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Students Shine at Open Mic Night



Student Life



La Habra's Valentine's Day Traditions

With gestures ranging from grand celebrations to more modest and humble gifts, students at La Habra are devising ways to show that special someone just how they feel about them for Valentine's Day.

by Jonah Medina

Freshman student Lilac says that their Valentine's celebration consists of getting taken to the mall by her oldest sister at which her oldest sister will buy presents for her and her siblings. "We also buy...

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Streaming News

Chris Brown x Adin Ross Livestream

by Miad Johnson



Adin Ross and Chris Brown shocked the streaming community this week by appearing together on Kick. Around 66,000 people tuned in to see Brown teach Ross how to hit riffs while singing, among other things that happened.

Adin and Chris also opted to utilize Monkey, a stranger conversation app. The app's idea is an Omegle-style experience with a self-described TikTok

feel. It allows users to connect with strangers from all around the world.

In addition to singing and dancing, Chris demonstrated his basketball talents with Adin. As the two approached to play basketball on stream, Chris twisted the ball around Adin and scored before the latter could catch up.

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Sports



Super Bowl LVIII: A Rematch for the History Books

by Mia Soza

As Brock Purdy kneeled to let the final seconds of the NFC Championship game come to a close, he secured the San Francisco 49ers' ticket to Allegiant Stadium to play the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LVIII on February 11th: A Super Bowl matchup we're all too familiar with since it's last in 2020.

While Super Bowl LIV may not seem that long ago, this year's rematch will be hosting two substantially different teams since we last saw their historical playoff matchup in 2020.

The San Francisco 49ers have since acquired 5-time pro bowl running-back Christian McCaffrey, who since joining the 49ers has 431 carries for 2,205 yards, scoring 31...

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Relationships Relevance Rigor Results

Poetry Club Shines with First Open Mic Night

by Mia Soza, Alexis Ramos, and Stephanie Vazquez

Student-created and curated poetry, songs, and music filled the cafeteria last Friday evening as the LHHS Poetry Club, led by club President K.R. D-B and staff members Ms. Vargas and Ms. Davenport, held the first-ever open mic

night.

To create your own poem, song, drawing, not only takes skill, but also a vast imagination and expressiveness. Often, such creations possess something special or personal to its creator which to share out loud as the participants at open mic night did, takes the most difficult and impressive skill of all: vulnerability.

"I felt nervous of course, but at the same time, excited," says senior Lyric Chavez, who performed at the event. "I never had an opportunity to perform an original poem of mine. It was a change for me to sort of get out there. It was a very memorable feeling and experience."

Aside from the opportunity to share her work of art, Chavez saw an opportunity to spread a wonderful message about the reality of what it means to be beautiful in a world where people tend

to easily forget.

"I wanted my poem to convey the realization and the knowledge of beauty and how frequent it is," Chavez stressed. "It is everywhere we see although some only tend to focus on also the vice president of Poetry Club, thinks that the evening was a success. "We got a bunch of parents to come and support," he says, "we were able to get everything set up. A lot more students came than I originally thought.

We had roughly 30 submissions

We had roughly 30 submissions and only about 10 people didn't show up."

"Most of the selection process happened when the public announcements started getting around," he explains about the event's selection process. "We just went through all of them as a team. We went, 'Oh that one is appropri-

ate. We like this one.' We sent out a group email afterward with all the people who got selected. Then, we let them know the timeline of the event."

highlander hall

theirs or other's flaws. At the same time within those flaws, they contain something beautiful that we should see despite the cruelty of the world's cur-



rent state."

To be able to touch the hearts of those in the audience who may have needed her beautiful message is something that Chavez did not take lightly.

"I felt proud of myself," she added.

"It was very meaningful to me."

Sophomore Nico Mehta, who is

Open mic night allowed students to express themselves freely, whether it was in songs or writing. It allowed students to show their talents and work, something that the poetry club makes happen.

La Habra's Valentine's Day Celebrations

by Jonah Medina

(continued from the front page)...flowers for my grandma and then go to her house and give them to her."

