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Reviews



Review: HBO's The Last of Us

by Lyric Chavez

The game “The Last of Us,” developed by video game company Naughty Dog, first came out in 2013. The game was a popular hit and many people enjoyed it. According to IGN the game was marked a 9/10. It also has 4.4 out of 5 stars on google. The game fol-

lows a character named Joel in a post-apocalyptic scene. However the world has been overrun with zombies as well. Our main character, Joel, is tasked with the job of taking a young girl named Ellie to an organization to...

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Science

A Colossal Success or a Future Failure?

by Jacob Metzen



Colossal Biosciences, founded in February 2021, made headlines recently by announcing that they would be attempting to resurrect animals that have been long extinct, which is part of their company practice of “de-extinction.”

In the announcement, representatives from the company explained their first act will be the resurrection of the Woolly Mammoth in the Siberian Tundra, their once

natural homeland.

They intend on doing this by taking the DNA of the Mammoths closest living relatives, the Indian Elephant and mixing it with current existing strands of Mammoth DNA and put the embryo inside a female Indian Elephant and give birth to a Woolly Mammoth. It will technically be a hybrid but it will walk and sound like a Mammoth.

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District News



FJUHSD Commits to Mental Health Awareness

by Ivy A. Russell and Stephanie Vazquez

District administration announced last month the roll out of new “Wellness Stickers” to be placed in the bathrooms of all the FJUHSD schools.

The Wellness stickers were proposed at the end of 2022 when Principal Laura Rubio of Fullerton High School had a conversation with a parent, who asked if there could be a list of resources placed

in bathroom stalls, a place where students often go during an emotional crisis.

Mr. Carlos Alcantara, the district Mental Health Coordinator, tasked his department with creating some sort of poster/sticker that displayed important mental health resources that students could access in times of crisis.

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Look Out! Look Out! Look Out! for *Little Shop of Horrors*

By Zen Rame

A murderous plant, a shy underdog protagonist, and lots of comedy to go around. What more could you ask for from this romp of a musical, *Little Shop of Horrors* coming soon to La Habra High School.

The cult classic comedy musical written by Howard Ashman follows a nerdy florist Seymour Krelborn as he struggles to get by in a flower shop nestled in Skid-Row. He cares for and raises a human-eating plant that makes his life better for a second until he realizes he's gone too far. This cult classic combines the styles of early 1960s rock and roll, doo-wop, and Motown to truly bring to life the story being told.

Little Shop of Horrors is more lead driven than many other musicals so with this in mind, director Mathew Migliorini ("Migs" for short) and music director/conductor Greg Haake knew they had to select some very talented students in order to put on such a fun musical. After an audition of 35 students, the cast includes these talented 18 thespians:

Jeremy Tran
Lila Dominguez
Nate Forquer
Isabel Brown
Aurora Cisneros
Miranda Talyor
Nick Ruiz
Melanie Thornburg
Rebecka Cruz
Ashely Flores
Avery Gomez
Aylse Gutierrez
Kimberly Rael
Zen Rame
Isaac Rowan
Christain Talamantes
Erica Wiessner

Though the setting is simple, the intricate set design is what makes this set stand out the most. The appearance of "Skid Row" is portrayed through a dirty streetside with failing businesses. The floral shop is the main focal point of the musical which gets turned into a dentist's office. No world can come alive without the characters that live within them. This cast is filled with comedic actors who are ready to be a part of and put together such a fun show that's sure to make you laugh.

This is senior Jeremy Tran (Seymour) and freshman Lila Dominguez (Audrey) first time in leading roles here at La Habra High School who are very excited about being a part of this show. They are both working very hard in order to bring to life the world of *Little Shop* to life and give the best experience possible to the audience.

This is the last show for all the seniors involved. Break a leg, you made the theater program here at La Habra one to remember and your hard work will never go unnoticed. To give these students their final hooray and watch the incredibly funny musical, go see *Little Shop of*

Horrors on March 10-11 & March 16-18. All showings will be at 7 pm and tickets will be available online on the La Habra theater Instagram (@lahabra.theatre).



Actors gather around the piano during a music rehearsal.



Opening night of the show!



Student Actors rehearse a scene in the PAC

Showings of *Little Shop of Horrors* continue this weekend, March 16-18.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://linktr.ee/lahabratheatre>

Little Shop Leads Share Their Thoughts

By Zen Rame



Actors Jeremy Tran and Lila Dominguez Rehearse a Scene

How did you feel when you got cast as the lead?

Lila: When I found out I got the lead I was very excited at first but I honestly didn't think it was real and I had to keep refreshing and make sure it wasn't a mistake cause it was just so surreal.

Jeremy: I was really excited! I'd never really done musical theater before so the audition process was very new to me and I was definitely nervous about getting the part. Getting the lead definitely surprised me and made me all the more eager to start rehearsing!

What motivated you to audition for Little Shop of Horrors?

Lila: I wanted to audition mostly because I just love musical theater and it's a passion of mine. I also really love Little Shop of Horrors.

Jeremy: I promised myself that I'd try out for a musical when I came to La Habra. With this being my final year,

I knew I had to seize this chance. I really wanted to experience working alongside others onstage to put on a full-scale production. I was only further encouraged to audition when I learned how interesting (and hilarious) Little Shop of Horrors was.

Why should people go see Little Shop of Horrors?

Lila: I think people should go to see Little Shop of Horrors cause it's a fun musical with a very talented cast and I always encourage others to support school productions cause so much hard work and passion that is put into it.

Jeremy: The show is hysterical! It's an amazing production filled with so many fun

and creepy moments and songs; yet, the passion and love weaved in its story still rings strong throughout it. It touches your heart while giving you a good

laugh. The entire cast is gearing up to put on the best performance for everyone. It'll be a great time!



Questions for the Director: Mr. Migliorini

What made you choose Little Shop of Horrors?

I love Little Shop of Horrors. I've loved it ever since I was a little kid; I first saw it when I was 11, the film version with Rick Moranis and loved it to death. Ever since then, I've had an obsession with the musical. I love the era in that the musical is written with the aspects of Motown and doo-wop which is amazing. The musical is great, anything that Alan Menken has written I'm a big fan of it. Since the school has already done Beauty and Beast I was like "Hm, let's do Little Shop!"

What were you looking for when casting the show?

The best fit for the roles. I was looking for people who had comedic timing, good tempo, and energy. I was really looking for people who could act and sing at the same time.

What aspect of the show are you most excited about?

I'm most excited about all of it coming together. I mean the thing most people are always excited about is what the Audrey II plant is going to look like. I like the way that [the musical] is always different. It's such a simple musical to pull off but it's been different every time and this being the third time I'm just overall excited for how it's going to turn out in the end.

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2023 Senior Class Photo

Seniors of La Habra High School gathered in the stadium at lunch on Friday February 17th to take the annual senior group picture, which is seen as the kick-off of what will be a series of sometimes emotional culminating events for the class of 2023.



Senior Nick Ruiz

For the senior photo students were allowed to bring posters and signs as long as they were approved by Mr. Fritter beforehand. Only a few students brought posters but the most memorable were the students who printed out two big pictures of Mr. Tiberg and held them at the front so it would be seen in the photo.

