less effective) treatments were available, he decided to begin an aggressive form of chemotherapy instead. Two years later, Armstrong had completely recovered and went on to win the 1999 Tour de France and the following 5 Tours.

Armstrong decided that, by selling "Livestrong" wristbands for one dollar each, with the help of the Lance Armstrong Foundation, he could raise money to donate to cancer research facilities and organizations.

Many students who

Willkommene Österreichische Freunde! (Welcome Austrian Friends!)

by Marco Perez

In the last two weeks of October, you probably came across twenty new faces in San Marin. You may be asking yourself, who were these European-looking guys? Well, they constituted an elite of successful, Austrian students visiting our nation. Our guests stayed from October 15-29, in the houses of twenty fortunate San Marin Music students. The hosts were amazed and excited by the visit. Junior Martin Cunnie confesses, "It was amusing to have a guy in my house that's related to our governor."

The Goethe Gymnasium in Vienna and San Marin's Music Department were responsible for this adventure that represented a fantastic experience for our guests and San Marin students as well. Austrian student Marcel Schuster asserted, "Your school is pretty cool, the weather is nicer than Vienna's, and the girls are beautiful." Around

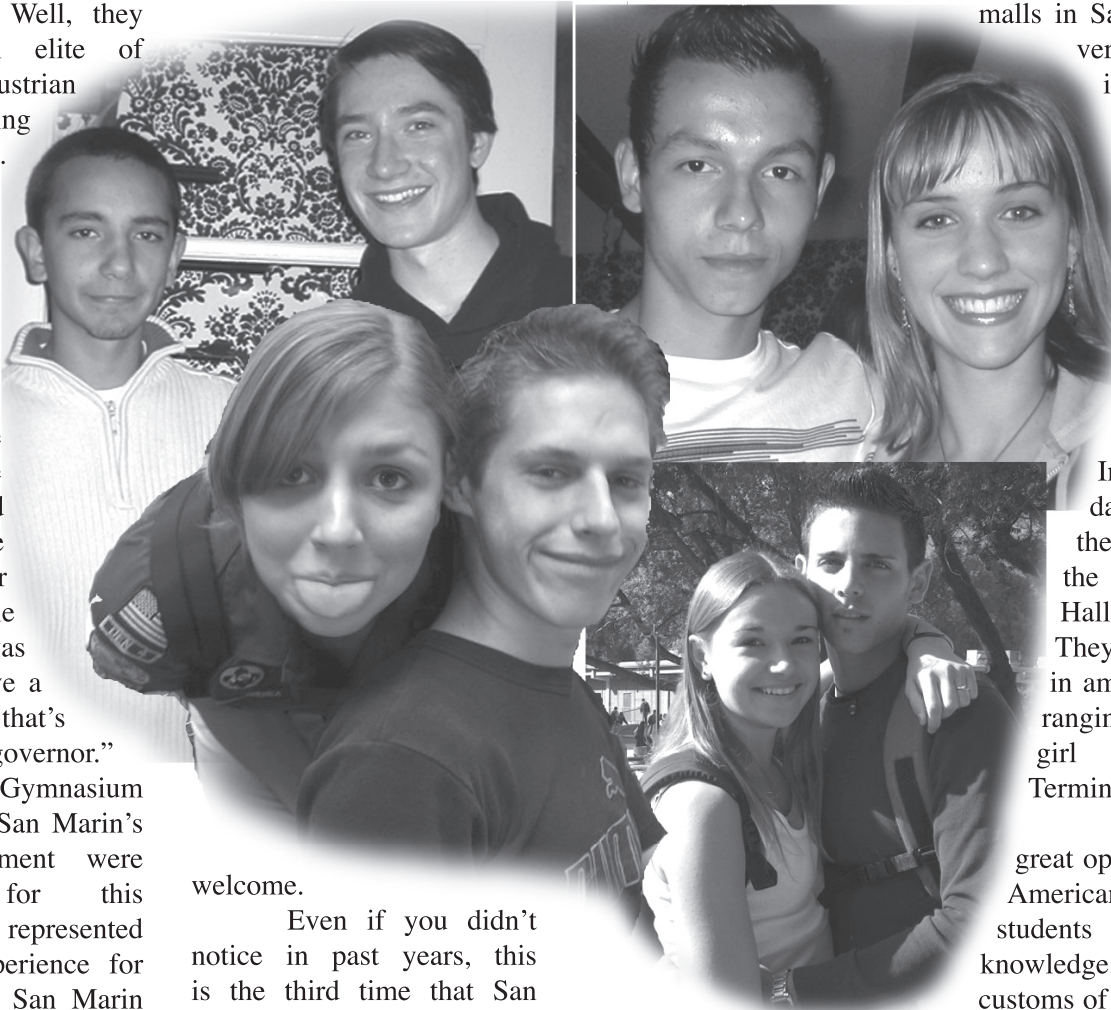
the campus, you could see flirtatious girls greeting and taking pictures of the Austrian students, arousing the jealousy of San Marin male students. After all, our guests felt very

this visit was for the Austrian students to become fluent in the English language, which they have studied for many years. "I was happy when people

Austrian student Bernd Komar. In their stay in our nation they visited popular places around the Bay Area. Austrian student Alexander Eisner confessed, "The malls in San Francisco are very big, but Novato is a lot smaller than Vienna," a harsh reality. Moreover, our guests were invited to many parties, experiencing the furor and heat of Americans.

In their last day in Novato, they witnessed the euphoria that Halloween arouses. They even dressed up in amazing costumes, ranging from a rural girl to the ironic Terminator.

This was a great opportunity for the American and Austrian students to enrich their knowledge, experiencing customs of foreign cultures. The visit culminated in a fabulous concert by both Austrian and San Marin students, which included some German songs. Welcome Austrian Friends!



welcome.