Freshman student Kei explains that he prefers a "low-key" type of celebration. "Going out to eat AND get boba maybe!?" He said, "Also exchanging gifts and stuff is fire. It's a low-cost date for real."

Of course, there is a line where some gifts and celebrations might cross and be a bit too over-the-top for Valentine's Day. "I think over the top would be showing

up at someone's home unannounced or something" Kei explains. It's an important reminder for students and people celebrating the day: try to be aware of what might or might not be appropriate



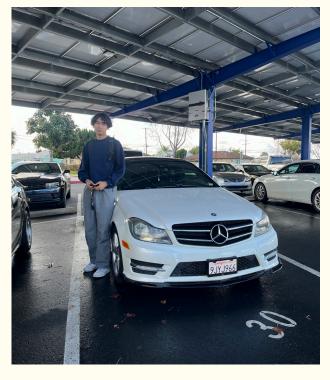
in your grand gesture of love!

Even though the main focus of Valentine's Day is about romantic love, it is important to remember to still show love to one another, even if your relationship may just be a platonic friendship. George Harrison put it wisely when he sang "Give me love Give me love Give me peace on earth"—perhaps the Earth would be a better place if we just showed each other love.

A Student's Account of Maneuvering through Main Lot

by Cecelia Munoz, Jacob Hernandez, and Dorian Allen

Senior Jeffery Suarez has been a proud driver since May 2023 and is among many other LHHS student who brave our tumultuous main parking lot on a daily basis.



Jeffrey states he considers himself a decent driver, but the parking lot can be very stressful at times. He shares that although it is nerve-wracking, he likes to park in the school parking lot because it is much safer compared to other options.

"I think it also helps to know that there is almost always a super intendent or staff watching over the parking lot which makes me feel that my car is pro-

tected." He also explains that he doesn't necessarily think it's bad to park your car on the streets, but there are more risks that come with it.

When asked

what in specific was stressful about the parking lot, he started by explaining that there are a lot of new drivers, including him, which impose a lot of threats. On top of this, during certain long lunch days or short days with short lunches, every car is trying to get out at once. This can be a real challenge to navigate for a lot of drivers.

"During Long Lunch when everybody's getting out at once," he says, "the parking lots are lined up with cars trying to exit and it's very stressful. I definitely get nervous trying to exit the parking lot with everybody else trying to do the same thing."

Jeffrey also appreciates that he has a guaranteed spot in the main lot. "Some of my friends who park on the street get their spots taken based on first come first serve, and I like knowing that my senior spot is specifically mine and it's a guarantee I'll have somewhere to park every morning".

The biggest disadvantage he believes is just how many people and cars there are in the parking lot. A lot of the stress can come from everybody watching him drive and potentially judging how he parks and drives. "It can definitely be pretty nerve-racking," he says, "but if you're confident in your own driving abilities you should be fine."

All in all, parking in the parking lot can have some cons and disadvantages, but for senior Jeffrey Suarez, he can assure all of us that the parking lot is the place for him.



by Liam Fuller, Eilyas Kettani, and

Jesse Benavente

Although the school year is only half-way through, the start of the new year and new semester gives students and staff a chance to reflect on their progress and set new goals and aspirations for the coming months.

Ms. Forsythe, who teaches math at LHHS, explains that spending Winter Break on the East Coast made returning to school more difficult.

"Returning to California" she says, "I was waking up at 4 AM for the first few days back as I adjusted to the time change."

Like Ms. Forsythe's response, two other students agreed that getting back to the routine and schedule of school was somewhat difficult.

"Waking up is a lot harder because I messed up my sleeping schedule during those two weeks," 11th grader Liam Howard said.

La Habra students and teachers have both set goals in their respective categories for the new year. For 11th grader Joshua Jun he had set the goal of passing his AP exams like many high school students.

Josh also wanted to improve his habits this year, "I would like to improve on my procrastination so I can start doing homework earlier have more time to sleep."