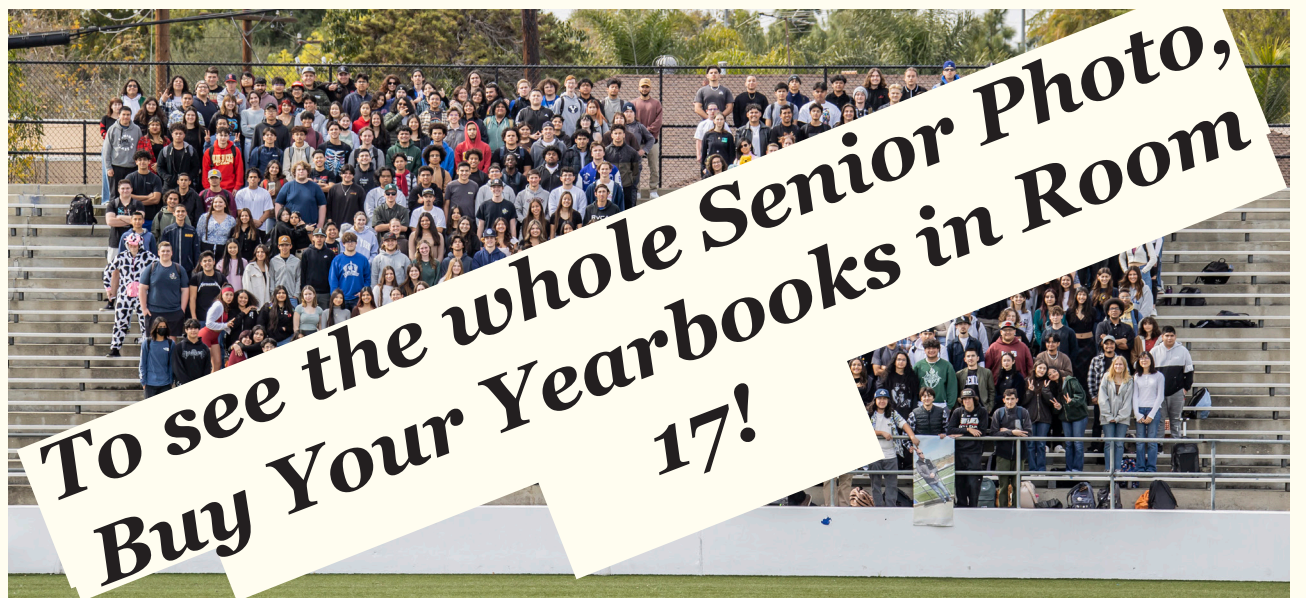
“It’s kinda scary knowing that picture was taken for my senior year,” said senior Nick Ruiz, “but at the same time I feel okay because I know all my friends and I have bright futures.”

Senior Yami Cruz explained that she felt similar to Nick’s sentiment, saying that she felt happy to take the picture with her friend, but that the moment also felt like a “sudden awakening.”

A popular opinion amongst seniors was

that taking the senior picture made graduating feel more real. “It made graduating feel more real because now after highschool I know I’ll have to do everything on my own.” Yami Cruz explained.

Echoing the idea, Nick Ruiz said “Taking the photo made everything feel more real and it made me feel a mixture of sadness and happiness because I know everyone including myself will have a good future after graduation.”



Humans of La Habra: Melanie Thornburg

Narrative by Zen Rame

No one tells you as you enter your senior year how nerve-racking it will be since that’s when you’re officially the “big kid” of high school. You have the moment of realizing that I am a senior and I’m pretty cool. Looking back, I’ve definitely grown since my freshman year, I wasn’t structured coming into high school. It didn’t help that half of my freshman year and most of my sophomore year were held online where it felt like I basically did nothing. Going back in person during my junior year definitely helped me gain a little more structure back in my life since I was in person and actually in my classes. Another thing that really helped me was being a part of theater. When being involved comes great responsibility; learning lines being the biggest one. Since it requires so much rehearsal time, it forced me to learn how to manage my time well in order to memorize what I needed to know. In addition, theater really forced me to just sit down and get my work done. Part of what keeps me involved in the world of art, next to the fact it keeps structured, is that it’s a form of self-expression. I’ve been doing theater, choir, and physical art for a while now but out of all of them, if I had to choose which I had the most passion for, it



would be theater. Theater is where you can express yourself however you like, which I found that I have a lot of passion for and that I really love doing. Not only that, I think the arts in general are just beautiful. To be able to participate in something that I think is beautiful and just when things click together is just so satisfying. My fondest memories of high school revolve around theater, for which I owe credit for the reason I’m still doing theater right now. In my sophomore year, we held a production of *Almost, Maine* which I got to be in. It was the first show I was in that really felt like a show. I really believe that if it weren’t for *Almost, Maine* I wouldn’t be doing theater again but doing that show just reignited a spark in me to rejoin theater my junior year. Choir is another thing I hold close to my heart and I wished I joined way sooner. I didn’t join earlier because my whole life I thought I couldn’t sing very well. Due to that, I just never did it and I mostly just really wanted to do musical theater. I felt like I couldn’t really sing so I



never tired out or immersed myself in that world of singing but I did grow up very musically oriented. Since I wanted to be more involved my senior year I was like “let’s join choir!” Being in choir has overall helped me be more comfortable with my voice while also teaching me how to understand music better. Not only did that draw me into joining choir but last year when I took ukulele Montoya told me that I should join choir and I was like “He’s a cool guy, I wouldn’t mind having him as a teacher!” That would be some advice I would give my freshman self. I would tell her to join choir way earlier. I would also get it into her head to focus more on her homework. Now that I’m a senior, the future approaches me. I plan to attend a community college and get a job. With 4 years of high school and community college under my belt, I hope to be done with schooling after all that because I’m tired. Though I haven’t thought much about what I want to do once I get to community college, I’m hoping to become stable and just be able to continue my passions in the arts as a hobby. My senior year is when I really matured, I’m proud of myself and all of my accomplishments no matter how big or small.

From the Front Page: FJUHSD Commits to Mental Health Awareness

(Continued from the front page) Each school site has personalized their sticker by color and logo. For La Habra, the sticker is blue and white, with our logo on the upper right. On the top of our sticker is the message “YOU MATTER. Know that we here at LHHS care about you.”

The stickers provide resources that give students the opportunity to reach out to people. They provide phone numbers and links for counselors, suicide lines, and LGBTQ communities.

There’s also a Stop It app QR code, where students can communicate to their school about safety concerns. Students that do not have a phone are encouraged to speak to their school counselors and other mental health professionals.

Although student anonymity is of utmost importance when using these resources, Mr. Alcantara explained that, when using the suicide prevention hotline, student safety will come first and resources will be available to help in any way necessary.

Many students have noticed the stickers

By Ivy A. Russell and Stephanie Vazquez and respond positively to them. Sophomore Rene Flores said, “Putting stickers in the bathrooms is necessary. There are a lot of people that are dealing with mental health issues and they don’t know where to go, so it’s good that the school is implementing something like this.”