Even if you didn't notice in past years, this is the third time that San Marin has hosted Austrian students. Responsible for this adventure were Austrian English professor Helmut Koenig and San Marin's Music professor Emily Gates. One of the main purposes of

understand my English; I want to come back for the holidays even though I sometimes didn't like the food or get enough of it," confessed sincere

sport the yellow wristbands care about its meaning and cause. "I can just look down at my wrist and it reminds me of Lance's motivation to not give up whenever I feel like

giving up," said junior Joey Garcia.

"I've had family and friends who have been touched and affected by cancer. I've seen the pain they go through and don't want to see anyone go through it again," sophomore Mira Fielding remarked. A large number of students bought their wristbands intentionally to support the Lance Armstrong Foundation and to wear them as a sign to support those who have been touched by cancer.

However, there's always the crowd making the bracelets look like the next fashion craze - as if Louis Vuitton bags and Uggs aren't enough. "My Livestrong bracelet looks cool. That's why I wear

it," sophomore Daniel Hong said. "I don't even know what it stands for." For these students, their bracelets are just as trendy as what is in the nearest Abercrombie and Fitch store. "I found mine lying around somewhere," said freshman Joey Lydon. "Everyone else was wearing them. So why shouldn't I?"

Whether it's considered a craze or a positive statement, approximately 13 million Livestrong wristbands have been sold to people around the world. They are currently on backorder everywhere; bracelets are also sold on Ebay - for about five bucks each.

Whether students wear Livestrong bracelets to gain social points or to show their support for those affected by cancer, their money will be used in many positive ways for the benefit of those touched by cancer. For more information on the Lance Armstrong Foundation, visit www.laf.org. To purchase a "Livestrong" bracelet, visit www.nike.com/wearyellow

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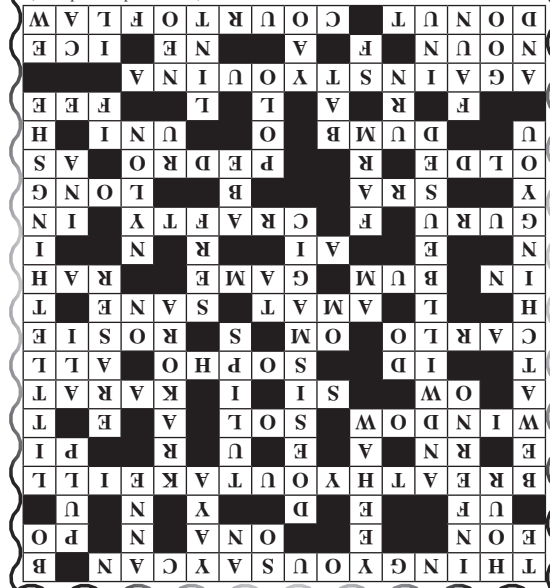
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'05 and Five-0: A Delicate Relationship

by Paige Lehman

Every Monday it seems as though a San Marin students come to school with a story about the Novato Police. Whether they were pulled over for speeding or their party was broken up, students frequently have run-ins with our local law enforcement. As a result, there is much resentment among students regarding officers.

To the students, the Novato Police Department has nothing better to do than to go after them. "They're conveniently at every place students are, even our rallies," says one student. Students object not just to where officers approach them, but *how* they do it. "They don't respect us," is a common sentiment among students. At one recent party, an officer came to the door after receiving complaints from neighbors. One person at the party opened the door and stopped the officer from coming in. The officer got irritated and proceeded to move the student out of the way so he could have a better view inside from the doorway. "I was like, 'You can't come in' but he shoved me out of the way and took out his flashlight." Nobody in the officer's view was doing anything illegal, so there was no reason for him to enter or make any arrests.

Officers respond to these accusations with the fact that students only see a portion of their work. Officers in Novato do a wide variety of work, but students only see what pertains to them. And when they do show up at rallies and football games, what students don't realize is that they are required to be there. The district requires an on campus officer for both San Marin and Novato High. They are not there because they like harassing students. In fact, most officers would probably say it is their least favorite job to have to "bust" minors. This also accounts for the disrespect many students feel: if an officer has a busy schedule to begin with, and then gets a call that some teenagers are smoking in a park, they might feel a bit annoyed at having to take time to cite them. Students should do *their* best to be courteous in such situations, say officers. "If you start off with mutual respect, it goes a long way. It's a two way street," says Lt. Laveroni.

And so it is up to San Marin students to do their best to stay out of trouble. The police are never going to go away; in fact, they'll be in more places than ever. They've recently received more funding for checkpoints and undercover work. So if you do encounter the police, remember: stay calm, be polite, and most importantly, know your rights.



True or False

1. Radar is done during free time.
False – The main purpose of motorcycle cops is to report to accidents and to write citations, including speeding citations. Squad car cops only perform radar during "unassigned" time.
2. The Novato K9 unit doesn't perform San Marin's car drug searches.
True – The Novato Unified School District hires Interquest, a private agency, to search for illegal substances on campus. However, if a car is suspected, the Novato Police Department and the owner of the car are immediately notified.
3. Novato has the highest number of cops per capita in Northern California.
False – Novato has a large number of officers who live in Novato but work in other communities.
4. Novato cops have a ticket quota that they must meet by the end of each month.
False – It is illegal to have a ticket quota.
5. Cops consider a group of five or more people under the age of twenty-one a party.
True
6. If your blood alcohol rate is under .08% you can drive.
False – Unless you are over twenty-one. There is a zero-tolerance policy for teen drinking and driving: if your blood alcohol rate reaches above .01% your license will be suspended for a year.
7. School officials can search students' backpacks and lockers without a warrant.
True – This is to protect to safety of the students at school.
8. Officers write down the license plates at parties to give out tickets.
False – Occasionally, officers will write down the license plates to check the registration and the owner of the vehicle. This also helps find the name and information of the owner of the house if this information is otherwise unavailable.
9. Police need parental consent to question minors.
False – The police can question you, but you do not have to answer. It is recommended that you give your name, address, and age to avoid getting frisked.
10. All cops like donuts.
False – it depends on their personal preferences.