But other students like Liam Howard wanted to get better at their sport. Ms. Forsythe has larger goals, such as wanting to buy property in Virginia to with the hopes of sending her family to live there.

Even though our interviewees are at different points in their life all are striving to achieve their goals and aspirations.



Chris Brown x Adin Ross Livestream Leaves Community Fulfilled By Miad Johnson

(continued from the front page)...Chris Brown also attempted to teach Adin his

iconic dancing routine, which involved him reclining on the floor. With "Take You Down" playing in the background, the singer showcased his dance abilities to the livestream.

Although at first apprehensive, the streamer decided to imitate Chris on the condition that he show the maneuver again.

Thanks to his recent stream with Adin Ross, Chris Brown is currently trending.

The two talked about so many different things there that it almost bordered on

> beautiful chaos. It goes without saying that we have some of the stream's most unimag-

inable sections.

Streaming interviews are the

newest means by which fans may interact with their favorite musicians. More celebrities have recently gotten in touch

with well-known streamers like Kai Cenat

& Adin Ross for interviews. The internet is in disarray as well-known people such as Nicki Minaj, 21 Savage, and most lately, Chris Brown, apply their skills to these

ly, Chris Brown, apply their skil already established streamers.





Music Artist Laufey Announces Tour

By Steph Vazquez

On December 4th, The Icelandic singer-songwriter, Laufey, has excitedly announced "Bewitched: The Goddess Tour"

on behalf of her new album. The artist is expected to play in a variety of venues across North America, and she will be accompanied by artists Adam Melchor, Grace Enger, Mits-

ki, Manila Philharmonic, and the Wasia Project.

The album, "Bewitched," released in September 2023, broke the record for the biggest debut for a jazz album in Spotify history. It was followed by the achievements of #1 on Billboard's Independent Albums chart, #23 on Billboard's top 200,

and #1 on Current Traditional
Jazz Album chart.
Bewitched was also recently nominated for "Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album."

Laufey, hailing from Los Angeles and pronounced lāy-vāy, spent her formative years



her debut single,
"Street by Street,"
a chart-topper on
Icelandic radio.
Fast forward to
2022, Laufey's
first full-length
album, "Everything I Know About
Love," claimed the

#1 spot on Billboard's Alternative New Artist Album chart. The album features the hit track "Valentine," which soared to #1 on the Spotify Jazz Chart. With over 1 billion streams across platforms, Laufey has become Iceland's most streamed artist globally.

Presale for tickets began on December

oth, which could be accessed by registering on the official tour site while general sale began on the 8th. However, Bewitched:
The Goddess Tour had sold out within minutes of going on sale. Many of the dates allow people to join wait-

lists on the official page.

For the Los Angeles date, the venue has yet to be announced, so the tickets haven't been released for that specific date. Fans can register to be notified whenever it does get announced.

Needless to say, many fans are waiting in anticipation for the announcement.







Super Bowl LVIII: A Rematch for the History Books

The San Francisco 49ers vs. Kansas City Chiefs may be a rematch in name, but how much have their rosters really stayed the same?

By Mia Soza

(Continued from the front page) touchdowns in just 27 games.

As a result of his success, he's in the running for this year's MVP, one of only two non-quarterbacks to be considered. Still, he has other things on his mind.

"It'll be a big challenge on a big stage, and we're excited about it," McCaffrey told press after his two-touchdown masterclass.

Additionally. Brock Purdy will replace Jimmy Garoppolo as quarterback in this anticipated rematch.

In his 2nd year in the league as the

last pick in the draft– 1st full year– Brock Purdy has led the 49ers to their 2nd consecutive NFC Championship, recording a passer rating of 113.0 with 31 touchdowns, making history by breaking the 49ers single-season passing record with 4,280 passing yards.

He also led the 49ers to overcome a 17 point deficit after the first half– tied for the biggest comeback in NFC Championship history.

"We knew we had a half left", stressed the young quarterback during the trophy ceremony as fans chanted his name. "The boys on defense took care of business- we had the faithful behind us the whole way. We love you guys."

