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### Heritage



#### Heritage Students Volunteer at the Corn Festival

by Nate Forquer

Traditional Heritage Seniors jumped at the chance to volunteer at the city of La Habra's annual Corn Festival Parade, now in its 74th year.

These young scholars have been tasked with getting their State Seal of Civic Engagement by doing community ser-

vice activities, including helping out at La Habra's very own Corn Festival.

Myself and other Heritage Seniors signed up for all sorts of booths, from games, tickets, and selling refreshments...

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### Science



#### Celestial Events for December and January

by Dylan Anderson

During the months of December and January, there will be many interesting events, such as meteor showers, planetary events and more. This list goes into the events by chronological order:

DECEMBER 2022

December 21: Mercury (Eastern) Elongation & Winter Solstice  
Mercury will be at its longest distance from

the sun, which will provide great viewing in the evening sky. Mercury has a bright grayish hue, similar to our moon.

December 21st will be the longest day of the year, and the shortest night.

Mercury Rise and Set Times: Rises at 8:24 AM and Sets at 6:14 PM

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### Streaming News

#### Twitch Community Reels After Recent Dramatic Events

by Jacob Metzen



September 4th was a reckoning day for much of the Twitch community as members learned of a cheating scandal that occurred within the competitive chess community. What began as simple accusations quickly spiraled into a mess of leaks, scams, and public outings.

It all started with the Chess Sinquefeld Cup in September, when rookie Hans Niemann went up against World Chess champion Magnus Carlsen and during the match, Mag-

nus Carlsen resigned and later accused Hans of cheating.

The championship was streamed live on Twitch and gained a large audience from the chess community, so the news of this alleged cheating caused minor controversy. A month after the issue he decided to sue several parties for defamation, including Chess.com, played on, Hikaru Nakamura, a well known chess grandmaster who gave his opinion...

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## Traditional Heritage Students Volunteer at the Corn Festival

(continued from the front page)...in order to give back to the community. I chose to help hand out water, coffee, and soda to people who attended the event. I helped later at night from 9:30 to 11:30 and it was nice to see the Corn Festival in the evening, seeing the bright lights of the rides and everyone getting ready to finish their night.

However, I wasn't the only one helping out at the drink stand. Alongside me was Joey Navarro, a classmate and fellow



Heritage Senior, who has done community service before through Key Club. I asked her what made working at the Corn Festival so enjoyable, she said "I enjoyed being around the people working with us, and it was nice to do something to help the community"

The La Habra Corn Festival has been a cherished event by all members of the community, whether they are attending a daytime parade, enjoying an evening ferris wheel ride, or the ones making it all possible.

By Nate Forquer

## The Future of GSA

By Milani Gonzalez

The Gay Straight Alliance, Club, led by president Brent Grantham allowed me to interview him and ask some questions about the future of GSA goals and plans.

The club has already had a few meetings this year and all have been held in room 23 during lunch. The

ing so if you missed the last meeting don't be discouraged they will catch you up! Brent also went on to explain that he does want the club and members to have outside of school events but that no events are planned as of now.

GSA is a great club to complete community service

## Heritage Learns About Nixon

by Max Manzer

The seniors from La Habra High School's Traditional Heritage class recently took a trip to the Richard Nixon Library. There, they learned about Nixon's life, presidency, and political history.



The tour started with a timeline of President Nixon's political accomplishments, leading to a replica of the Oval Office from Nixon's term as President. Students were delighted to be able to sit in a replica of the chair he used, and even see the phone that was used in his time.

After this, there was an assortment of exhibits encompassing Nixon's presidential career. This ranged from the moon landing to Nixon's visit to China. Abraham Lincoln was even spotted sitting on a bench outside!



Later on in the trip, we were taught about the Watergate scandal. Nixon learned about several Watergate office building break ins. However, when hearing about this, he opted to try and cover them up rather than report them. He was caught, and eventually, this led to his resignation in 1974.



Outside, we saw Nixon's real childhood home. This home was built by his father, using an old house building kit. They lived on an eight-acre citrus farm.

Considering our generation has not yet been taught much about presidents from this era, this museum was a great opportunity to be informed. Nixon lived a very impactful life, and although there was controversy, proved to have a successful presidency.



next meeting is coming up and will be on December 12th and will also be held in room 23 during lunch.

When asking club president what members of GSA should expect to hear about in the next meeting he said they'd be discussing "A toy drive, sticker sales, and GSA and animal club".

In most GSA meetings they tend to do a recap of what happened in the previous meet-

hours, be a part of political activism, and it's a really fun place to meet and talk to new people. If you're wondering if it's possible to still join GSA, it is! It's not too late to join and like I said earlier they recap what happens in previous meetings so you won't be left out at all.

## FPFA Mock Trial All Stars

By Ashley Coria

Mock Trial All Stars are selected students that were chosen based on their good performances from 2022's FPFA Mock Trial trials. It was held in the Lecture Hall on November 15th and 17th. This Trial is based on the murder case of Hae Min Lee, whose ex-boyfriend Adnan Syed got sent behind bars. The question is "If he really did it?"

After a month of hard work, 12 long podcasts, research, and studies this sums up to the final round of FPFA Mock Trial. Will the Jury vote on guilty or innocent?

### The Aftermath

The information provided by students was well done. Some students even worked together to create skits for their trials. Can't say if they were good or not, but it's the work put into it that counts. FPFA Mock Trial in general is 300 points for each individual student. All Stars are extra credit, and it's much more entertaining, as some may say. Each trial had different and interesting presentations. I'd say that positively, this improved speaking skills and confi-

dence. Although personally, I believe that the trials were draining.

For determining winners, voting was done on Dr. York's Instagram. If you've seen previous years, you might have seen a different type of voting, which was a box voting. Although this new form of voting certainly streamlined the voting process, it also led to some audience members spamming the voting by casting votes from multiple accounts.

### Update on the Case

The case that was provided during the trial was the murder case of Hae Min Lee. Her ex-boyfriend Adnan Syed was accused of murdering her. Throughout the case, there were suspects and others who took part in talking in this case. Now after all this information you were either convinced Adnan murdered Hae or he didn't. Truth is, no one knows who really killed Hae Min Lee till this day.

In 2016 Adnan's attorney introduced new evidence. In 2019 the highest court in Maryland reserved a decision to give Ad-

nan a new trial. On October 11 Baltimore prosecutors dropped the charges against Adnan Syed. Adnan spent 23 years fighting charges and finally got released this year in October. Although he was finally free, it is said by prosecutors that "were not asserting that Mr. Syed was innocent-..."

Now what, you may ask? There's still more years of trials to come along. Who knows if FPFA will still use this case because of the updated circumstances of the case. Whether you think the All Stars Mock Trial was to your liking or not, applaud the ones who participated and tried their hardest throughout this time. Everyone who participated in FPFA Mock Trial in general were brave enough to go on stage, and that I say is a win.



## Safe Driving *By Allie Valentine*

A part of growing up during your high school years is starting to learn how to drive but more importantly young teens need to learn and practice safe driving. Reckless driving causes about 33% of deaths each year so it is very important to make sure we are driving aware, alert and careful.

### Driving Under the Influence

In the state of California, it is illegal to operate a vehicle with a BAC (blood alcohol concentration) of 0.08%. It is illegal for minors up till age 21 to consume alcohol at all. There is a death due to an alcohol impaired driver every 50 minutes.