However, there are some students that don’t believe in the long term effectiveness. Freshman Ashley Bonnibel thinks that the stickers are not being taken seriously by students, especially when there seems to be so many issues stemming from students being in the bathrooms. “I get what they’re trying to do,” said Ashley, “but I don’t see the purpose.”

While there are some students who may or may not use the resources listed on the mental health stickers, it’s an important step that the district administration is taking for the mental wellbeing of students throughout FJUHSD.

YOU MATTER.

KNOW THAT WE HERE AT LHHS CARE ABOUT YOU.



TEXT WITH A CRISIS COUNSELOR

Text "HOME" to 741741. Share how you are feeling.

HELP AND HOPE IS AVAILABLE

Dial 9-8-8 for the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Scan this to your STOPIT app

YOUR SAFETY MATTERS

Use the STOPIT app to tell us how we can help.





YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Support for LGBTQ+ communities
Text 678-678

OVERCOME ADDICTION

Substance abuse support.
Text your zip code to 435748.



YOU MATTER TO US.

WITH YOU, WE ARE  STRONG.

Additional Mental Health Resources



Highlander Haven



Open Monday through Thursday
Before School, During Student Break, During Lunch, and After School

The Highlander Haven is a safe, quiet, supervised space that will assist students in building healthy coping skills to reduce stress and anxiety for the purpose of supporting their academic success.

FJUHSD *Virtual Calming Room*



Feeling Stressed?
Scan here for some relaxing activities!
*Music *Drawing *Meditation Apps * Live Animal Web Cam & More!

National & Community Crisis Hotlines

Need to Talk? Call a hotline. You are not alone!



- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 989
- Trevor Project 1-866-488-7386
- Case Youth Shelter 1-800-914-2272
- O.C. Vaseline 714-991-6492



Student Writer Creates a World of Lore

by Lyric Chavez

For the past two years, sophomore Marisol Santa Maria has worked on crafting the perfect story, something that isn't part of any school assignment, but instead a goal to put her imagination into words.

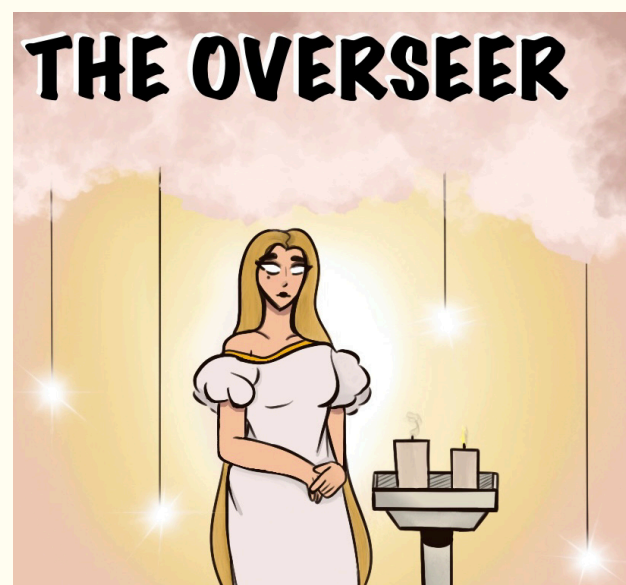
The story, titled *The Man Of Gold*, follows the main character Dai Malchance in his final days of life.

Marisol began writing in 2021, imagining a world with more than five main characters and different plot lines. This fantasy novel is quite in depth and will leave readers in suspense.

Dai and his family have been cursed by the gods after an ancestor of Dai's claimed to have killed a goddess who went missing.

In *The Man of Gold* there is a religion that contains much lore. The main gods that the story focuses on are Talia, goddess of time, Croe, god of trade and theft, Maia, goddess of sadness, as well as Enos the god of stars. Croe and Talia were in love and were married.

When they wed Croe became a more important god becoming the god of greed, corruption and more. Enos saw the two and how happy they were together and gifted them with a child. The child's name



is Erysus and he is the god of violence, war and famine.

However one day Talia mysteriously vanishes. Because of the sudden disappearance the gods decide to blame Erysus and imprison him. While imprisoned two more gods decided to help him. Them all together form the Chaotic Three. While this is happening Croe is now married to Maia who strongly dislikes him.

Dai's ancestor decides to claim to have killed Talia which angered Croe. Croe attempts to curse him, but that is when the chaotic three form a deal with Micheal. However, things happen and Micheal is killed. This angers Croe even more leading him to end up cursing the entire family.

The curse turns their bodies to gold from the outside in, affecting only the first born of the direct descendent of the ancestor. As the affected person grows older, the curse worsens, with Dai expected to die at around the age of thirty.

Dai is also currently in college with his friends and his husband. Dai's friends also hold a strong impact on Dai's story as well.

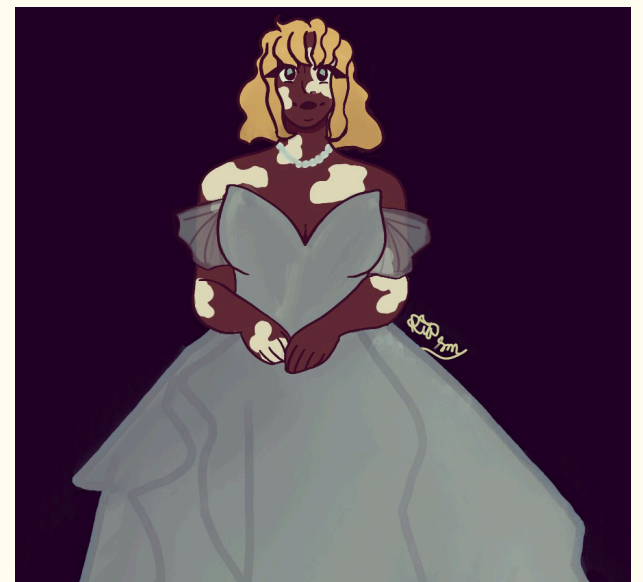
Santa Maria explains that she plans to turn the story into a graphic novel trilogy. "I plan to start it around the end of senior year," she said in an interview. "I find inspiration anywhere really."

Santa Maria continued, "In my own life, even through other authors' own writing styles or the art styles of webcomics I like myself."

The story itself is a tragic yet beautiful story. The characters are all easy to fall in love with and to connect too. I myself have found a connection within the character Kameko, a side character, and their special interest in songwriting. Kameko is also one of Dai's friends he met in college.

Speaking of the protagonist, Santa Maria thinks that most people will find Malchance to be the most relatable character. "He is a glass half empty kind of person."

The protagonist's full name, Dai Malchance, also has specific meaning, with "Dai" meaning "to shine" and "Malchance" meaning "unfortunate." She spent hours and days working on the details. Accord-



ing to her," And for detail I'd say as much as an unfinished project can have. There is detail already written in, especially for the characters, but there's still much to be improved on during the editing process."

Santa Maria acknowledges that most stories today aren't entirely original. "When these characters are combined together," she said, "it creates an interesting dynamic so it feels realistic."