The Kansas City Chiefs have also made significant changes to their roster since 2020, Isiah Pacheco being one of their notable additions.

The year he was drafted by the Chiefs in 2022, he played a big role in helping Kansas City secure their Super Bowl title

with his exceptional speed and explosiveness.

Still, this year's rematch will be missing a huge name from the Chiefs offense: Tyreek Hill.

Since moving onto the Miami Dolphins, he's shown zero signs of regression.

In 2023, Hill recorded 1,799 yards and 13 touchdowns, both first in the NFLpunching his ticket into MVP considerations.

Despite the loss of Hill, Kansas City will still be hosting arguably the best quarterback-tight end duo in the league in Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce, who have managed two Super Bowls in their time together.

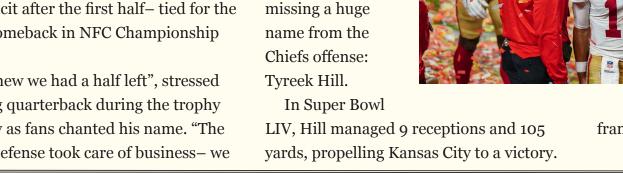
In the playoffs, they have 133 catches for 1,516 yards and have scored 18 touchdowns in 17 games just between the two of them.

"When the lights get brighter, he plays better," Mahomes told Yahoo Sports of his tight end. "That's the true mark of a champion, and that's what he is."

Even despite the roster changes since their last Super Bowl appearance versus one another, it would be hard to imagine there be no animosity between the two, given how recent their 2020 matchup was.

> Will Kansas City reclaim their dominance over San Francisco on the biggest stage? Or perhaps the 49ers can finally pay back the Chiefs for stealing what could have been their sixth

franchise ring in 2020.







Disappointment in the Conference Championships

but it was nowhere to be found.

NFL fans experienced a devastating Sunday as two beloved teams, the Baltimore Ravens and the Detroit Lions, lost their respective conference championship games, falling short of their goal of

going to Superbowl LVII in Las Vegas.

It is an understatement to say that going into the game, there were huge expectations for Baltimore, specifically for quarterback Lamar Jackson. Some have guestioned his passing ability, even calling him not "quarterbacky enough."

But Jackson is an electric player who has done well this season, making insane plays anytime he was on the field and even becoming an MVP favorite.

But the hype behind Lamar Jackson had more to do with their opponent, the Chiefs. Although the Chiefs have struggled this season, they are on the verge of becoming a dynasty. Even Taylor Swift is on their side.

However, the game was hard to

watch for those rooting for the Ravens. The Ravens were playing catch-up the whole game. Most would expect them to use their explosive running,

The Ravens were playing behind being 17-7. Then their rookie, Zay Flowers, puts L'Jarius Sneed's shoulder down, spins the ball, and stands over him after

catching a pass. Flowers receives a taunting penalty setting them back 15 yards, forcing a pass over a run.

Next, Flowers gets a catch and dives into the endzone going for the TD. However,



the ball is hit out by the same player he just taunted, causing a fumble at the one-yard line. Jackson then went on to throw an interception due to a misread

by Liam Fuller on the field. In a matter of minutes, the Ravens tragically collapsed, and the game eventually finished 17-10, with the Chiefs winning.

The rookie was visibly distraught but will keep his head up. "It's just a moment," Flowers said. "It is going to make or break you. I don't plan on letting it break me." according to ESPN.

More tragedy was in store concerning the Detroit Lions and San Francisco 49ers matchup. The Lions came into the battle for the NFC swinging and were leading with the score 24-7 going into halftime. Then the unthinkable happened.

Brock Purdy and the 49ers orchestrated the biggest comeback this season and won 31-34. The 49ers ended the Lions' season with their quarterback who was picked dead last in the 2022 NFL draft, dubbed "Mr. Irrelevant". Purdy became very relevant to Lions fans that

Sunday.

But everyone should feel bad for the Lions since they have never gone to a Superbowl, let alone won a playoff game since 1991. Just when they

were so close to reaching Las Vegas their dreams were again snatched away like they have been for most of their franchise's history.