That is about 30 humans a day losing their lives from a preventable situation made from the decisions of others. There has been a 14% increase of impaired driving deaths since 2019.

15% of alcohol impaired drivers involved in fatal collisions are between the ages of 16-20, 27% are ages 21-24, and 25% are ages 25-34. Take a look at the chart for further data.

This data proves why it is so important to make sure you are practicing safe driving at all times. Not just for yourself but the people around you as well. One decision can make the difference of someone or yourself losing a life.

### How Alcohol Affects Driving Skills

When one is under the influence of alcohol it dulls part of your brain which will impair one's decision making skill and coordination.

When you consume alcohol, it becomes a depressant of your CNS (central nervous system) causing the brain to slow down the release of nerve impulses. This will also result in one's mental state to become unstable leading to get easily overwhelmed with happiness and euphoria and/or easily saddened

Age bracket	% of alcohol-impaired drivers involved in fatal crashes
16 - 20	15%
21 - 24	27%
25 - 34	25%
35 - 44	21%
45 - 54	19%
55 - 64	15%
65 - 74	10%
75+	7%

Source: [NHTSA](#)

### Preventative Measures

The most obvious prevention is simply not to drink and drive under any circumstance. By

drinking and driving you are putting your own life and the peoples around you at a huge risk.

A legal consequence of drinking and driving is a fine that could be up to \$10,000, jail time, and/or license suspension or revocation.

Though it is easy to make decisions for yourself, you can't decide what others do. Knowing this when driving you should be alert of your surroundings at all times to keep yourself and any passengers safe.

If you are in a situation where your driver or a driver you know is under the influence you should never get in the car to drive with them. Encourage them not to drive and call 911 in a necessary situation.

To protect yourself at all times from a drunk driver on the road is to properly secure your seatbelt. Just a seatbelt has proven to reduce the likelihood of the crash being fatal.

## New Year, New NHS Members

By Zen Rame

On October 3, 39 special students were successfully inducted into the National Honor Society marking the biggest number of newest members inducted into the program.



National Honor Society was created in 1921 through the National Association of Secondary School Principals with the goal of elevating schools' commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, and character (which are the five pillars of NHS). The program has been at La Habra since 1985 and has had a positive impact on the school ever since

The goal of NHS here at LHHS is to help better serve our community and school while also helping better grow students' character. This program is more than just another activity to add to college, it helps students learn how not to be scared and helps make the community a better place. As the year goes on NHS members will have many opportunities to grow and help out.

This year's board members are excited to be leading this year's 67 members through bettering the community, service projects, and much more. Leading this year are:



**Regan Dodero, President**  
**Celeste Rangel, Vice President**  
**Evan Rivera, Secretary**  
**Ben Green, Treasury**

They are all looking forward to leading and seeing each member, whether new or old, succeed in NHS.

President Regan Dodero takes lots of pride in her position. Last year, one of her proudest moments was when she got chosen to teach teachers. She had the opportunity to "teach different teachers about the use of kami and how to make more notes of their students and give them more positive feedback." Life member Gema Granado's favorite service project was a beach clean-up from last year because it was "fun going to the beach with my friends and running around picking up trash."

Regan would like next year's students to join NHS because "this year [NHS is] work-



ing on trying to get students to feel more supported and feel like they can find other people at the school who enjoy helping the community and our school campus." Gema adds that "Next year juniors and seniors should join because it's really fun to hang out with friends while also giving back to the community (and it looks good on college applications),"

"I wanted to become more involved in volunteering for our community and build stronger connections with my peers along the way." Says Jeremy Tran, a new member and senior here at LHHS, "NHS is truly a wonderful opportunity to offer your services to any organization or individual who needs it in and around

campus." Since this is his first year he has a lot of opportunities to better his campus and community. "More than anything I'm looking forward to planning and hosting new events for the school and community as a collaborative group," Jeremy says in response to what he is most looking forward to in NHS.



This past month, NHS helped decorate the school for Red Ribbon week-a week dedicated to preventing drug abuse. Members made posters and help with the cre-

ation of break rallies in order to get students to have fun and not do drugs. They also sold stickers to raise money for "Teen Challenge of Southern California", an organization dedicated to helping men, women, and children in their recovery from drug abuse. Red Ribbon week is one of the many fun events that

NHS puts together throughout the school year and there will be more fun school events as the year progresses.

*(Thank you to Paul Luna for the photo contributions of this article!)*

## Celestial Events for the Months of December and January

By Dylan Anderson

(Continued from the front page) What Mercury will look like on December 21st, 5:15 PM (Looking South-West South)



December 22nd: Ursids Meteor Shower

The Ursids is a minor meteor shower that happens in the Constellation of "Ursa Major". Its peak will begin on the morning of December 22, 2022. During the peak, there will be about 150 meteors per hour on the peak.

Make sure to look for these events in the sky this month, and happy Star-Gazing. More Information: <https://skyandtelescope.org/>

**JANUARY 2023**

January 3rd and 4th, 2023: Quadrantids Meteor Shower

The Quadrantids is an above average shower, with up to 40 meteors per hour at its peak. It peaks this year on the night of the 3rd and morning of the 4th. This year the nearly full moon will block out most of the fainter meteors. But if you are patient you may still be able to catch a few good ones. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Bootes, but can appear anywhere in the sky.



**January 6th, 2023: Full Moon**

This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Wolf Moon because this was the time of year when hungry

wolf packs howled outside their camps.

This moon has also been known as the Old Moon and the Moon After Yule.

**January 21st, 2023: New Moon**

The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

**January 30th, 2023: Mercury (Western) Elongation**

The planet Mercury reaches greatest western elongation of 25 degrees from the Sun. This is the best time to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.



## Twitch Community Reels After Recent Dramatic Events

(continued from the front page) on the matter, and his opponent Magnus Carlson.

However, the chess community wasn't the only one to have its play with drama. The gambling community was also another to be in the line of fire. A popular streamer called Sliker was exposed of scamming on September 17th for a total of \$300,000 and it has been brought to light that he has a gambling addiction.

Gambling on Twitch has been a viewed factor of interest for a long time now and there have been multiple unreported cases of scams but not to the level of what Sliker has done. He asked various streamers, friends, and content creators for money which he would then gamble away live on Twitch or just gamble away off camera which he would eventually lose. He continued this cycle until a web of lies became too thick to not notice and until he had scammed a large amount of money. And on October 18th, Twitch decided to ultimately ban gambling for content on their platform.

The victims were fortunately paid back by other popular content creators such as

Ludwig and xQc in full and the \$300,000 worth of debt was erased. Sliker however, was banned from Twitch and is in search of mental health on his gambling addiction.

The scandals and scamming weren't the end of it though. Before Twitch banned gambling, many content creators voiced their opinions strongly on media such as Twitter. Many advocated for the banning of streamed gambling on Twitch including popular streamer Mizkif. He had defended a friend that voiced his opinion about Sliker being banned off of Twitch which was met with some backlash by a content creator named Trainwreck. Mizkif had essentially brought up old scars for Trainwreck because he was guilty of scamming that he had done in the past. Trainwreck replied with a bombshell that broke the Twitch community

Mizkif was accused of having covered up allegations of sexual assault against his friend named Slick. The victim's name was Adrianah Lee and she had voiced what had happened but her voice was drowned out by the fans of Mizkif and fans of fellow con-

tent creators of his.  
*By Jacob Metzen*

This of course caused many to question all of the things Mizkif has done in the past and caused him to step away from streaming to avoid any conflict that he may cause by simply showing himself.