The story is still getting updates and more exciting changes to come soon. It is obvious that this is an important story and project to Santa Maria.

The Man Of Gold is certainly a story that will keep readers entertained and catch the interest of many. Lastly, I asked Marisol what she wants readers to take away from the story

"I think I want the readers to take away that even though you may have gone through bad things you are still worthy of love."

If you have a short story you'd like to advertise or have published in our digital newspaper, please contact Mr. Neavez!

AP 2D Artist Interviews

By Ashley Coria

Here at La Habra High school, we have many skill sets here. We have people who are skilled in Spanish, French, running, swimming, cheering, singing, dancing, and so much more. However, there are some underrated talents here. One of those talents is creativity, and that is art. We have an AP-2D class where artists are able to explore their creativity with a guiding question. Here are some students I interviewed from the AP-2D.

Interviewer 1: Peter Cho

Give me a little introduction of yourself as an artist. I would describe myself as a non-professional artist.

When did you start doing art and why? I started in 2020 during quarantine. I wanted to learn and draw anatomy and body proportions.

What's your guiding question? What is the positive and negative side of chaos and order?



I painted the gun that caused the most deaths to show the cause of the chaos.

Interviewer 2: Priscilla Cruz

Give me a little introduction of yourself as an artist. I'm a 2D artist, mixed media with watercolor and I do collage work.

When did you start doing art and why? In middle school when they first started introducing the class. I started art because I can not only have fun with it and I can do things expressing myself and exploring.

What's your AP question? How do humans in nature coexist?



This is my most recent project for AP 2D. It's a drawing of a tiger looking out into NYC done in colored pencil. My vision for this drawing was to capture the essence of having an exotic animal as a pet. I drew the tiger cub looking out into Central Park so there would be a clear distinction between a city and its natural habitat. I included dog toys below him to further add to the domesticity of the exotic animal but the emptiness below is to somewhat represent the loneliness the tiger must feel from being separated from its true habitat/environment.

Interviewer 3: JJ Curiel

Give me a little introduction of yourself as an artist. Im a mixed media artist.

When did you start doing art and why? I started art in 8th grade and started doing it more in freshman year. It's to improve my drawing skills. Drawing is good even when it's just for fun.

What's your AP question? Does dreaming feel different from reality?



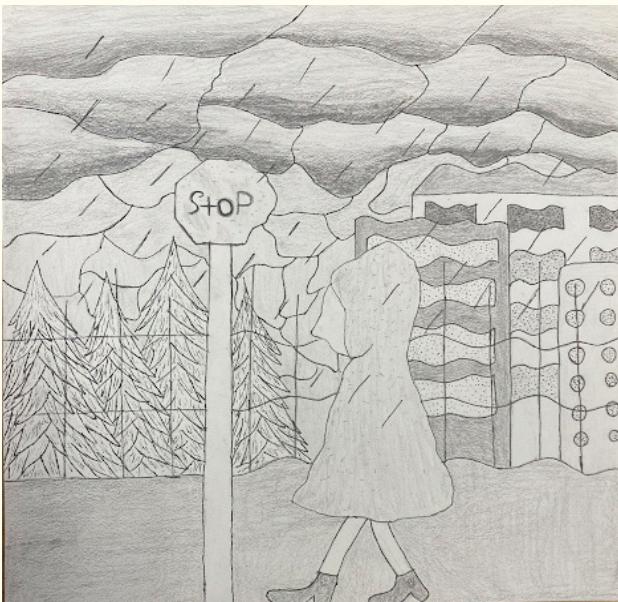
This is my project I did in October. So what I did. I used pen and pencil to make it black and white, making a fit in my question. Does illusion feel different than reality? The idea of the concept is the little girl walking alone in the rain while walking home. she sees everything wavy because of the rain so it looks watery and we see that she imagines some stuff in the background looks wavy.

Interviewer 4: Joaquin Domingo

Give me a little introduction of yourself as an artist. I'm a 2D and mixed media artist.

When did you start doing art and why? At a young age. When I was little, I would draw and copy logos. I started because it's a hobby. It's something I relax and enjoy. I'm not extending to share it or complicate it. Just trying to do something that makes me happy.

What's your Guiding question? What are the challenges of growing up in the twenty-first century?



Talking to these students was very interesting because it revealed their take on their perspectives in art and their art journeys. Artists here at LHHS have a valuable skill set, and I hope that in the future these artists succeed in their journeys.

Cinnamon Coffee Cake Recipe

by Maddie Rodriguez

Every time I make this Cinnamon Coffee Cake, it's gone by the next day. Friends beg me for the recipe and my family just can't get enough!

This recipe is perfect for the fall and winter seasons when you're looking for something warm and sweet. This coffee cake is a Starbucks dupe that feels so much more rewarding to eat because you made it with love.

My best friend, Alexa Uhley, absolutely loved it when she tried a piece. "When are you making it again? I need the recipe so my boyfriend and I can make it together!"

This recipe is perfect for a new baker looking for a slight challenge. The ingredients are simple and easy to find, and the technique is not difficult to execute.

Recipe

Makes: Two loaves

Bake time: 50-60 mins

Ingredients:

- 12 tbsp unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups sugar (extra 1/2 cup to make sweeter)
- 3 eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/4 cups Greek yogurt
- 2 1/2 cups AP flour
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt



Streusel topping (double for more topping/middle layer):

- 1/4 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 2/3 cup AP flour
- 2 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp salt

- 4 tbsp unsalted butter, cold and cubed

Instructions:

- Fold and mix together butter and sugar for 5-10 minutes until it's light and fluffy
- Whisk in 3 eggs until well combined
- Next, throw in vanilla and Greek yogurt, mix.
- In a separate bowl, whisk together all dry ingredients
- Slowly add dry ingredients into wet batter a little bit at a time until well combined. (add in 3 increments)
- Once batter is well incorporated, mix together streusel in a separate bowl
- Grab a 1lb* loaf pan. Add in 1/4 of the batter, then a generous layer of crumble, then another 1/4 layer of batter. Top with crumble
- There should be enough for 2(1lb) loaves. Don't bake all together in one pan or it will take forever to bake and come out extremely dry.
- Bake at 325°f for 50-60 minutes

Pet Lovers

by Ashley Coria

Pets, when you think about them, what comes to mind? A fuzzy cute animal, maybe a feathery friend, or even scaly. What we all agree on is pets are considered family. Pets are these wonder joys in our lives that we admire and shockingly trust.



First Interviewer: Destiny Coria

What's your pet's name? I have a Maltese named Nicko and a pug named Rosie.

When did you get it? My family got Nicko in early 2013. We got him a home near a gas station. We got Rosie from my mom's friend's pug litter. Her dog had babies and she gave us one. We got Rosie around Christmas time in 2021.

How old is your pet? Nicko is about to turn 10 in February and Rosie is 1 year old.

Any fun facts about your pet? Nicko has the biggest underbite you'll ever see and gets excited when he sees the walking leash, he jumps like crazy. Rosie is very aware of her surroundings. She's smart.