It is extremely important for students to know their rights. We have heard many stories of teens being mistreated by uneducated. We hope that the information provided here will help you deal with the Novato Police Department.

We held a brief interview with Lieutenant Resource Officer Jennifer Welch, where she shared some straight facts. Above all, the NPD's message is simple: we just want you to trust us."

Cops Speak Out

collected by Paige Lehman and Denise Nilan



What is the best part of being a cop?

Ofc. Frank Sedsno - Writing tickets.



What advice do you give someone trying to get a ticket?

Ofc. Eric Perla - Honesty is the best policy.



What is your favorite law enforcement movie/TV show?

Ofc. Sophie Winter - *Super Troopers* - I could watch it over and over and it's still funny.

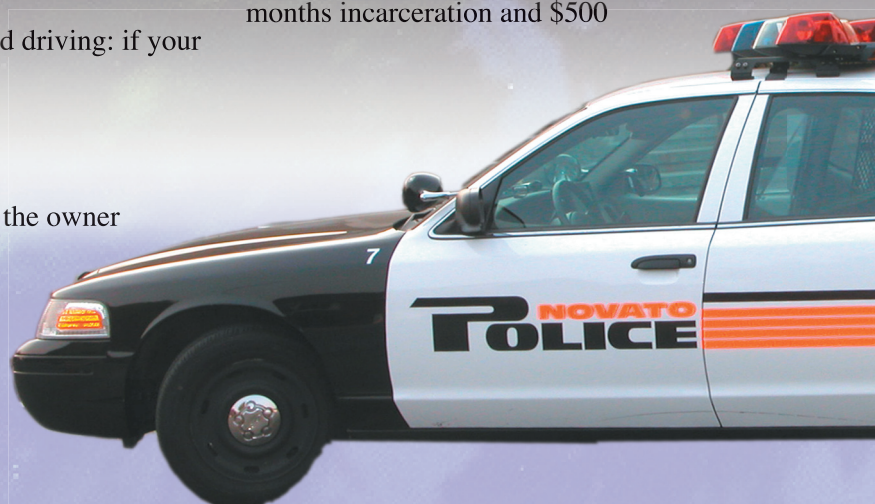


Jr. Ofc. Laura - *Reno 911* 'cuz it's hilarious.

Fees

These are minimum fines and bail amounts. These costs are in addition to any additional fees that are added to your insurance.

- Running a stop sign – \$146.00
- Not wearing a helmet – No more than \$25.00
- Speeding – \$192.00
- Seat belt- \$85.00
- Driving under the influence- \$2,496
- Possession of meth.- \$5,000
- Possession of 28.5 g or less of marijuana on school grounds - 30 days incarceration and \$500
- Possession of more than 28.5 g of marijuana on school grounds - 90 days incarceration and \$500



Buffalo Wing Extravaganza

by Paul Himmelstein

Most people have been to an all-you-can-eat buffet. You go and eat until you feel sick, then you leave. But few can say that they have been stopped (i.e. cut off from the sweet goodness of never-ending chow). Every Tuesday, Ignacio's Original Buffalo Wings has a Never-Ending Wings deal: \$10 for a large soda, fries, and trays upon trays of wings. However, when you bring seven varsity linemen to enjoy the bargain the definition of "infinite" comes into question.

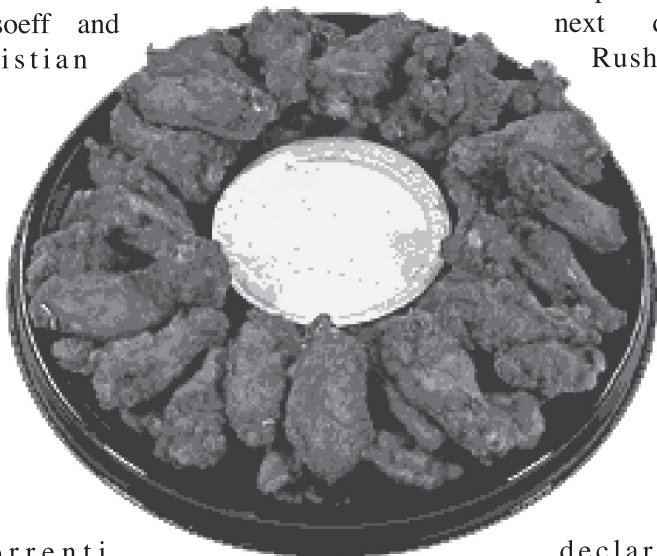
Chris Susoeff, Kristian Correnti, Tyler Rushton, Nic Banaugh, Paul Himmelstein, Casey Correnti, and Tyler Pina-Vertin participated in this ordeal. Weighing in at an approximate total of 1,610 pounds, these select few of the Mustang Line approached the restaurant, hoping to satisfy their appetites. They received the meal and more, but not quite as much as they wanted. Susoeff asserts, "I went there starving, and that scrawny little guy at the counter cut me off at 50." The irritation of the two workers at the restaurant was apparent; obviously, they had never needed to work so intensely this late at night.

Within the first thirty minutes, Himmelstein had already seemed to be satisfied, putting away 43 wings when everyone was hovering at 25. Rushton caught up quickly though. While everyone was sitting around, taking his time, Rushton put away a whopping 55 and deemed himself too stuffed to move. Susoeff and Kristian

access to "unlimited" food, it's hard to willfully stop.