For the Twitch community, it was once thought that the bad luck of 2020 had passed but it simply bought its time until the most recent months. The community has somewhat recovered but who knows if this is the end, or just the beginning of something worse.

## Halloween Recap

### We know Halloween is long over, but we still like to celebrate in *spirit* Student Costume Interviews

by Angel Gomez

#### What will you be for Halloween?

MoiMoi: I'll be a skeleton with my friends

Eddiejames: I'm going to be A-Train from the boys

Joys: For Halloween, I'm going to be a pirate



pirate

Sara: I'm going to be a pirate.

Josue: I'm going to be a zombie.

Ashley: I will be a mushroom for Halloween

Halloween and now I have the money to do so.

Josue: The nightmare before Christmas has inspired

Ashley: I just wanted to do something simple but still fun



#### What were your other options?

MoiMoi: My other option was doing onesies of different characters

Eddiejames: My other options were pin-head from hellraiser but I had to cancel for budgetary reasons.

Joys: My other option to dress up as Esmeralda from The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Sara: I had no other options.

Josue: My other options were dressing as a Mexican for my culture.

Ashley: I was think-



ing on doing Eleven because I shaved my head and then a Powerpuff girl because me and some friends were planning on dressing up.

#### What are your plans for Halloween?

MoiMoi: I'm planning on eating candy and pull an all-nighter with the boys

Eddiejames: My plan for Halloween is to go trick or treating at Liscon street with some close friends of mine.

Joys: For Halloween, I will go trick-or-treating with my

friend and her family

Sara: I will go trick or treating with my friend and her relatives.

Josue: I'm going to be watching horror movies and stuffing my face with candy.

Ashley: My plans are to hang out with friends and eat candy.



#### What inspired you?

MoiMoi: My amazing creative mindset came up with it

Eddiejames: I was inspired to dress up as him because all my friends I told about it, found it funny, and said I should do it.



Joys: I really like the costume.

Sara: I've always wanted to be a pirate for

## Link Crew's Halloween Movie Night

by Maddie Rodriguez

La Habra's Link Crew celebrated Halloween by hosting a movie night for students. It took place on October 20th and was a great opportunity for students to celebrate the holiday with friends, and for Link Crew to raise money.



Link Crew's Super Crew decided to host the second annual Halloween Movie Night in an effort to raise money. Tickets were sold by members of Link Crew for \$3 and offered food and drinks at the event. Despite there being a CIF volleyball game and a JV football game the night of the movie, there was a decent outcome. Most of

the students in attendance decided to join the crowd after the volleyball game and purchased their tickets for \$5 at the door. Link Crew arrived at 5:30 to begin setup, opened the doors at 6:00, and had the movie playing by 6:30.



Attendees took advantage of the \$1 concessions including popcorn, cotton candy, candy bags, drinks, etc. Link Crew members were given 30-minute shifts for concessions and breaks in between to watch

the movie with their friends. Unfortunately, a lot of members were unable to come to movie night because they were sick.

Link Crew is looking forward to hosting many more fundraisers for students, perhaps even another movie night in the spring.



## Watch Out for *La Llorona*

By Zen Rame

Imagine yourself walking along the edge of a pond one dark and eerily quiet night when suddenly you hear a woman cry, “¿Dónde estan mis hijos?” You whip around and see a woman in white with her face covered and she points at you as she repeats “¿Dónde estan mis hijos?” Who is this weeping woman you’ve come across?

Many young kids of Mexican culture have all heard of La Llorona, or the weeping women. Whether they had first-hand experiences or heard it from someone else they know, everyone has a story.

There are many versions of her story, ranging from her husband cheating on her to being difficult and her husband leaving her with their two children. Whichever version, it is always stated that she was filled with so much grief over her husband, that while she was on a walk with her children, she shoved them into the water. She was filled with so much guilt after doing that, she walked along streams crying out for her children hoping they would come back to her.

Although sightings of her have been

more reported throughout Mexico, those people have brought sightings to either their children or their family. Even if they haven’t seen her for themselves, stories of her have been passed around from family to family. They all say that they see a woman wet with no facial expressions yet they can hear her crying.

Yet in popular culture, she’s become a song that’s very catchy and has many different versions that range from pop and slow. In fact, the choir at LHHS sang a rendition of the classic “La Llorona” song written for them by composer Dr. Soto.

There are also different movie variations of her story, ranging from animated to live-action. One of the greatest movies made about La Llorona has a different twist to it but still has a haunting feeling as the curse itself. Guatemalan filmmaker Jayro Bustamante, his movie *La Llorona* uses the myth and uses it to tell a political drama set in Guatemala in the 1980s. This movie has enough horror and grit to keep the audience entertained.

My father would tell me about his en-

counter with La Llorona which will send chills down the spines of the readers:

When Carlo was young he had a babysitter that would tell him the legend of La Llorona. How she would take children away and he had to be careful. In order to avoid her kidnapping him, the babysitter would tell him every night to put a peso (Mexican currency) on his window seal. Each morning, the peso would be gone.

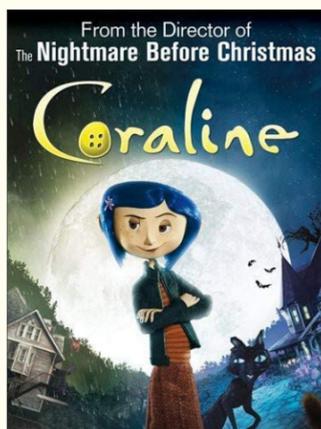
“I was so surprised whenever it was gone. It scared me! As I got older I think I finally realized that she was robbing me...” He said, ashamed.

Beware of La Llorona and babysitters’ stories.

So next time you’re out for a late-night walk by yourself and you find the evening to be particularly dark and eerily silent, you too will hear the cries of La Llorona before realizing that you might be next!

## Movie Recommendations for the Spooky Season

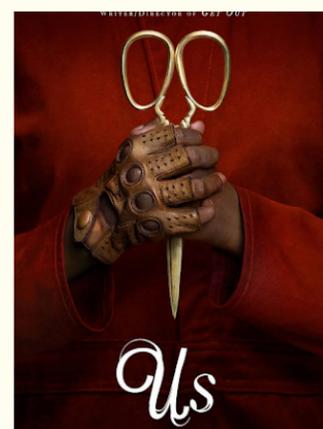
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*Coraline* (2009)  
PG



*ParaNorman*  
(2012) PG



*Us* (2019) R



*It* (2017)  
R



*Coraline* (2004)  
R



*The Nightmare Before Christmas*  
(1993) PG



*Corpse Bride*  
(2005) PG

## Give Thanks

### Highlanders Reflect on the Thanksgiving Season

# Thankful this Thrilling Season

by Raegan Arroyo

Thanksgiving has passed, but the thankful energy arises in the air as we carry on with this holiday season. Highlanders have plenty of things to be thankful for, friends, family, and our favorite world cup team.



Seniors in particular are extra grateful for their friends this season. As we come to realize that our high-school times are coming to an end, it's important to be thankful for our friends that made the last four years so wonderful.

Sam Berduo is particularly thankful for all his lunch time friends, he says "Playing Clash with the boys is the best."