Although, the future looks bright for the Lions with how much talent they have on their team and just maybe we can see a Ravens vs Lions Superbowl one day soon.



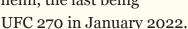
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Up To Speed: UFC 298

By Jacob Hernandez

UFC 298, which will feature the much-anticipated bout between UFC

Featherweight Champion Alexander Volkanovski versus Ilia Topuria, will take place on February 17 at the Honda Center in Anaheim California. This is the UFC's tenth visit to Anaheim, the last being



The night's main event will be the UFC featherweight championship fight between current champion Alexander Volkanovski and Ilia Topuria. Originally scheduled for UFC 297, the fight suffered a delay when Volkanovski accepted the challenge to face UFC lightweight champion Islam Makhachev at UFC 294.

Adding to the excitement, a light heavyweight clash between Zhang Mingyang and Brendson Ribeiro initially scheduled for UFC Fight Night Song vs. Gutierrez was rescheduled due to a change in event location and visa issues.

The middle-

weight division promises quite an encounter, between former UFC middleweight champion Robert Whittaker against the formidable Paulo

Costa. This fight,

sons.

However, the card has seen many changes with matchups such as Yusaku Kinoshita vs. Danny Barlow and Tai Tuivasa vs. Marcin Tybura changing. The women's fight between Amanda Lemos and Tatiana Suárez was altered due to Suarez with Mackenzie Dern intervening.

The road to UFC season 1 bantamweight winner Rinya Nakamura faces a new challenge as Brady Hiestand has claimed he is not fighting due to injury, replaced by Car-

> los Vera, a veteran of The Ultimate Fighter season 31.

Despite the changes, UFC 298 promises an exciting night of MMA, showcasing the endurance and skill of fighters across multiple weight

classes. As the event approaches, UFC can prepare for an unforgettable event at the Honda Center.

which will take place at UFC 298 has a history of delays, with previous attempts to headline UFC events failing.

Fans can also look forward to an intense welter-

weight fight between Ian Machado Garry and Geoff Neal rescheduled from a previous event due to undisclosed health rea-

r in the Hol By Eilyas Kettani

With war happening once again in the Middle East between the Israeli Defense Forces and Hamas (the leaders of Gaza), it seems it is more important now than ever before to see the origins of the conflict that has been going on for generations.

The Holy Land has seen many conflicts in hopes of control of the territory. From Egyptians to Greeks, from Arabs to Jews. Countless have died in hopes of making the Holy Land their home. Today it is all the same, war has sporadically raged on since the end of World War Two.

Jewish people in Europe had developed the World Zionist Organization (WZO) in 1897. Originally the WZO tried to convince the Ottoman Empire to sell Palestine to the Jewish. Theodore Herzl offered twenty million pounds which is about two billion in today's currency.

Fast forward to the end of WWII; Jewish people in Europe are left scarred and scattered following the treacherous aftermath of the Holocaust; many without a family nor a home to return to. The newly organized United Nations were tasked with finding survivors a home.

On November 19, 1947, the UN adopted the Partition Resolution. The passing of the Partition would divide Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. On May 14,1948 Israel became an

independent state. The Arab-Israeli war broke out shortly after.

On June 11, 1948, the first truce was written and agreed upon. Following the truce Israeli armies seized previously occupied Palestine.

This trend of war and truce will wage on for many years.

Creation of the PLO (Palestine Liberation



Organization) began in early January 1964. War broke out again during the Six Day War. Egypt, Syria, and Jordan ally themselves with Palestine. In the years following, the UN general assembly confirmed the rights of Palestinians to self-determination, sovereignty, independence, and refuge. In 1974 the PLO became the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Revolution began against the Jewish occu-

pation of Israel in 87' commonly known as the first Intifada. The Oslo Accords were signed and agreed to following the conflict.