Second Interviewer: Madison Lang

What's your pet's name? My pets' names are Moon and Sherbet.

When did you get it? I got Moon and Sherbet 2 years ago.

How old is your pet? Sherbet is 3 and Moon is at least 6 years old.

Any fun facts about your pet? Moon is noisy and likes to see what everyone is doing. Moon is my best homework buddy.



Third Interviewer: Janay Garcia

What's your pet's name? My birds' names are Captain, Elvis, Amethyst, and Casper.

When did you get it? I got Amethyst in 2018, Captain and Elvis in 2020, and Casper in 2021.

How old is your pet? Amethyst is 5 years old, Captain is 3 years old, Elvis is 2 years old, and Casper is 2.

Any fun facts about your pet? My birds love to chill on the ceiling fan. They also enjoy being sprayed with water. They're attracted to cell phones and they won't hesitate to have midnight snacks (which keeps me up).

Those are some cute pets these fellow students have. Pets have a special place in our hearts and will always remain as one of our

Review: HBO's The Last of Us

By Lyric Chavez

(continued from the front page) Ellie was bit when she was 14 and has proved to be immune. Ellie's hope is that the organization called "The Fireflies" are able to create a vaccine using her blood.

Throughout the game the player sees the bond between Joel and Ellie grow, describing that unfolding relationship here. The game was so popular that there is a prequel version as well as a sequel.

The Last of Us: Left Behind was released in 2013. The game serves as a prequel of the first game. The story goes more in depth into Ellie's backstory. It also gives the players a vision of who Ellie was before the events of the game.

The second game came out as recently as 2020. It takes place four years after the events of The Last Of Us part one. In this we see Ellie and her attempt to gain revenge. The game got a 93% score on Metacritic.

In June of 2020 It was announced that there was going to be an adaptation of the game as a television show.

There were mixed reviews, some fans being excited by the announcement of the show adaptation, and others not. At the

time of the announcement the main argument was that the story and game in itself was already fine the way it was.

When the cast was announced many fans once again had mixed reviews.

Most hate for the casting was towards the actor Bella Ramsey who plays one of the main characters, Ellie. Bella Ramsey re-



ceived backlash for her role mostly because of fans claiming she did not look like Ellie from the game. However when it came to the acting Bella Ramsey brought the character to life.

Some fans claimed that the casting was good and well thought out. Whereas others thought some of the casting was faulty and did not portray the characters in the game

well.

Jayden Fazzio, a student at La Habra High School, has been a fan of the game for years, explained that he wished the show would have included the "spores" that are an integral part of the main plot of the video game.

"That's how the actual cordyceps function in real life but I don't mind too much." he says.

Overall Jayden said he prefers the game to the show. However in Jayden's opinion he believes that the show does do a great job in showing stuff the game hadn't but the show is slow paced.

The show premiered on HBO on January 15, 2023. With new episodes coming out every Sunday, the show will have a total of nine episodes. HBO already announced the show's renewal for a second season. So far the show has been high on views and has a 97% review on Rotten Tomatoes.

It also has a 4.5 out of 5 rating. The reason the game was so popular was mostly due to the story and plot line. The show is seeming to do a decent job at bringing that story to life and making it more in depth as well.

Although there may be some discourse surrounding it, it is clear that many people find it worth watching.

Movie Review: Megan

By Audrina Renteria

Audiences across America had the opportunity to watch Universal Picture's latest horror/thriller movie Megan, which released on January 6. With one of the first major releases of the new year, students of LHHS expressed their opinions about the movie.

"I expected the doll Megan to be killing

all the time," said sophomore Cesar Medina. "It took quite a long time for the doll Megan to turn evil. I expected Megan to be killing others from the start so I was surprised by how the movie ended."

Cesar went on to explain that he enjoyed the movie thanks to all of the scare and surprises. Although the movie may not have met all of his expectations, it certainly goes to show that it should not be judged by its cover!

Freshman Destiny Garcia described that she does like the movie because of the surprising nature of the film. "Although it was too weird and creepy for me I still thought it was a good



movie. The most surprising thing to me was when the Megan doll took revenge on a little boy for bullying a girl." Megan is certainly filled with its share of twists, turns, and general surprises. The success of the film has resulted in a sequel already having been announced, with the working title Megan 2.0.



Product Review: Glossier’s New Deodorant

By Raegan Arroyo

Makeup brand Glossier, known for their “makeup/no makeup” looks along with their famous “Glossier You” perfume, has released a new deodorant in three scents, one of which matches their famous perfume.

As an avid user of Glossier’s “You” perfume, hearing there was a deodorant with the same scent immediately piqued my interest. So as any true journalist would, I grabbed my debit card and purchased the deodorant in the scent “You” to see if it was really worth it.

When my package arrived, I was excited to see the sleek packaging, but also learned that the deodorant was aluminum free (aluminum clogs the

pores of your armpits)!

Upon trying out this deodorant for the first time, I was surprised by the rather smooth consistency, it sort of melts into your skin. But in all transparency I didn’t really care about any of these factors, I really cared about the scent.

I take pride in my consistent usage of the “You” perfume scent, and frequently get compliments on my scent, so obviously a matching deodorant should make me smell 12xs better!

Upon wearing my new deodorant matched with the perfume, I did as any rational person would, and asked my friends to sniff me, once in the morning, once at

lunch, and once at the end of the day. 100% of the time they’d reply “you still smell like you!” and I can indeed verify their word as I could frequently smell the scent at random times throughout the day.



Overall I’d say the deodorant is really worth it, especially if your scent is something that piques your interest. It’s not for everyone, but it’s definitely for you!

Ed Sheeran: False King or Connoisseur?

By Jacob Metzen

It has been six long years since Ed Sheeran’s most popular hit, “Shape Of You,” came onto the music scene, and now that he no longer completely dominates the top charts of played music, a question must be asked. Is Ed Sheeran perfectly rated, or is he perhaps overrated?

Before his explosion of popularity, Ed Sheeran’s music was gaining popularity as his songs were increasing in streams. But they only ranged about 46 million streams and mostly due to his once popular song, “The A-Team.” He was on this stagnant line of barely increasing until the year 2017 rolled around, and on January 6th his magnum opus “Shape Of You” dropped to people’s ears across spectrums.

His music success suddenly started snowballing and he started gaining numbers that have never been reached before. His best selling songs passed the 2.3 million copies sold and became the most streamed songs of their time. But now his time has passed and his songs have slowly started slipping down the charts.

“I listen to him like three times a year,” says junior Alyssa Sandoval, who thinks

that artists like Celine Dion, Lady Gaga, and Kendrick Lamar are better artists than Sheeren.



“I do think he deserves his success because he works hard,” Alyssa continues, “he just looks funny and is an easy target, but

he definitely does deserve his success.”

Junior Valeria Cante however, says that “This morning I was listening to him pretty much everyday because my spotify playlist just repeats.” While she does seem to like him she does think that other artists such as Whitney Houston, Shakira, Miley Cirus, and The Weeknd are better.

“In the category of heart-warming, industry music I feel like he deserves that success.” Valeria goes on, “I actually think that he’s underrated.”