Others however are thankful for their interests that keep them afloat during this season of thankfulness and finals.

Senior Jeannine Ruiz is grateful for her

favorite band BTS, a Korean Pop band which has recently taken a hiatus. She feels that their music brings her peace in a time of nearing stress like finals.

Junior Kandace Curtis is grateful for her job! She loves working with her friends and feels "it's a great opportunity to get out into the world."



The thankful energy is sure to prevail throughout La Habra during this holiday season, and it's important to remember the things in our lives that make life great.



# "I Am Thankful"

by Audrina Renteria

What are you Thankful for? Over Thanksgiving break we have all thought about what we are thankful for and why we are thankful for those objects or people. We all have different reasons to be thankful to be here where we are today and I'm here to share with all of you, different perspectives of others lives to show what they are thankful for today.

for a reason to be here today. We all wouldn't be here today without a special someone.

Freshman Natalie Acosta explains she is, "Most thankful for my cousin Bri and my family. Briana is one of the only people who can make me laugh and happy when no one else can. We don't live close to each other but I know she's always there for me and never makes

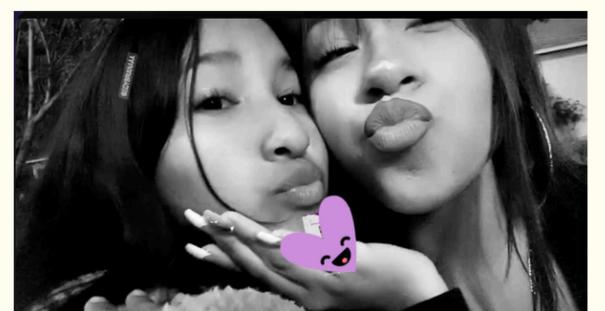


me feel like I'm any less of a person. My family has always been there to support me so I'm always grateful for them." Natalie's words have shown that family is the most important thing in life and with-

Over Thanksgiving break sophomore Melanie Rodriguez explained she is most thankful for "The love that my boyfriend and best friend gave me all this year. I was most thankful for them because they were always with me through every tragic event that has been thrown at me, not once have they left my side." This reveals the emotion of feeling loved and thankful

out them we wouldn't be here today.

This article has proven the point that there is always going to be someone or something that we are going to live for in life and always look forward to in our day. We can struggle in life but always have someone there for us to help us out. We can always count on someone and never be alone.



## Student Thoughts on Thanksgiving

by Angel Gomez

We all have different opinions about Thanksgiving. Some may say that we should celebrate it while others don't. Some reasons may be controversial while others are just plain and simple. So I decided to conduct interviews on how many students see the holiday. Here are some of their responses.

### Should Thanksgiving be celebrated?

**Bryanna Garcia:** I don't think it should be celebrated because of the truth behind it and how the Pilgrims stole the land from the Native Americans and also the actions they acted on.

**Joys Said:** I don't think it should be celebrated because it is a day to give thanks but I find no point in the day because I give thanks every day so one day being focused on it makes no difference.

**Sara Said:** No, Thanksgiving shouldn't be celebrated because what type of holiday celebrates harvest? We aren't celebrating anything significant but what we are thankful for and its just so random and insignificant.

**Kathryn Faith:** I mean, it's a way for people to share what they're thankful for and cherish what they love so, I would say yes it should be celebrated.

**LeAnn Buakong:** Thanksgiving shouldn't be celebrated, but I don't really care because it is up to people.

### What are your thoughts about the holiday itself?

**Bryanna:** I really don't care for it, I only celebrate for the food.

**Joys:** I don't like the holiday itself because the holiday being made is dumb. No religion is tied into it or anything. So basically pointless.

**Sara:** My thoughts are that Thanksgiving is a holiday no one cares for, a useless holiday, and a pathetic excuse for a holiday.

**Faith:** My thoughts are it's giving thanks to my family and just all the food I will be receiving.

**LeAnn:** My thoughts on the holiday are just normal, nothing sparkles.

### Do you think it is important?

**Bryanna:** I don't think it's important because like I said the truth and history.

**Joys:** I don't think it's Thanksgiving is important because it does not affect us in any way.

**Sara:** Not at all, it's so insignificant. All everyone does is eat. Since when was eating a feast a holiday?

**Faith:** All I do is just eat and go to sleep, so it's really not that important

**LeAnn:** Thanksgiving isn't important, it is really a useless holiday.

## Forquer's Top 5 Oceans

By Nate Forquer

It is known to many that 70% of the Earth is entirely made up of water. The great big blue is made up of many bodies of water, the most notable being oceans. But which oceans have some faults and which ones top the others? Thankfully, I have a Top 5 list just for this occasion.

However, before we begin I would like to give an honorable mention to the many seas, rivers, lakes, and other bodies of water that cover our planet, no matter how big or small. That's right, I'm talking to you about an overflowing sink.



### 5. The Southern Ocean

The Southern Ocean has earned the Number 5 spot on this list because only a few countries have considered it an ocean. The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO), which is composed of 68 countries, officially recognized the body of water in 2000. This ocean is host to species of mammals, invertebrates, fish, and birds, including penguins.



### 4. The Arctic Ocean

The Arctic Ocean is the smallest out of the Earth's oceans and takes the Number 4 spot on the list, it lies at the northernmost tip of the world and is surrounded by Eurasia and North America. It is also the coldest out of the world's oceans, it gets so cold to the point that it is covered in sea ice throughout the entire year. The Arctic has been a hub for exploration for years, one of these great feats was that of Wally Herbert. In 1969, Herbert crossed the sea ice from Alaska to Svalbard (A Norwegian Archipelago) by dog sled.



### 3. The Indian Ocean

Known in the past as the Eastern Ocean, the Indian Ocean has earned a bronze medal and the title of Number 3 on the Top 5 Oceans list. This ocean has been a key player throughout history, being a host to ancient civilizations, exploration, war, major trade routes, and even pirates. The dodo bird, one of the most famous extinct species, used to inhabit the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Half of the world's mangrove trees, one of the few trees that can tolerate salt water, call the Indian Ocean their home, covering 31,268 square miles.



### 2. The Atlantic Ocean

A real classic, the Atlantic Ocean earns the Number 2 spot on the list. What isn't there to say about the Atlantic, Christopher Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492 and it was this one. The historical significance of the Atlantic alone is incredible, the rise and fall of empires, privateers sinking ships on the high seas, and today the Atlantic hosts some of the world's top fisheries. Many people credit their very existence to their long lost family members who crossed this ocean. To say that this ocean isn't incredible is madness.



### 1. The Pacific Ocean

You may or may not have seen this coming, but the Pacific Ocean is our winner. This specific ocean is the largest and deepest of all Earth's oceans. It is also host to some great history, seafaring civilizations from Southeast Asia, a struggle against imperialism, and some pivotal battles from the Second World War. There is so much to say about the Pacific, from the wide variety of cultures and traditions, the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, and the Ring of Fire volcano string. So whether you're learning to speak Maori in New Zealand or soaking up the sun on a California beach, just remember that the Pacific is #1.

## BONUS: Forquer's Top 5 Spookiest Places at LHHS (this is parody)

By Nate Forquer

When one looks at La Habra High School, they see an average high school. Little did you know that this campus has some truly spooky areas that hold even spookier stories.