As Kristian Correnti and Susoeff approached, Himmelstein and Rushton decided to lengthen their lead. Himmelstein pushed himself to 50 and Rushton, who was about to keel over, broke the limits and added 5 more, making a total of 60 wings. Eventually, Kristian Correnti and Susoeff caught up to 50. But when the 50s went to request for more (which was hard, considering it was difficult to walk) the demons at the counter said they wouldn't serve them any more. Unfair yet merciful, their decision probably saved a few lives. But Susoeff wasn't happy about it: "Original Buffalo Wings hasn't seen the last of me."

At the end of the night, Rushton was victorious with 60 wings; Kristian Correnti, Himmelstein, and Susoeff were tied at 50, little Correnti at 43, Pina-Vertin at 30, and Banaugh at 31 (though in his defense, he went again and ate 51). After a few calculations, it was determined that about 80 chickens gave their lives for this feast. A few of these troopers (the eaters, not the chickens) believed they could have gone farther. Kristian Correnti said, "I was on record pace until I was unjustly disqualified. Me and The King went to protest the madness, but we were shot down." But the feeling of getting kicked out of a restaurant for surpassing gluttony made the line-men feel accomplished, and they swelled with pride the next day. Rushton



Correnti were working at the same pace, and eventually surpassed Himmelstein's 43. Banaugh finished at 31, and Pina-Vertin (taking no initiative to order more) ended up at 30. But the competition wasn't over. When you have

declared, "I was the victor in this contest of gluttony. To win, you have to suck it up and sack up, because it takes a lot of willpower. It's passion; you need to go with a full heart without getting a heart attack."

The Pajama Game

by Katt Knecht

On Halloween weekend, the Fall Musical debuted with singing, dancing, and lots of pajamas. The show took place in a pajama factory, in which the workers went on strike for an extra seven and a half cent raise. But the tightfisted boss Myron Hasler, played by Yan Gorman, tries to cheat the workers out of the extra pay.

The play starred freshman Kasie Gasparini and Madeline Stoddard as Babe, the head of the grievance committee fighting to gain an extra 7 1/2 cent raise for workers. Both exhibited amazing singing and acting skills. Kasie proved to be

well-deserving of the lead despite her freshman status, amazing audiences. Graham Howes played the desperate-to-succeed love interest Sid, new superintendent on the factory, intent on keeping production up and wages down. Of course, Babe and Sid fall in love, producing conflict and lots of singing and dancing. Showing off their fantastic singing and dancing skills are Brianna Kiler and Jessica Apperson who play Hasler's secretary Gladys, and Keith White, Gladys' jealous boyfriend.

After years of direction from Parker Lee, the music department

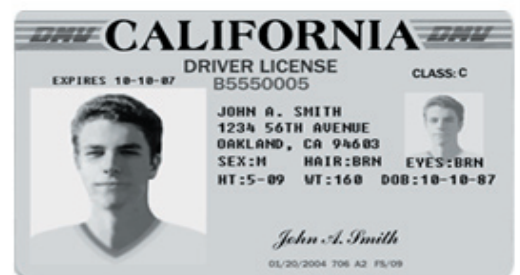
saw a change of pace in new director Kevin Kiler. Although the students missed Parker's rigorous schedules, they loved Kevin's directorial style. Kiler also replaced Jane Green choreographing the play, exhibiting the style Bob Fosse made famous in the musical number "Steam Heat." The sets were minimal but effective in the factory-setting, and the lights, by Frank Rebelo, added a nice effect. The combination of the orchestra, directed by Emily Gates, the upbeat jazz score, and the talented chorus made for a fun, if not a little cheesy, show.



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Take This One With You...

by Kristen D'Angelo

It's a Wednesday afternoon, and the cast of this fall's drama production, "You Can't Take It With You," is rehearsing for their upcoming performances. Written by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, the play chronicles the crazy antics of the Sycamore family. Their younger daughter, Alice, played by Alexis Buescher, prepares to marry Tony Kirby, Shane Rose. The contrast between Mr. and Mrs. Sycamore, Mike Mann and Jaimie Brandley,

and Mr. and Mrs. Kirby, Brandon Hoberg, and Melissa Corner and Adair McNear (doublecast) is presented when Tony "accidentally" brings his family to the Sycamores' for dinner on the wrong night. The Kirbys' are shocked to witness such a chaotic household, and Alice becomes convinced that she can't marry Tony due to the differences between their families. Tony knows she's wrong and sets out to prove it to her.

This comedic love

story is sure to keep you entertained. Drama teacher Ms. K recently commented, "I think this is going to be a wonderful show. The actors are working really hard, and I think that those who come will really enjoy it." The play also features great performances from Stacy Boven, Kristen D'Angelo, Chris Gomez, Yan Gorman, Alison Greggor, Rachel Halstead, Ben Maxwell, Jeff McLaughlin, Ally Mengarelli, Amber Nelson, Monty Nicolis, Megan Paulson, Alex Randall, Annie Rollison, Erin Sancimino, Melanie Spann, Lauryn Stanfel, Madeline Stoddard, Danton Thompson, and Alex Whittelsey. In addition to her role, Brandley exhibits her range of talent by student-directing the play. With all the hard work being put into this production, "You Can't Take It With You" is sure to be a success. Performance dates are November 18-22; all shows will begin at 7:30, except for Sunday the 21 (it will begin at 2 p.m.) Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5 for students and \$8 for adults.



Alexis Buescher and Shane Rose as leads in "You Can't Take It With You."

An Adventure in Oregon

by Clint Potter

Television, beds, showers, fresh food, toilets and especially toilet paper: all things that are taken for granted by the average person, but its funny how three weeks without these things changes a persons point of view (crappy sentence – read it aloud). Believe me, this is not the reason I decided to go on a three-week expedition through eastern and central Oregon; in fact, it really wasn't even my decision to go. My dad suggested it and I nonchalantly went along with the scheme. Before I knew it, I was tossed into the eastern Oregon desert (which I had no idea existed) on the Deschutes River where I would spend the next week rafting.