So now that his hype has died down a little and recency bias is less effective, people still do think that his success is deserved even if they think others are better than Ed Sheeran and even if they hardly listen to him. So we can conclude that, Ed Sheeran is now perfectly rated.

Album Review: The Attractions of Youth

By Ivy A. Russell

Barns Courtney’s debut album, *The Attraction of Youth* was released on September 29th, 2017. Although the album is five years old, it still holds its unique charm.

The Attractions of Youth is an alternative music with both a blues and a rock vibe. It’s fiery and loud with isolated moments of incredible sincerity. Every song seems to have its own pulse, riveting with life in its own unique way.

One of the most popular songs on the album is “Glitter and Gold.” It has been in many tv shows and movies, including the intro song for the show *Safe*, a trailer for the movie *Founder*, and an anthem for the Green Bay Packers. The song has an intense vibe and gives off a sense of greatness. His voice stands raised above the powerful music as he sings, “I am flesh and I am bone, rise up, ting ting, like glitter and gold.”

When talking about the recording of the song, lead singer Barnaby George Courtney said, “We made the bass drums out of an old filing cabinet in the hallway. And there was no bass guitar so we made the bass out of a piano in the rec room and percussive

elements from scissor snips and film cans and drumsticks on a tile floor.”

The song right after Glitter and Gold is one called “Hands.” It’s the third song on



the album, and it’s my personal favorite. It’s about meeting and falling for a stranger, losing them, and trying to find them

again. It starts out with a sudden burst of music, then a great drum rhythm. Out of all the songs in the album, this one holds the most riveting energy, and his voice is the most powerful.

The last song has the same name as the album: “The Attractions of Youth.” In this song he talks about being a mess, singing, “Oh my pretty reckless youth. These streets were made for me and you.” He has a sense of pride in his recklessness, understanding that this is the time to be because he’s young and unsure about where he’s going in life.

Even though this time of his life seems to be in the present, he’s already missing it. There’s a strong sense of nostalgia. He knows it’s going to go away eventually, singing, “Dreaming on your window sill. You don’t live now, you never will.” This song ends the album on an incredibly wistful note.

The Attractions of Youth is an incredible, fierce album that will send energy and power through your veins. It’s available on vinyl, CD, and all online platforms.

Why Do You Teach?

By Nate Forquer

At school we are surrounded by hard workers every single day, students may come to mind but the teachers here at La Habra High School also put in an incredible amount of time and effort to make sure the students here are given the best high school experience possible.



Mrs. Rivera: Spanish 2 Honors and Spanish 3 Honors

Mrs. Rivera has been teaching since 1996 and has been a Spanish teacher at La Habra for three years, and is always prepared to have her students learn, have fun, and feel cared about.

When asked about how La Habra stands out, she said, “The students here are resilient and they don’t give up.” Teaching is an important part of Mrs. Rivera’s everyday life because she

sees knowledge as “the one thing that nobody can take away from you, and learning teaches us how to defend ourselves.”

As someone who aspires to be a teacher someday, I asked Mrs. Rivera if she had any recommendations for students that want to pursue a career in teaching, she replied saying, “They need to love the profession, they need to be passionate, care about their students, and be ready to make an impact” she then added that “it takes a lot of time but it’s very rewarding and every day you’re going to be happy about something with your students.”



Mr. Neavez: AP Literature, MBA English 4, and Journalism/Advanced Journalism

Mr. Neavez primarily teaches English here

at La Habra High School in addition to Journalism, and is even an alumni himself. After an exciting return to La Habra in 2015, Mr. Neavez feels right at home on campus.

I also asked Mr. Neavez if he had any advice for students interested in the education field where he provided some helpful tips for students getting started, “I’d say definitely have a plan and research the different credential programs schools offer, have an idea of what subject you want to teach, and understand where you want to be in the near future,” Mr. Neavez himself had a lot of English teachers that inspired him to major in the subject.

As an English teacher, Mr. Neavez likes how English has links students to the human condition and experience and he encourages his students to “find meaningful connections in all kinds of literature no matter how new or old”

Teachers are the backbone of our school, taking on the task of teaching the next generation. It’s a job for those with big hearts and a passion for learning, and more importantly those who want to see others succeed. They allow students to be creative, form their own opinions, and teach us how to be responsible young adults by the time we graduate.

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Cheer Team Takes CIF

By Raegan Arroyo

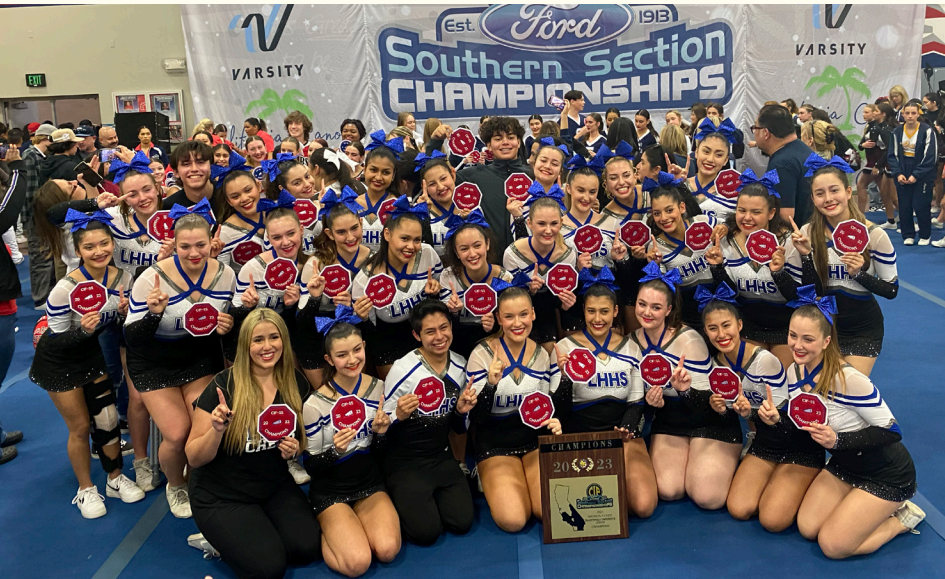
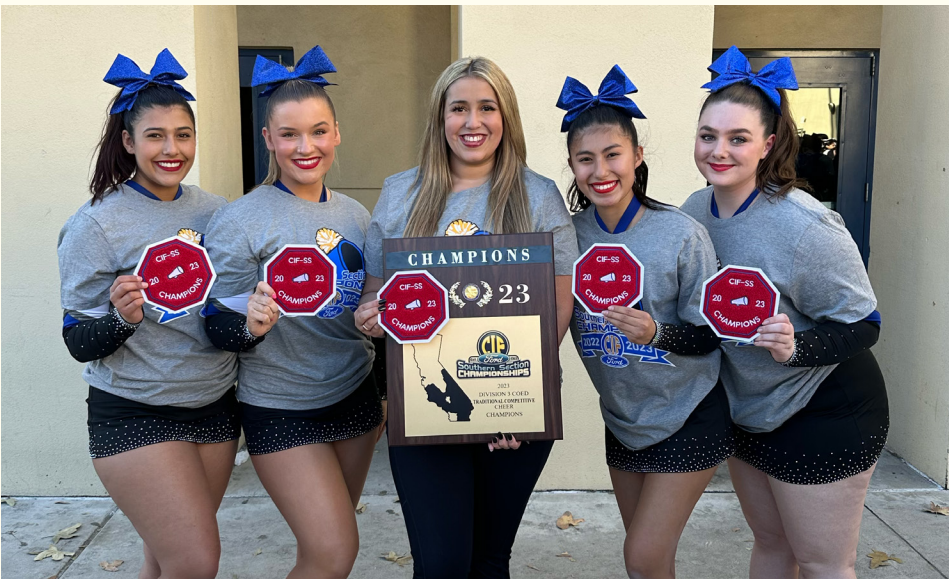
On Saturday January 21st our La Habra High School Division 3 Co-Ed team brought home the CIF title for the first time in two years.