### 5. The Boys Restroom (In the 40's Hall)

Now how could something like a restroom be spooky in any way? Nothing strange or out of the ordinary happens there at all, or is there? When students enter the lavatory in the 40's Hall, a majority of the time, they don't come back. There are tales of a portal to another world, a place unlike our own hidden in one of the toilets. Survivors of this phenomenon describe a system of nearly pitch black tunnels, with damp walls and a constant dripping noise. Those who have escaped this decrepit space say they returned by going up a ladder that led to a manhole cover, where they then appeared out of a storm drain near the school. Despite this not being a spine tingling ghost story, this is still a terrifying experience for those involved.



### 4. The Copy Room

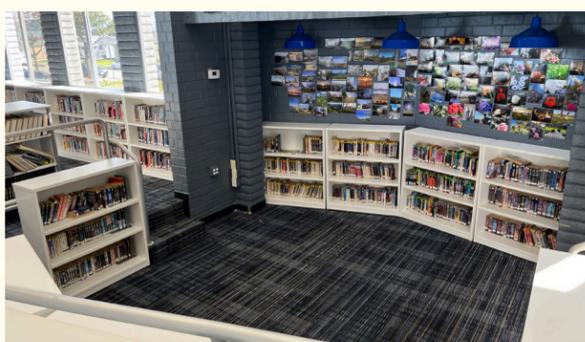
Teachers always tend to be one paper short, and the copier is always the one to blame, but in reality this is not the case. Stories have been told of a canine spirit who frequents the copy room and eats at least one paper from the copy machine. It is said that the ghost is ensuring that the teacher is missing a paper, just as many students blame their missing work on dogs. Reports have been made by students and teachers

alike that barks and howls can be heard from the copy room when nobody is inside.



### 3. The Main Office

Have you ever sat in the office by yourself? Does time ever feel like it doesn't exist? Well, you're not alone, cause many people feel like the social construct of time is insignificant as well! Only in the office of course. When sitting alone in the office, time seems to go on forever, it almost feels like time itself is frozen in place, almost like something you may see in The Twilight Zone. Many students over the years have given many eyewitness accounts, and it seems like this has become something that a majority of people have started to just deal with.



### 2. The Library Pit

One of the oldest buildings of a school has to have a ghost story right? Shelves upon shelves of books are stored in the library here at La Habra High School, but not many people know the chilling story behind the pit in the back of the building. Back when the school first opened, many people were in awe of the library and its variety of literature. One of these curious students was Betty Moods, who loved being in the library where she spent countless hours reading and studying. However, once the first semester ended, everything changed. As students were wishing each other a good winter break, Betty was sitting in the library. Not wanting to depart with her beloved library, Betty hid in the back where the pit is. After winter break was over, the

librarian returned to find Betty laying in the pit covered in papers. The librarian came to the conclusion that Betty must have been turned into a monster made of paper due to being around books for so long. The librarian was attacked by Betty, then in an act of panic she threw a glass of water at the now paper Betty who then melted away. Now if you sit in the library pit to this day, you can hear the ghostly whispers of the monster made of paper: Betty Moods.



### 1. The PAC

Despite the Performing Arts Center being only a few years old, there is already a ghost story haunting the building. Back during the construction of the PAC, there was a fault in the design of the air conditioning. This eventually led to a small fire, all the while an A/C repairman who is only known as Frank was working on it. Frank mysteriously vanished after the accident and now every time the air conditioning turns on or off there's a loud kick, leading Frank to blame. After an inconvenience occurs in the theater, Frank is usually held accountable. Many theaters have their own ghost, and they leave a light on for them to keep the spirits at bay. However the PAC is the opposite, it has no ghost light, meaning Frank is left to his own devices and there is no telling what he'll do.

## Review: Taylor Swift's *Midnights*

By Ivy A. Russell

Taylor Swift released her new album *Midnights* on October 21, 2022, and it's amazing.

The album has 13 songs, each one describing a sleepless night she's had.

After one day, the new album became the top selling album of the year, broke Spotify's record for most streams in a day, and had 10 top-ten songs on the Billboard Hot 100 in the first week.

Wow, is the album really that great?

Yes. Yes it is.

*Anti Hero* is the third song on the album, and one of the most popular. With a steady beat and strong voice, Taylor opens herself up more than she ever has before. She describes her insecurities, fears, and intrusive thoughts. In the chorus she sings, "It's me, hi, I'm the problem, it's me." This song is about the inner critic, and how it can

twist any situation into making it seem like you're to blame.

*Bejeweled* is a more positive song, describing a night out while being dressed to the nines. She describes a relationship where she isn't appreciated, singing, "Don't put me in the basement, when I want the penthouse of your heart."

However, she doesn't let the failing relationship put her down. She is still beautiful, she is still confident, and she still knows her value. In the beginning of the chorus, she sings, "Best believe I'm still bejeweled." The point of the song is to know your worth, even when others take you for granted. It is the ninth song on the album.

*Karma* is the eleventh song, and my personal favorite. Taylor Swift describes a bad person that will soon face the natural con-

sequences. This song is very different from her other songs where she usually describes some sort of revenge on the person. However in this song, she has decided to take a more passive approach, trusting that karma will catch up to them sooner or later. In the chorus she sings, "Karma's a relaxing thought, aren't you envious that for you it's not?" She trusts that karma will work its magic, and she's not afraid because she has done nothing wrong. The song is about accepting the wrongdoings of other people and focusing on yourself, trusting that karma will get them in the long run.

Taylor Swift's *Midnights* is a five star album that can be listened to and enjoyed by people of all ages. It's available on iTunes, vinyl, CD, and any music streaming service.

## Overwatch 2: A New Release or Just a Cash Grab?

By Jacob Metzen

*Overwatch 2*, Blizzard Entertainment's sequel game to the wildly successful original, released on October 4 on all available platforms and was met with mixed reviews from players who feel negatively about the game, given that it hardly has any new content for players to play for weeks on end.

What made the original *Overwatch* an instant classic is the completely new maps, skins, cosmetics, and 21 great to play heroes. It was a complete breath of fresh air back when it was released in 2016 because at the time, the gaming industry was used to classic 6v6 shooters where you shoot the other team, die, respawn, repeat until you win.

But when *Overwatch* came out, it brought back an old model of play where each individual character is unique with their own weapons and abilities and there was always an objective to play to win for. It additionally added a feature where at the end of the match, a "play of the game" would be shown to showcase what player did the best to help their team and eliminate the other team. Its holiday events also introduced new skins

and timed events for players to enjoy and come back to the game to, but that's not all, *Overwatch* also introduced at least two heroes a year to shake up their meta so the game doesn't get too stale.

With the release of *Overwatch 2*, players expected a whole restart, no old maps, no old skins, not all the same modes, different quality of life changes, and a progression system to upgrade heroes.

Junior Mia Mendes explained that she doesn't like the addition of the battle pass where many cosmetics are locked behind a paywall. "I also don't like how you have to buy skins now," she said. Additionally, junior Keagan Hadley adds on that there wasn't enough content for him to play.

"There was nothing much that actually brought me back to the game aside from my friends," he said. Conversely, Riley "Ros" Bonnabel stated her enjoyment of the various reworks of certain characters but she was also critical of the games new additions. "But I also don't like that there's only three new characters." She said.

What the players actually got was something unexpected. Legacy

players who had the first game had the luxury of utilizing all the heroes that were in the first game and *Overwatch 2* beta, but not the newest hero, Kiriko.