Upon arriving at the river, I cautiously mingled among the people I'd be spending the next three weeks with, being careful not to say the wrong thing. However, I quickly made friends among the crowd, perhaps because of the attention drawn by my dreadlocks. Over the period of a week, our extremely

diverse group of 11 bonded on the river despite high emotions and fights. On one occasion, a member got so mad he dragged the boat down river and took a half hour before we were able to get out boat back. Needless to say, we did plenty of crazy activities on the river: running a class IV rapid, swimming to a rock in a rapid and repelling off a 140 ft. cliff (I almost soiled myself I was so scared). However, the real epic began when we went to the Cascade Mountain Range.

On the first day of hiking into the Cascades, it was deadly apparent that the hiking ability of our group was sub-par; trekking an average 5 mi. a day. The first week's goal was reaching the 10,047 ft. summit of Middle Sister, but the going was slow and tension grew within the group. Ascending our way to the top, we learned the essentials of navigation, camp setup and the proper use of an ice axe.

Then after four days of hiking we reached base camp, where we would prepare for the final 1,500 ft of our ascent. The night was brutal perched atop Oregon, and by morning we were coated in a thick layer of frost, but the stars were the brightest I've ever seen (run-



on). When we woke up we gobbled down our oatmeal and headed up the dormant snow-capped volcano. In rope teams to prevent anyone from failing straight down a crevasse, we made our way up the mountain slowly and

steadily. Unfortunately, we went a little too slow, and by the time we reached the summit we were caught in a whiteout. Personally, I had the time of my life, but most begged to differ, huddled behind the ridgeline, protected from the wind. After

him in the faces a few times until he woke up. After this adventure the rest of the trip was a breeze and before I knew it was over.

Looking back on the trip, I realize that it allowed me to grow and assume responsibilities I never would have dreamed of taking. I never expected that one day I would navigate through 8 miles of trailless forest or fast for 2 days completely alone in the wilderness. These profound experiences opened up a whole new perspective on the way I live and everything that surrounds me. When daily human distractions like T.V., music and work are stripped away you are forced to think; something we just don't get to do in such a fast paced world.

Concert Corner

By Briana McVay and Katrina Richards

Friday, Nov. 19: **Le Tigre** at the Fillmore

Avril Lavigne and **Butch Walker** at the HP Pavilion at San Jose

Communiqué and **Rum Diary** at Slim's

Saturday, Nov. 20: **Tower of Power** at the Fillmore

Monday, Nov. 22: **The Blues Explosion** and **The Gossip** at the Fillmore

Wednesday, Nov. 24: **Green Day**, **New Found Glory**, and **Sugarcult** at the Bill Graham Civic Center

Sunday, Nov. 28: "MTV2 **Headbangers Ball**" with **Arch Enemy**, **Bleeding Through**, **Cradle of Filth**, and **Himsa** at the Fillmore

Godsmack and **Metallica** at the HP Pavilion at San Jose

Tuesday, Nov. 30: **Auf Der Maur**, **H.I.M.**, and **Monster Magnet** at the Warfield

Wednesday, Dec. 1: **Denver Harbor** and **Unwritten Law** at Slim's

Thursday, Dec. 2: **Keane** at the Fillmore

Friday, Dec. 3: **Copeland**, **Further Seems Forever**, **Sparta**, and **Sunshine** at the Grand Ballroom at Regency Center

Saturday, Dec. 4: **Jem**, **Joss Stone**, and **Los Lonely Boys** at Nob Hill Masonic Auditorium

Sunday, Dec. 5: **The Donna's** at Slim's

Friday, Dec. 10: **Live 105's "Not So Silent Night"** with **Taking Back Sunday**, **Modest Mouse**, **Franz Ferdinand**, **The Killers**, **Interpol**, and **Muse** at the Bill Graham Civic Center

Tuesday, Dec. 14: **Slayer** at the Warfield

Tuesday, Dec. 28: **Kottonmouth Kings** at Slim's

Back from the Dead

by Paul Himmelstein

Many of you remember what the beginning of football season was like. The boasts of the players; the high hopes for the upcoming season. And yet, as the first half of the season progressed, everyone would soon learn that this year's Mustangs would not just have a prance in the meadows (yes, mustangs can prance).

The season opened with two straight losses, and the Mustangs were 2-3 into the second half of the season. Head coach **Chris Augusto** states, "Our backs were truly against the wall. As the season progresses, we are becoming more like one unit. That is important now more than ever." Our Mustangs

have been hampered, though, as many players have been injured or removed. The losses of **Kyle Whitman** and **Robert Chernoff** weakened the depth of the team. The serious knee injury sustained by All-League linemen **Tyler Rushton** caused the team to rearrange some positions and forced the Mustangs to bring up two Junior Varsity players to Varsity. Also, the loss of rising runningback **Keith Renner** forced the Mustangs to switch a many positions in the backfield.

The losses were handled well, though. Ex-fullback **Mike DePew** stepped back to tailback and showed his colors when he rushed for 104 yards in his

first game. **J.J. Miller** went from tight-end to fullback, and **Nick Shaw** took Miller's position. Augusto said, "The players have all stepped up tremendously to make sure we still get everything done." After having time to adjust to the changes, the Mustangs faced cross-town rival, the Novato Hornets, in the city championship game. The crowd was worried though; at the end of the first half the Hornets seemed to be dominating with a 14-0 lead. But at the start of the second half, it seemed that a different Mustang team came onto the field. They were sharper, faster, and stronger as they put 12 points up on the board by 9:11 left in the 4th

quarter. An incomplete pass on 4th and 9 with two minutes

remaining ended any hopes of victory. But despite the loss, Augusto had nothing but good things to say: "For the first time this year, we played as a team. I'm the proudest I've ever been of these guys right now."