Going against six other teams, our team, which is composed of over 50 cheerleaders, brought home first place in their division.

Led by captains Sarah Paredes, Alli Torres, Megan Kelly, and Co-Captain Charlie Merrel, this team worked day in and day out to ensure that their cheerful, frozen themed routine would just wow the judges.

Wowing the judges is what they did in-

deed! As Senior Captain Sarah Paredes described the moment, “ I really couldn’t believe that we won, we went up against lots of other talented teams, and somehow we ended up on top! I definitely shed a few tears.” This is Sarah Paredes fourth year on the cheer team, and



first time winning cif. Junior Charlie Merrell also got her first cif win this year. She felt it “was the best time of the whole season, I couldn’t imagine it going any other way, I just knew we were gonna win.”

After their weeks of preparation, and plenty of weekend prac-

tices I think we all knew that our LHHS cheerleaders would hit o and bring home this momentous win.

Congratulations to LHHS Cheer!

Lebron James Makes History

By Max Manzer

On February 7th, 2023, Lebron James made basketball history. Scoring 38 points against the Oklahoma City Thunder, James broke the all-time NBA scoring record, with 38,388 points.

An achievement like this is nothing new for James. After several league MVPs and NBA championships under his belt, some say that this was the final stepping stone for true G.O.A.T status.

The festivities were rampant both during and after the game. Surprisingly, the NBA opted to stop a close and contested game

to honor LeBron, rather than playing the game out to completion. The arena was going crazy the whole time, as the scoreboard had a special graphic to celebrate the achievement.

After the game, James recalled who and what helped him to get where he is today. He credits a large amount of his success to his wife Savannah and his mother Gloria. He reminisced about the 1988 Christmas, when he was three. He cites this as the moment he fell

in love with basketball, as his mother bought him a small hoop and basket-ball.

Unfortunately, any achievement of this caliber cannot go without controversy. The Lakers ended up losing this game to the

Thunder, by a scoreline of 133-130. People have claimed this was the epitome of the Lakers tumultuous season, as losing a game with this significance has to leave a stain on an otherwise clean track record.



On a lighter note, soon enough people will not be talking about the outcome of the game; just one shot in particular. LeBron is sure to go down as one of, if not the greatest of all time

Heartbreak Hoco (Finale) *By Zen Rame*

(continued from the previous issue!)

“Wait!” Eve said while quickly grabbing onto Iris’ hand.

Eve now had her moment. Her perfect moment to kiss Iris in the rain and tell her the truth about it all. Not completely what she wanted but it would be close enough to the perfect movie ending. She slowly sat Iris back down while still taking her hand. Iris was too confused and cold to protest anything so she went along with it all.

“Eve, it’s fine if you can’t say anything now. You can take another day or two if you aren’t ready so please just let me go, it’s getting cold,” Iris said.

“Eve, I’m sorry I am, I know I was being an awful friend who should’ve put my childish feelings behind me and just come clean to tell you why I was being so petty. Iris I-”

“Iris! Babe, what are you doing out there? You’re going to get soaking wet out in the rain, come back inside!” Eve was cut off by the shouts of Iris’s date.

Iris looked back at her date and then back over at Eve. Whatever Eve was about to say would just be washed away anyway. There was a moment of silence between the two girls, the world was quiet except for the moments of rain that softly hit the ground. What kind of movie ending is this? This is the kind where the person in love with another sees that it’s time to let them go but puts up a fight about it. They would stand

in the rain to yell at them about how much they loved them and how their life changed for the better.

“Eve, I’m so sorry.”

“No, no...” Eve said to herself softly,

“Wait, no, Iris...Iris wait!”

Reluctantly Iris turned around. “What?”

“I’m in love with you!” Eve said loudly, jumping up from the table.

The rain slowed down alongside the music after Eve’s “huge” declaration of love. She started walking towards Iris, wanting to explain herself further but she was beaten by Iris’ date. Yet, Iris didn’t seem to notice him, she was distracted by the fact that her best friend who hadn’t been talking to her had just said the most life-changing words a person could say. The two friends once again just had their eyes on each other, one filled with shock and confusion while the other was waiting for an answer. This was supposed to be the moment where Iris shared common feelings with a smile on her face. She would then take Eve’s face as they exchanged a kiss in the rain with music playing softly in the background but, not everything was going as planned. Instead, she got a shocked expression from the boy who stole her chance. At this point Eve wanted Iris to say something. “Yes” “No” “Maybe let me think about it” or an “I’ve always been in love with you too!” would have worked perfectly but she just stared. As Eve was about to say something

else, suddenly time shifted back to reality and the physics boy grabbed Iris’s shoulder.

“Okay, it’s time to get you back inside you’re freezing.” He said.

He handed her his jacket and led her back inside while the rain was pouring over their heads. He stopped before they got to the door and whispered something which made Iris giggle. They looked long into each other’s eyes as Iris caressed his face. He went in first and there they were. Having their perfect movie moment. It doesn’t take a fool to know what Iris’s choice was. They both laugh as they head back inside. Iris takes one last look over at Eve who is still standing in the rain. She feels pity for her friend yet, she knows the choice she made and almost feels a little sorry for herself but, she wasn’t going to let Eve ruin the ending she also dreamed of having. Iris gave Eve a little wave while mouthing “I’m so sorry” as she headed back inside the building. There Eve was, standing in the rain as her friend goes off to live out the dream she wanted for the both of them. Eve knew she shouldn’t have had her expectations so high and that the “perfect movie ending” wasn’t real and she would be left lonelier than she was after this day but, can you blame a teenager for being in love? Though, where does love lead you but being heartbroken on homecoming?

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Angels Owner Chooses Not to Sell

By Max Manzer

The Los Angeles Angels have been through both triumph and turmoil over their 62 years as a Major League Baseball team. Winning a world series in 2002, the Angels have accomplished something not every team can; becoming a champion.

Unfortunately, these winning ways have not been present as of late. The Angels own the longest current playoff drought in the MLB, having not made it since 2014.

Considering they are currently fielding a roster with both Mike Trout and Shohei Ohtani, arguably two of the greatest players of their generation, it is consistently disappointing to see the lack of success they are receiving.