Newer players however, only had a set amount of heroes they could play while the rest were locked by some progressive system that has yet to be implemented yet. A PVE game mode, a mode where you fight against AI was also promised but not at the launch of the game. In terms of maps there were only half of what *Overwatch 1* had and they even re-used some older maps so in reality you were simply playing *Overwatch 1* with the same heroes and maps. There are quality of life changes, balance changes, and user interface changes but hardly enough to really call it *Overwatch 2*.

In closing, Blizzard Entertainment has brought back many who feel nostalgic about *Overwatch 1* with many character reworks which breathe some life into the game, but ultimately, there was not enough content to warrant a sequel and they simply made cosmetics and characters more expensive. *Overwatch 2* is simply just...a cash grab.

## The Piano Man Sings Us a Song Again

By Nate Forquer

Billy Joel: Live at Yankee Stadium was in theaters from October 5 through October 9. The 1990 *Storm Front* tour was the first ever rock concert held at Yankee Stadium. After being released on VHS in 1990, and then on DVD in 2000, it finally came to the big screen.

As a big Billy Joel fan, I couldn't give up an opportunity like this. With me, came my friend Zen who is indifferent to Billy Joel. With tickets in hand, we entered the theater in hopes of a spectacular time.

After a short while, the movie began, a compilation of Joel's songs and concert footage played as the introduction to the experience we were about to have. Then the movie really began. It started with some interviews with Joel himself among others about how they were able to get a concert of that size in Yankee Stadium, since nobody had done it before. As it turns out, all they had to do was ask.

Then the concert began, beginning with *Storm*

*Front*. After that he played more songs from the *Storm Front* album and many of his other beloved songs transitioned to another behind the scenes section. Joel went through the legacy of Yankee Stadium itself, paying homage to former Yankee players and how important it was to him as a New Yorker. It transitioned back to the concert, where Joel played more fan favorite songs including a live performance of *Uptown Girl*, which is unique to the theatrical release. Joel eventually finished the concert off with *Piano Man*.

My experience with this movie was something else entirely. I didn't feel like I was sitting in a movie theater, it felt like I was really at Yankee Stadium. This was reinforced by Joel's stage presence, he highlights those who are playing with him and has fun while on stage. Joel is a showman, an entertainer, he has a big personality while on stage. Running around on stage, twirling his mic stand, and being interactive with his

audience.

I am one person however, and I love Joel's music, so I am obviously going to have some biased views. As mentioned before, I went with my friend Zen, a fellow senior here at La Habra, who has no solid opinion on Joel's music.

Zen said, "I thought it was overall a good experience and feeling the energy through the crowd was really cool." I couldn't agree more with his sentiment about the energy from the movie. Although Zen explained that it is hard for him to get into new music, he did say that he appreciated the good quality of the live versions of Joel's songs.

Though I failed to convince my friend to listen to more Billy Joel, this movie will stick with me for the longest time. It was definitely a time to remember and has reminded me why Billy Joel will always be a big part of my life and be a favorite of people from around the world.

## Review: Dragon New Warm Mountain I Believe in You

By Ivy A. Russell

On February 11, 2022, *Big Thief* released their fifth album.

*Big Thief* is an indie rock band led by Adrienne Lenker, the lead vocalist and guitarist. The other members are Buck Meek, Max Oleartchik, and James Krivchenia.

The album consists of chipper, folky music with occasional country vibes. Lenker's voice is rich and full, and takes up the song like an energy takes up a room. I stumbled across this album very randomly, without even knowing the name of the band. I was looking through vinyl records and became entranced by the album cover. The album cover is a simple but imaginative sketch of four animals around a campfire. There's a dinosaur, an owl, a bird, and a bear. The bear is playing guitar.

The album name is just as striking as the cover. *Dragon New*

*Warm Mountain I Believe In You*. Yes, that's the full album name. It's also the name of the sixth song on the album.

The song starts with a magical tune that reminds me of a bright forest with a new coat of snow draped over it. It's so entrapping, Lenker's voice is almost startling. Her first lyric sums the song up perfectly: "It's a little bit magic."

The second song on the album is called *Time Escaping*. It starts with all these different tunes cluttered together, like a choreographed mess of sound. It's hard to decipher, but I believe she's talking about how everything changes. In the song, she describes bushfires and weeds and deserts growing cold. In her last verse she sings, "Everything, everything, everything falls through, Each dimension breaks in

two, Like the two hands clapping, Like the two wings flapping." I think the essence of this song was that nothing stays the same.

The fourteenth song is definitely the most nostalgic. It's about going on carefree adventures with your favorite person. The song is called *Wake Me Up To Drive*. Lenker describes two people driving aimlessly. They don't plan ahead, they don't turn back, and they don't worry. "We never plan ahead, We take the gamble on instead, And if they turn us down, Find a warm bed in the next town."

*Dragon New Warm Mountain I Believe In You* is a goldmine of carefree energy, sentiment, and wonder. It's available on iTunes, on vinyl, and on cassette.

## Ice Cream You Scream

By Raegan Arroyo

Baskin Robbins, the frozen confection-ary dispensary which doles out the frozen treat, first developed in the 17th century, limits its flavor count to 31. On a cold afternoon in December, I set out to my local establishment on Whittier Blvd to answer the question that has plagued America for centuries: Which ice cream flavor is the best?

I've created a 100% non subjective criteria for each flavor tasted today: appearance, taste, and ability to combine with toppings, all of which will be measured on a three-point scale; 1 is horrible, and 3 is the best. These three criteria will lead us to the answer America yearns for: the best ice cream flavor.

I start with classic chocolate. It earns a solid 2 for looks; it gives the store vibes of Zara clothes: trendy, but just a little bit too trendy which is why I deduct a point. Taste is a solid 3; it's chocolate. How could anyone not enjoy it? The ability to combine with toppings is where it loses. Gummy bears, coconut flakes, and even cookie bits all disrupt the potential of this plain ice cream, and all said toppings lose themselves when mixed in; overall the relationship is just not beneficial; chocolate earns a 1. With a score of 6 chocolate starts our leaderboard of flavors off quite strong.

Next, I move to a rather controversial flavor: cotton candy.



But as I feel many would agree, she earns a 3 for appearance. With a beautiful mixture of electric pink and baby blue, that once melted together creates a rather magical purple, she definitely is deserving of the full 3 point scale. Taste earns a 2; it's right in the middle much like peoples opinion on the flavor; you either love it or hate it. Next up is the ability to mix with toppings. After much consideration and tons of deep thought cotton candy earns herself a 3. The combinations are endless with this flavor, with its given sweetness, toppings such as gummy bears, oreos, and sprinkles can elevate the sweetness for those with an extra sweet tooth. While other toppings such as coconut flakes or even chopped almonds

this holiday season with some peppermint ice cream. When imagining a peppermint most think of the circular candies swirled in red and white, but this ice cream is pink? Unable to blend colors together and then melt into a new one like cotton candy, we have to give peppermint a 1 in the

looks department; it's neither classic nor vibrant like our other flavors. Taste however seems to be her redeeming quality. It indeed tastes like a peppermint, but only sweeter

test, we try to match

make the taste more leveled out for those opposed to its sweetness. Cotton candy earns a 3 for topping combo, leaving us with an overall score of 8.

which I happen to enjoy; much like chocolate is classic, and much like cotton candy its sweet, best of both worlds earns her a 3 in taste. Much like her appearance, she's confusing when it comes to the mixing in of toppings. The chopped up peppermint bits within are good, but when toppings are added you end up confused about what you're truly eating; a negative and rather confusing experience is created and thus peppermint earns a 1. Giving a grand score of 5.