Even though they got off to a rocky 0-2 season start, the Mustangs have risen to many challenges and have the upcoming post-season in their sights. Fighting through distractions and injuries, the Mustangs have shown the league that they are still in the fight for the finish. Come out and watch the Mustangs push on to the championship!



Senior Casey Pughe strolls back to the huddle after a crucial defensive stop.

Aiming for an MCAL Title

by James Gramalia

Midway through the high school football season, the San Marin Junior Varsity team is at the top of the MCAL standings. The Mustangs have claimed victory in three of their last four games, defeating Terra Linda and San Rafael 20-0 and shutting out Lincoln 14-0. Their only loss came against



The J.V. Mustangs are set on defense.

remaining team. Sophomores Vince Ross, Jimmy Pederson, Vinny Pacchetti, and Marino Zucconi continue to step up and provide the leadership needed for a successful season. During the big rivalry weekend against Novato, the San Marin J.V. team emerged victorious

20-14. That victory put the Mustangs at the top of the standings tied with Marin Catholic. This upcoming game against MC will prove key to the Mustangs final MCAL standing. A confident Vince Ross summed up his hopes for the game: "We're going to kick some major Wildcat behind."

Novato, in a heart-wrenching game with a score of 26-0. They do, however, hope to regain the upper hand in the rivalry in their next matchup on November 13. With an overall record of 5-1-1, they are in prime position to take the MCAL title.

The losses of Erik Schadler and Zach Riley to varsity and several other players have put more pressure on the

Fore!

by Allyson Walchli

With a record of six and nine, the San Marin girls' Varsity team finished the season with intensity. From the start of the season the girls proved to be quite dominating. Their contenders were no match for the power and ability of the Mustangs. Coach Bob Lacy comments on the girls' success: "I'm really proud of the entire team. I knew they could do it! Hopefully, they will bring their energy and intensity with them to MCALs." On Monday, October 18, the team concluded their season with a home victory against

Branson, winning by a score of 252 to 283. After the loss of their MVP, 2004 graduate Rachael Oppenheimer, the girls were nervous to begin a new year without her guidance. However, the girls were optimistic that they could still compete. Allison Greene soon became the number one player, leading the squad to many victories with scores consistently in the 40s. The girls came together this year, and with a true team effort, they had a chance to become MCAL champions. Hopefully, next year will bring as much success.

'Stangs in Spandex®

by Nic Banaugh

The Girls Varsity Volleyball team had an extremely tough schedule over the last couple weeks. They started this schedule off trying to beat the two top-seeded teams in MCAL, Redwood and Justin Sienna. The outcomes of these games were two losses for the team. "They are definitely beatable teams and we have the ability and skill to beat them," remarked the "Spark Plug of the team" **Janice Bartee**. After the two losses they easily put the wood to Tamalpais defeating them in three matches. "We came together as a team and showed

everyone how our team can really play when we are focused." stated Co-captain **Cathryn Bennett**. The win over Tam had to be forgotten quickly though because Marin Catholic was up next. Once again the team was let down. "We passed really poorly and took ourselves out of the game," remarked Junior **Paige Thelen**. Marin Catholic beat them in three matches. The following game the girls took on San Rafael and won in four matches. After losing their first game against Terra Linda the Mustangs took them to five games and won an exciting match. The

girls had to bounce back fast because they were playing their determining playoff game against crosstown rival Novato. "We didn't play our best but we were still able to take the win and a spot in playoffs," remarked sophomore standout **Mackenzie Arnold**. After the big win against Novato the team had to focus on unbeaten Redwood. The game went quickly, but the girls showed that they wouldn't go down without a fight. They ended up losing but had to regain confidence as they head into Marin Catholic for the first round of the playoffs.

The Ups and Downs of Cross-Country

by Mandy Jacob

As the season progresses, the cross-country team practices harder and harder to achieve their long set goals. The new coach has installed newer, stricter rules, which have caused some

controversy among Mustang runners. These new rules have caused tension between the coach and some of the runners. Juniors **Julie Kern**, **Angela Puma**, and **Melissa Colvin** were told not to come to practice for two days because they failed to bring stopwatches with them. For the same reason, second-best runner **Pat Graham** was recently dismissed from the team, around the same time that another top runner, **Chris**

Haller, left.

Despite these losses, the cross-country team has a record of 3-1. After losing to Redwood, last year's MCAL champions, the team picked up two wins against Branson

year's race, San Marin girls took first, second, and third. **Briana Van Epps** and **Alison Greggor** ran the 2.92-mile run, close enough to feel each other's heat until they reached the finish line, where

they tied for first to the second at 19:26. **Carly O'Leary** came in right behind them to take third, finishing a full minute ahead of Novato girls. **Casey Kasten** came in



second, and **Bryant Benter** came in fifth for the boys, to complete the victory. As the season goes on, we hope to see more triumph for these proud Mustang runners.

and Terra Linda. The annual Red Rock race against Novato is always an exiting competition; this year it was especially intense. This is a yearly race in which San Marin competes with Novato for a red rock, on which the winners' names are signed, along with the year. In this

Sunset on a Satisfactory Season

by Alex Randall

The Varsity Girls Tennis Team, after starting the MCAL season with three straight victories, fell into a four-match slump, losing contests with Drake, Redwood, Branson, and finally Justin Sienna. Despite the team's stumble, freshman **Camille Mixter** remained strong in the #2 singles spot with a 2-3 record during the losing streak. The Lady



Junior Dina Rosenberg takes her swings during practice.

Mustangs fell once again to the mighty Redwood Giants by the score of 7-2.

After an 8th place finish last season, the team jumped two spots in the rankings with a 6th place finish this year, partially due to the freshman additions to the team. Junior **Chelsea McCrae** commented, "The new freshmen some of whom were on such a strong team at Rolling Hills, brought both their skills and their spirit to our squad." The Mustangs finished the season with a mediocre record of 7-7 but have already turned their sights towards more successful seasons in the future.