Blame is thrown out at every level of the organization, but the most consistent name is Arte Moreno, the owner of the Angels. Fans have been frustrated over his lack

of big spending to get the players that are needed to field a winning team.

At the end of the 2022 season, Moreno announced he was planning to sell the team, and was looking for buyers. Fans were mostly ecstatic, as new ownership could mean someone willing to spend the money necessary to win. But after 4-5 months, Moreno changed his mind, and announced he wouldn’t be selling the team.

His reasoning for not selling was simple; he felt he had contribution left to give. Arte still believes that he can lead this team to a winning season, as well as furthering the experience of the fans. This is seen in



his statement, where he said “It became clear that we have unfinished business and feel we can make a positive impact on the future of the team and the fan experience.”

This was quite the news to fans, as most had collectively agreed that he had a severe lack of interest in actually winning, just wanting to make money.

Overall, it is hard to tell how this will affect the team next season. On one hand, he really could live up to his promise, and help this team win again. On the other hand, this could be another lackluster season for Anaheim, plagued by injuries and lack of production, which could end with the leaving of star two-way player Shohei Ohtani. Only time will tell.

A Colossal Success or a Future Failure?

(Continued from the front page) The method sounds like something from science fiction or from movies like “Jurassic Park,” and yet it is happening in reality and will bear fruit in this current decade which shows the absolute massive breakthrough in science that this is.

Colossal Biosciences also announced that they intend to bring back the Tasmanian Tiger and the Dodo.

This now begs the question as to why are these animals being brought back? For the Dodo and Thylacine, Colossal has said that it is returning these animals to the world because we took them out of it and have some right to come back to it. But the



Mammoth can actually impact the environment with its presence.

By Jacob Metzen

Tree’s take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen back into the atmosphere and Mammoths used to knock down trees which creates open spaces for grassland and grasslands store carbon dioxide within them. They then get compounded with snow and permafrost, trapping the carbon dioxide and keeping from going into the atmosphere which has been a rudimentary problem in climate change. What the re-introduction of the Mammoth could do to the environments of the world sounds too good to be true which also begs the question of whether or not

Colossal is really up to the task?

On their official website, many scientists who have been invited to check out Colossal at their laboratory have said many positive things about the company. And these scientists are very accredited figures in their respective fields which shows that Colossal isn’t simply just an attention-grabbing corporation that needed some extra cash. They’ve also raised up to \$200 million in funding for each species and are partnered with dozens of conservation organizations which also shows that they know what they’re doing.

So can Colossal Biosciences actually put their money where their mouth is? Only time will tell but they have already shown the world what they have going for them and if they succeed, it can start a new wave of conservation and species rehabilitation so that way nobody will ever have to say that they wish they could’ve seen these species themselves.

Is TikTok Corrupting Our Brains?

Since 2018, the social media platform “TikTok” has grown to have a total of 1.53 billion users. Tiktok has built a massive community over the years, but as this community grew there have been a plethora of negative impacts from this free app.

If you are not familiar with this platform “TikTok creators” can post 3 second to 3 minute long videos for the public eye to watch. Videos posted on this app range from innocent videos of moms stocking their fridge in fast motion to life threatening challenges that influence children and teens to perform hazardous activities. Over 1 billion of these videos are watched daily.

Smartsocial states “TikTok can also have negative impacts on teens by encouraging them to participate in dangerous social media challenges, connecting them with bullies or predators, or encouraging screen time addiction. Parents should learn what tiktok is and talk with their kids about properly using the app.”

According to Wallaroomdia.com Generation Z (1997-2012) makes up 60% of TikTok audience and 67% are teenagers. Neurologists have done several studies proving there are more negatives than positives coming from this app.

TikTok users have an average of spending a total of 95 minutes a day scrolling through videos. Knowing this, you may be shocked and ask yourself what impact this

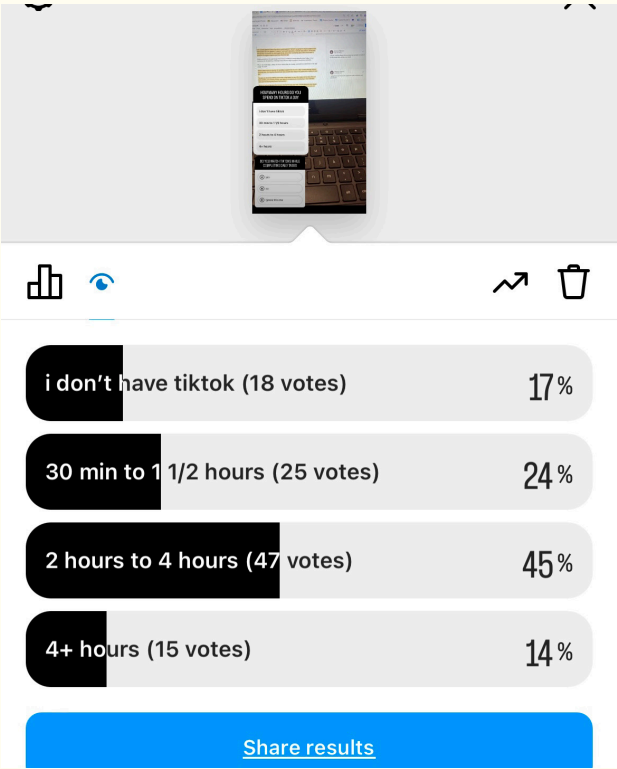
addiction is making in your life.

Through an Instagram poll, I asked my followers, who consist of fellow students and a few adults, how many hours they spend on TikTok. I gathered a Total of 95 participants and the results were 17% don’t have TikTok, 24% spend 30 minutes to 1 1/2 hours, 45% spend 2 to 4 hours on the app, and 14% spend more than 4 hours a day scrolling on TikTok.

Though you think that TikTok won’t make a big impact on your life, reflect on the idea that just from scrolling and viewing TikTok, your brain is simultaneously developing a lower attention span and increasing depression and anxiety.

Most of the Tik Toks being watched are less than 15 seconds or even shorter since as soon as the viewer loses interest you can easily scroll to another video and immediately watch another. Because of this it is easy for viewers to lose track of the time they are spending endlessly scrolling. This design of the app causes users to start get-

By Allie Valentine



ting addicted to their phones.

“Sometimes I get so caught up in watching these videos that it is easy for me to get behind on my everyday errands. For lent I am trying to give up my social media platforms to see how much my life will improve.” - Melissa Ponce

TikTok is not just affecting the way you live but the way you think. TikTok influences

their target audience to think and believe whatever they watch. This can negatively affect how kids and teens view themselves and the way they act in today’s society.

As teens are still developing their prefrontal cortex, the brain is receiving inputs from other parts of the brain that are influenced by TikTok. The proven effects from medium.com are the following emo-

tions and rewards, delayed gratification, immediate gratification, and F.O.M.O (fear of missing out).

Along with the poll of how much time people spend daily on the app I asked a follow up question. Do you watch TikTok while completing daily tasks? I was even shocked with these results as 57 people chose yes and 31 chose no.