We've only tried 3 of the 31 flavors, but had I gone on any longer this would get repetitive. But I have the answer america so eagerly desires, \*drum roll\* There is no best flavor of ice cream. Yes in my book and by technicality of my guidelines cotton candy wins, but one should not feel bad or limited because their taste doesn't match the superiority of mine. We should all enjoy ice cream on our own accounts and have whichever flavor fills our sweet treat craving. So yes, cotton candy is the best, but that's not important.

# Happy Holidays from the Students and Staff at The ScotchTape!

## The NBA Shocks Fans Once Again

By Max Manzer

The NBA season has gotten off to a hot start, with many surprises and disappointments. Along with tons of rising stars; this season is bound to be memorable.

Teams like the Utah Jazz, headlined by rising star Lauri Markkanen, have blown expectations out of the water, starting the season well above a .500 winning percentage. With other players performing well, such as Jordan Clarkson, the Jazz can be a team to look out for in the Western Conference.

On the other hand, we have teams like the Los Angeles Lakers. With veteran stars LeBron James, Russell Westbrook, and Anthony Davis, the Lakers were expected to get off to a hot start and dominate the league. However, they have been lacking severely, starting with an abysmal 2-10 record on the season. Although they have been looking better recently, Lakers fans are disappointed with the current performance of the team.

Unfortunately, the season has seen an injury rate like never before. For starters, LA Clippers' Kawhi Leonard was projected to finally be back this season after missing

the entire 2021 campaign. However, he has only played in a handful of games all season due to rehabilitation.

Along with this, Lakers players LeBron



James and Anthony Davis, a powerful duo, have both missed several contests this season to due lingering injuries.

In the rest of the league, there will always be less notable (but still impactful) players injured, but those often are not heavily covered by the media.

Overall, basketball fans do not truly know what to expect from the rest of the season. Due to the extreme unpredictability of professional sports, the only thing under control is personal enjoyment. So make sure to root for your favorite team, they might need it!

## Wrestling Season Begins *By Brian Bohe*

The 2023 La Habra High School wrestling season kicked off on November 26th at Capo Valley High School, with this year's team being in high spirits with the intent of winning the league.

The team is led by Captain Diego Ornelas and Co-Captain Adrian Magana, two seniors at school who are extremely passionate about the sport and great leaders to their peers.

The coach of the wrestling teams is also none other than Chef Ramos, an extremely respected teacher here at school and a past wrestler himself.

The basics of wrestling are that people are classified into weight classes and they have the opportunity to move up or down in the classes. These classes are then used for tournaments where players will be matched up together in the same weight class.

During these tournaments, the competitor's objective is to pin the other wrestler within 6 minutes. If no one is pinned by the 6 minutes then a winner is decided by points given for their performance.

There are also duels, "dual matches are one school team against another," said Ben Green. In this format, points are collected between players and the school with the most points after six matchups win.

Wrestling is a very demanding sport where every individual has to have discipline and determination to succeed. Many who are involved

with the sport credit it with why they are in shape and strive for a better physique. It allows many to better themselves by doing something fun and competitive.

Senior Alexander Rodriguez had this to say about the wrestling program:

### Should people join the wrestling team?

"Yes, people should join wrestling because it gets you in great shape and it also allows you to join a welcoming family of wrestlers."



### What has been your favorite part of the wrestling season so far?

"My favorite part of the season has been the away tournaments where we are able to just go out and compete and also the many opportunities to bond with my teammates."

Newcomer and Senior Ben Green said this about the program:

Why did you join wrestling?

"I wanted to join a new sport, especially one

that I thought would be fun yet challenging at the same time. I previously was interested in martial arts and some of my friends are on the team."

### Should more people join?

"I think that more people should definitely join wrestling. Even though it's only my first year, it's been extremely rewarding and very challenging. Wrestling has helped me be more confident, learn how to defend myself, and get into better shape. It's both mentally and physically toughening, and I think it is a great sport for people to join."

### So far how has the season been going?

"So far the team has been performing really well. We won our first league match against Troy on December seventh. We have also performed well as a team at tournaments, with many of us placing and earning medals."

### What has been your favorite part of wrestling?

"My favorite part has been going out to matches and tournaments with my team and seeing hard work translate to the mat. I'm not the best wrestler by far, but I have a lot of fun and enjoy working hard."

Wrestling provides a way for students to get active and join a team of passionate and determined people. The program is hungry to win as much as they can and are openly accepting anyone interested. So if you're looking for an opportunity to further your character or just something fun to do consider joining the incredible La Habra Wrestling team.

## Heartbreak HOCO (Part 2) *By Zen Rame*

Hey Eve, class is going to start just making sure you're okay.

Eve, please answer the phone. I'm worried about you.

Eve...I hope you're okay.

Eve let the phone ring and ring. She couldn't bear to hear the sound of Iris' voice. She didn't hate Iris. She didn't want to hate her, she was just so distraught. Eve sat on her bed in tears as she went through pictures of her and Iris in a scrapbook. Eve had always had a slight crush on Iris and never let her feelings take over so much. Never did she want her feelings to affect her so strongly. She was always putting them off, forgetting about them. But this... this was the greatest hit to her heart ever. She went through each photo, hurt. She knew her best friend wasn't being completely taken away from her yet. She wanted to scream at the man who asked Iris.

"Hey, Eve. What are you doing home?" Her mother asked, stepping into the room.

Eve didn't turn around. Her mother walked over to the bed.

"Eve."

"I'm busy," Eve replied, quietly.

Eve's mother sat down next to her. Eve didn't bother and continued to look through the photos. With each passing one, she felt her sink more and more. She should've been the one who asked her, the one to get her the flowers and ask her with some dumb cheesy poster. She wanted to love her. She already does but, she wanted to love her in a way that's more than just friends. Love her in a way where they could go to the dance together and have this perfect movie moment where she holds her close as the flashing lights go off around them with loud blaring party music yet, the whole world feels quiet and it's them. Eve would hold Iris's face and bring her in for a kiss. The world revolves around them now, the lights are on them now, and the music is just for them now. But life isn't like the movies.

Eve's mother notices that she's looking at all these pictures of the two girls and points one out that she likes.

"I remember this day," her mother says, taking the scrapbook out of Eve's hand to take out the picture. She takes it out and shows it to her. "This was your 8th-grade dance, the first one you two ever went to. I remember you were so scared to ask her. I had told you that the worst she would say is 'no' and as we know that didn't happen. I remember dropping you guys off and the dance and thinking how adorable you two were! It was really sweet to see how happy you guys were and I knew your friendship would last for a long time, which it did."

Eve still didn't respond. A tear fell onto the paper, soaking the picture of the two of them. Her mom pulled her in for a hug and she dug

her face into her mother's shoulder.

"I just...I don't get...how could she go...if only I had more time to ask..." Eve managed through tears and broken words.

"You wanted to ask Iris to homecoming?" Her mother asked.

"Yeah but...but as more than...ya know."

"Yeah, I know, but there's still time. You can ask her there, I mean what's the worst she can say? No?"

Eve let go of her mother, wiping her tears. "Are you sure that would work?"