The Mustangs sent a

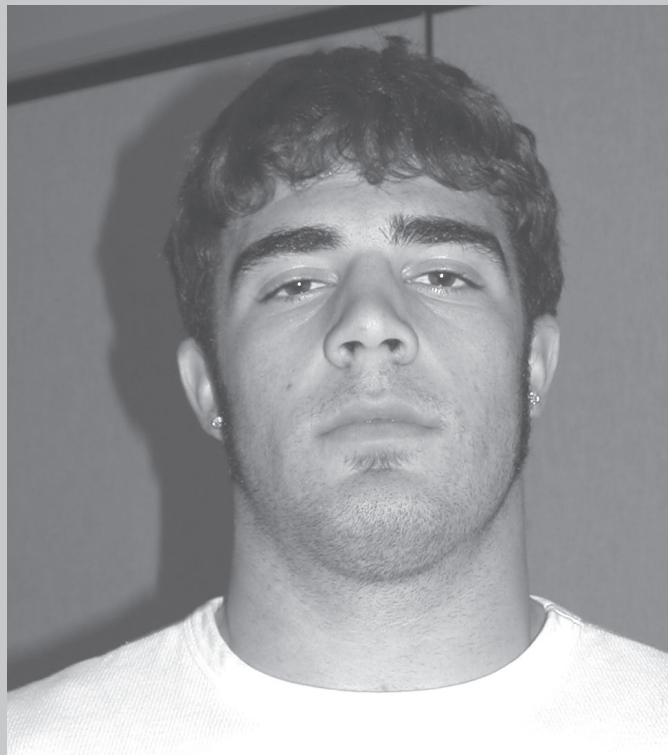
Mustangs managed to turn their season around with an effortless 6-3 triumph over Tamalpais, in which San Marin took four of the six singles matches. As soon as the team was becoming optimistic again, they found themselves facing the powerhouse Marin Catholic. MC's dominance shone through as they swept the matches, winning 9-0. San Marin, now with a record of 4-5, looked to even their record with a win against San Rafael. And win they did.

The Lady Mustangs humiliated SR for the second time this season with a score of 8-1. After this boost in confidence, the team had no problem rendering TL stunned and winless in a 9-0 victory. Next was cross-town rival Novato, whom San Marin quickly disposed of by a score of 7-2. In their second-to-last regular season match of the year, the Lady Mustangs faced the Pirates of Drake High School. In their first meeting of the year, Drake won 6-3, and they were able once again to edge out a victory; this time, the score was 5-4. As a disappointing end to a inspiring season, the

total of 11 representatives to the MCAL individual tournaments: singles players **Ayla Potter, Camille Mixter, Dina Rosenberg, Angela Shi,** and **Kiley Pearson,** and the doubles teams of **Emily Randall** and **Gina Soares,** **Karen MacKintosh** and **Claire Miller,** and **Alicia Miranda** and **Julie Seavey.** Prominent results in this group of competitors came from Potter and Mixter, both who fought in the number two singles bracket. Each made it to the semifinals, and it appeared that an all-San Marin final could occur. Potter was victorious, disposing of Justin Sienna's Courtney Heathcote by a score of 6-7 (5), 6-2, 10-6. Mixter was not so fortunate, as she ran into the hard-hitting Hannah Levin from Terra Linda, and fell 6-1, 6-2. In the championship match, Potter annihilated Levin, winning 6-4, 6-2. And so the season ends, with a team record better than last year's, a number two singles championship in the record books, and a team ready to dominate the league in years to come.

SPORTS STANDOUTS

Mike DePew



by Nic Banaugh

Junior Mike DePew has had an amazing year for the Varsity Football team. Starting at tailback and middle linebacker, he has rushed for over 300 yards in 3 games. Now a focal point for the Mustangs, he provides a solid offensive and defensive play. On defense, DePew has been tough in the middle, not giving up any ground. He has shut down many top tailbacks in the league. He also plays long snapper for the special teams unit, and is known as one of the best snappers in the league. His snaps are always right on the money leaving the holders with nothing to worry about. DePew's talent on the field has helped lead the Mustang's Varsity football team in an exciting season, that will hopefully be repeated next season.

Megan Faherty



by Joe Mertel

In the past four years, Senior Megan Faherty has proven to be an all-around outstanding volleyball player. After being a crucial contender on the varsity squad since sophomore year and playing club volleyball since freshman year, Faherty has shown her dedication to the sport. She practices three days a week with games on Wednesdays and Fridays. When club volleyball starts right after the school season, she will practice three times a week, with weekend tournaments until July.

Faherty works exceptionally hard at helping the team succeed. The team is extremely dependent on Faherty's volleyball skills as a middle blocker. With a 6-8 record, the Varsity volleyball team qualifies to play in the playoffs. "I'm not surprised that our team is going to playoffs, because everyone gets along on and off the court, and that makes a huge impact on how we play as a team," says Faherty.

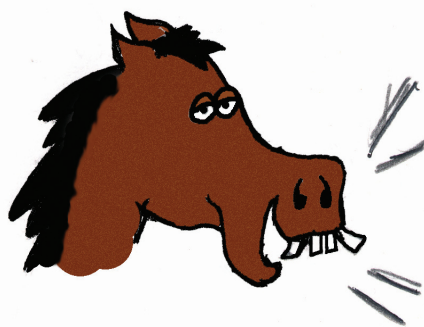
Even with next year's loss of the teams two captains, Signy Toquinto and Faherty, along with the "Fab Five" (Rebecca Pelka, Ashley House, Lindsey Benson, Katie Landeros, and Kelly Fitzpatrick), Faherty predicts that the lower classmen will "step it up and kick some rear ends." Faherty has been a great asset to the San Marin volleyball teams. "All I can say is we flippin' love the fans. I will have an autograph session after the next home game. Thank you and goodnight!"