Although there was a common ground of agreement Israel continued to transfer their population to illegal settlements in occupied Palestine. The second Intifada began in 2000. Israel built the West Bank Wall much of which was on Palestinian land. The ICJ (International Court of Justice) ruled that the wall inside Palestine was considered illegal. In 2005 Israel withdrew troops and settlers from Palestine.

Following the rise of Hamas in Palestine, much of the world cut off aid to Hamas territory. Israel stopped tens of thousands of people from entering their nation. Israeli airstrikes crippled Gaza's only electric power plant causing widespread blackouts.

Fast forward to October 7, 2023: Hamas gunmen launched a surprise attack killing hundreds. Israel immediately sought revenge and launched numerous airstrikes causing many

The conflict between these two peoples is nothing new, but the fact that there are atrocities being committed has left many observers hoping for a resolution of the conflict sooner rather than later.

by Cecilia Munoz

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World's Oldest Dog Faces Speculations of World Record

The validity of the claim of the world's oldest dog, Bobi from Portugal, is being

called into question after an amateur investigation uncovered discrepancies in the birthdate of the recently deceased canine.

Bobi's death was covered by many press and news

articles praising the dog for his old age, but as he gained more attention, he also gained more doubters. Some interested people took it into themselves to research his age and see just how real those 31 years were.

When Bobi was officially announced as the world's oldest living dog by GWR, they had stated that Bobi's age was verified specifically by a Portuguese government database for many different types of pets. This verification should have resolved these speculations, but after a fan reached out again, it was revealed that although Bobi's owner had documented his birth year

as 1992, there was no data or registration confirming this.

> Unfortunately, in Portugal the documentation of dogs born before 2008 was not required until 2020, leaving the questions around Bobi's age unconfirmed. Many veterinarians have

put their own thoughts into this theory, claiming that many of them don't believe Bobi's age and don't find it possible.

"Not a single one of my veterinary col-

leagues believe Bobi was actually 31 years old," said Danny Chambers, a professional veterinarian, during an interview with The Guardian.

One expert in dog longevity named Enikő Kubinyi from Eötvös Loránd University in Hungary shared that many of her doubts come from pictures of Bobi showing he was overweight. She explained that it is much harder for dogs to live longer with extra weight on them, making her believe Bobi's age might've been a hoax. Also seen from photos, Kubinyi express-

es that younger pictures of Bobi next to older pictures of him seem to show that Bobi's fur pattern differed from when he was young to old. This was just another example of inconsistency in Bobi's story and age.

Although many believe that Bobi's age was a hoax, he didn't live as long as his owner claims, and that Bobi does not

> deserve to hold the record of "World's Oldest Dog", he is still documented in the Guinness World Record and proudly holds the title, nonetheless.



Endangered Great White Sharks Make Dramatic Comeback

by Audrey Beasley

Great White Sharks are making a strong comeback in Southern California after over twenty years of the species being on the brink of extinction.

Great white sharks were on the brink of endangerment starting in the late 1990's after the shark's main food source, seals, were being hunted at above average rates. Now a certain breed of seals called

"Fur seals" have made a population comeback in California, rebounding due to laws preventing the hunting of seals.

Another cause of the Great white's population decline was something called "Shark Finning", which is the cause of the deaths of over 100 million sharks each year. Shark Finning is the illegal practice of cutting the fins off sharks and then leaving the shark in the ocean to suffocate or bleed to death. Shark fins are used for a food called Shark fin soup, which is used as a medicine or eaten as a delicacy in Asia. Not only is this illegal but extremely painful for the animals and completely immoral.

According to National Geographic, Great



white sharks are at the top of the food chain in the ocean, yet their lives are threatened by illegal hunting.

Student Grace Beasley stated, "I am afraid of sharks, but I am happy they're alive and hope to never run into one at the beach."



Although there is a growing population of these animals, you should have no fear for your safety as their sharks have been swimming with and around humans their entire lives and there have been no reports of shark attacks since they've been repopulated. However, keep your distance from these animals and fish responsibly.

Humans are responsible for the negative impact on the shark population, and we



should stay respectful of their habitat from now