"Worked for me and your father. Plus that dress I bought you was cute, I wouldn't want you to let it go to waste." Her mom joked.

Eve laughed and nodded her head. Just ask there. The two can go as friends and once Eve finally has a moment for just the two of them, she can have her perfect movie moment. She can have her dance party scene where she confesses her love like in romantic movies. What's the worst she can say, 'no'?

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Homecoming finally came around. Eve hadn't talked too much to Iris in the days leading up to it. She felt like that if she would even try to say a word to Iris she would just break down and all her dumb little emotions would spill out. Iris would know everything but not in the perfect movie way, more in a sad messy way.

As Eve pulled into the school's parking lot she took a few deep breaths, along with not talking to her friend she has also been avoiding her, sort of. Of course in class they would talk and sit next to each other but outside, they weren't the same friends as they used to be. Eve gripped her hands tightly onto the steering wheel, almost having to force them off in order to get inside. She knew things couldn't get any worse, maybe this would fix everything. Maybe this will mend something. Maybe, only maybe, Eve can get her perfect movie ending. She took one last breath and looked out at her school, time to go have her movie ending.

Walking into the building was awful in itself, it was gross and filled with overzealous kids who were dancing a little too close to their partners. Eve took a few more steps into the party, slow but surely so she could get a feel for it. Before she knew it Fireball by Pitbull started playing and a mob of kids forced her into the make-shift mosh. Bodies were jumping all around her, she was starting to feel overwhelmed as the beat dropped and everyone started screaming. The world was getting smaller, the lights weren't on her the way she wanted, the music was too loud, and the party-like ending won't be able to happen, not like this. As it seemed all hope was lost Eve felt someone grab her hand and pull her out of the crowd, all of a sudden

she could hear again.

"There you are, stranger."

"Iris!" The two girls shared an embrace. Eve had never been so happy to see Iris.

"Hey, it's kind of loud in here, want to go outside and get some air?" Iris asked loudly over the blaring music.

Eve could barely make out what she was saying but nodded along anyway. Iris once again took Eve's hand and they headed outside. They found an open table under an Eazy-Up in case anyone just needed a minute from a party. Iris helped Eve calm down a little more and then finally got to talking. Talking about what went wrong without spoiling Eve's master plan.

"I'm sorry about...everything, I guess I was jealous of this guy. Which, I don't even know why he's a good guy and really...yeah." Eve starts.

"Yeah, he's a great guy. I really, really like him. He understands me so well and wants me to be comfortable," Iris stops and looks over at Eve who has her head down and is twiddling with her thumbs. "Well, I guess you don't need to know all that. I didn't like the way you just left. I get that you might've been jealous but to completely leave me? Eve, you can't do that."

"No I know, I know, and I'm sorry. I don't know what happened, my dumb little emotions just got in the way but I won't let that happen again." Eve's half-hearted apology rang through her heart and what felt like it went in one of Iris' ears and out another.

"Eve, I don't think you understand, I was genuinely upset at the fact that you ignored me so suddenly without any warning. I understand if you needed space but you basically ignored me anywhere but the classroom. I thought we would be past petty silence and talking about our feelings to each other. I thought we were mature enough to know that we could talk to each other," Iris stated sternly.

Eve's heart began to race. She wasn't about to lose her best friend on a day like today, she knew she had to clean up her mess, say something, and have her stupid movie ending that she wanted so desperately to have. Suddenly she heard a loud tap over the Eazy-up and soon others came rapidly flying down. It had started to rain, and the shouts of freaked-out kids caught the girls' attention. Iris started to get up and gestured for Eve to join her.

"Wait!" Eve said while quickly grabbing onto Iris' hand.

***(To Be Concluded in the Next Issue of The ScotchTape)***

## Art Column

By Ashley Coria

Have you ever seen art and looked closely at the details? Sometimes you'll see brush strokes, marker strokes, graphite smeared, or layered paint. Art is created by an art material. In this issue, I'll talk about the art materials of the art world.

Art supplies are relatively expensive. Sometimes you can find bargains for good supplies, but not in these craft stores. You can find art supplies at Micheal's or, shamelessly, Hobby Lobby. There are also cheaper dollar stores that surprisingly have good ones. It's like buried treasure trying to find good supplies.

The popularity of art supplies increased more when social media became accessible. Personally, I see copic markers used a lot in the art communities. Copic markers were made in 1987 and are professional markers that are smooth markers that come in a wide range of colors. Copic's have a popular brand you can buy from. The more com-

mon copic brands are Copic® and Ohuhu markers. A suggestion is to actually try out other copic marker brands. There are some excellent ones that are cheaper.

Another popular art supply is colored pencils, but want to upgrade it more to a better color pencil? Prisma color pencils originated in 1938. Prismas contain graphite, clay, and binders. Prisma colors help blend more and are pretty fun to use. It helps a lot with details. How-

ever, it's expensive, just like the Copic® marker brand. In online research, one pencil can range from \$2-6. That is expensive, but for the ways it works in art works, it's worth it. This can be accessed from Micheal's, Target, Walmart, and Hobby Lobby. There are some cheaper packs in Target.

Now there's definitely more supplies to look at, but every artist needs a canvas. To be more literal,

a sketchbook. There are actually a lot of good sketchbooks. Personally, I see a lot of people use the Mixed Media XL sketchbooks. They work really well for a variety of supplies.

Again, there's certainly more art supplies. There are so many unique ones too, but I'll save that for later on. For now, keep in search for more art supplies, interviews, or more from The Art Column.

The Art Column is on hold for interviews until I can further get more. Want your art featured for a future Art Column? Fill this form along with some questions! Have any comments or concerns? Feel free to tell me how you feel about it >400021843@fjuhsd.org



## Mr. Fritter: The Man, The Myth, The Legend

By Audrina Renteria

Recently, Mr. Fritter, the new ASB advisor, was able to provide insight into the first few months in his new role, which has seen him transition from a full-time science teacher, to someone who helps facilitate the culture of student life at La Habra.

“Has it been weird lessening how many science classes you teach?”



“No, not at all. I honestly enjoy it more. I have a bit more time to really invest into these two classes and now ASB. Plus many of my upperclassmen ASB members take my class so I love getting to see them twice a day.”

“What's your goal as ASB advisor?”

“To help the kids gain a new understanding of leadership. Learn the WHY of what we do, “Do it for the youth,” as our class slogan

goes. We do all we do in ASB for the youth of LHHS and no one else.”

“What's been the craziest thing thrown your way so far this year?”

“Definitely the rained-out homecoming, it was a crazy experience and something that would only happen to us. I think ASB and the students that night did learn an important lesson; fun is what you make of it.”

“Thoughts on our Orange County Student Section win for week 7?”

“I was really excited for this one, I knew how badly a lot of the kids wanted it. Plus we got to hand out 2,100 churros to the whole school which was definitely an



unforgettable experience.”

“Where do you see ASB in the future?”

“That's honestly entirely up to the kids, ASB is what they make of it, and I'm simply their guide and adult supervisor!”

“Now one final question, WHY DO YOU ALWAYS RANDOMLY PLAY THE UKULELE?”

“I enjoy playing music. No further comment.”

Fritter has done an excellent job during his first year as ASB advisor. He's proven that he bleeds blue like the rest of us, his commitment to the students in and out of ASB is beyond amazing, and it will be incredibly exciting to see how he grows with this program.