ODDS AND ENDS

Fun Facts

by Clint Potter

- ☐ In Iceland, it is an insult to leave a tip.
- ☐ In Philadelphia, you can't put pretzels in bags due to an act of 1760.
- ☐ In Utah, birds have the right-of-way on the highway.
- ☐ Approximately 75% of human poop is made of water.
- ☐ The average day is actually 23 hours, 56 minutes and 4.09 seconds. We have a leap year every 4 years to make up for this.
- ☐ The most overdue book in the world was borrowed from Sidney Sussex College in Cambridge, England and was returned 288 years later.
- ☐ A jiffy is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second, hence the saying "I'll be there in a jiffy."
- ☐ Bananas contain a natural chemical that can make a person happy. The same chemical is found in Prozac.
- ☐ Adolf Hitler had one testicle.
- ☐ Dueling in Paraguay is legal as long as both participants are registered blood donors.
- ☐ An ant always falls over on its right side when intoxicated.
- ☐ The name Wendy was made up for the book *Peter Pan*.
- ☐ You are more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider.
- ☐ Moldova, a small European country, has the highest rate of death by powered lawn mower.



Straight From the Horse's Mouth: A Little Gossip From Around the Stable

By Denise Nilan

- Elena Miller gets "re-hired" at Baskin Robbin's
- The Varsity Basketball team promises to distribute spirit shirts to the first home game fans.
- Michael Merlino receives a ticket for his tires stretching beyond the body of his truck. The streets of Novato are now safer.
- Three new clubs are born at San Marin: the Culinary Club, the Fashion Club, and the PDA Club (People against the Dissection of Animals)
- Seniors Stress - CSU applications are due November 30th.
- Races to Thursday's pizza lunch become extreme.
- Freshman Kasie Gasparini nabs the lead role in *The Pajama Game*.
- San Marin says "Auf Wiedersehen" to our metrosexual Austrians.
- John Kerry wins student election.
- Measure E fails.
- Mud puddles create detours during passing period.
- Jonathan Ibarra is the only student at San Marin with a last name that begins with 'I'.
- Siblings Logan and Sarah Taxdal start a San Marin version of *Family Feud*.
- *Life As We Know It* (Thursday at 9:00pm on ABC) becomes the new *O.C.* (Thursday at 8:00pm on FOX)
- Gym floor ruined at homecoming. Estimated cost of repair: \$1,700.
- Coldstone in The Square closing- Drama students soon to be unemployed.

- ☐ There are 336 dimples on a golf ball.
- ☐ There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- ☐ In Britain, police cars are called pandas.

Crossword

by Beth Sekishiro and Dan Saslow

ACROSS

1. Police statement #1 Part 1, with "any"
10. Long time period
11. Go out __ _ limb
12. Name of red Teletubbie
13. Ultimate Frisbee abbreviation
15. The Police statement #2, part 1 - with "every"
20. Radon symbol
21. 3.14 . . .
22. _____ of opportunity
23. Fifth of a scale, or Spanish "sun"
25. Response to pain
26. "Affirmative!" in Spanish
27. Unit of gold purity
29. Identification, shortly
31. Prefix with "more," for a 10th grader
32. "___ for one, one for ___"
33. Teacher, ___ magno
34. Meditation noise
35. Mrs. Walwyn
37. What's in front of your door
39. Not crazy
40. "Timmy's fallen ___ the well!"
41. Occupation for the lazy
42. San Marin musical, The Pajama _____
43. Pep Band or cheerleader cry
44. 2001 Spielberg robot movie with actor Osment
46. An expert, often spiritual
48. Skilled or sly
50. "___ My Life", Beatles
51. Abbreviation for Watson, Lowrie, or Pelka
52. "It's been a ___ week" (often heard at SM)
53. Madrigal style, "Ye _____

shoppe"

54. Baseball player Martinez
56. Snug ___ a bug
57. Post-chemistry feeling
60. prefix for one, with -cycle and -corn
64. Park your car in the wrong lot, you'll pay one
65. Police statement #1, part 3
72. Person, place or thing
73. Patriot's place, abbreviated
74. "___, ___, baby"
77. Cop Motivation, with sprinkles
78. Police statement #1, part 4

DOWN

1. "¿ ___ gusta?"
2. Grandfather clock strikes at the top of this
3. Intense fire
4. Cowboy exclamation
5. "___ what?" (who cares?)
6. Mammals are ___imals
7. Sisterhood with divine secrets
8. Green Gables girl
9. Little ___ Peep
12. Tarantino movie title, with "Fiction"
14. The Police statement #3, part 2
15. The Police statement #2, part 2
16. Police statement #1 Part 2
17. Tip-toeing grounds
18. "Don't believe what you think..." teacher
19. The Police statement #3, part 1, with "every"
24. Pink nub on a pencil,

"Scribbles, be gone!" tool

28. Boxer Muhammad
30. Bride's vow "I ___"
34. Missouri, abbreviated, backwards
36. Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It ___"
37. Sam I ___
38. He or she is in the office, in classrooms, and on campus with little pink papers
39. Medieval peasant (sounds like what Kelly Slater does)
45. Pantyhose material
47. Book read in school, with "Animal"
49. Honest president
50. ___ rug (see 56 across)
54. SM sport, with "water"
55. Internetspeak for "are you"
58. Place for ashes
59. Whitburn's tool of choice
61. Homecoming question starters (check last *Express*)
62. Half-goat, half man
63. It gathers in pockets
65. "The King

___ I"

66. Sticky substance
67. ___ Yasha
68. Golden Gate City, abbreviated

69. Rockets player Ming
71. Matrix character
74. Mussolini: ___ Duce
75. Arnold's domain, abbreviated
76. Response to gum on desk

