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Estes, Aro-Valle win elections

By Natalie Pullen & Sonam Shah

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Aro-Valle Thankful

On Tuesday, November 5, Union City voters appointed Barbara Aro-Valle to the New Haven Unified School Board. Aro-Valle earned 36.8 percent of the vote, according to *The Argus*.

Aro-Valle would like to thank the voters for their confidence in her.

“I am looking forward to working with the community to build this [school district] back up to what it used to be,” said Aro-Valle. “I am excited about the new challenge [of working for the community].”

Community members approached Aro-Valle, asking her to run. She knew a lot of people,

especially the teachers’ association, were upset with the direction the school district was going. And she felt she now has the time to invest on the school board because of the age of her children, one of whom attends Logan as a senior.

Aro-Valle has many goals she wishes to accomplish as a member of the school board.

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Gun rumor proven false; still frightening

By Hamidah Ha

Staff Writer

In early October, a rumor about a gun on campus was started by a student to get another student in trouble.

“As soon as [the administration] heard, [they] immediately started searching and talking to a lot of people,” said Principal Don Montoya.

Many students did not know of the rumor.

“I did not hear anything about it at all,” said senior Elaine Cabrales.

In the event there is a gun at school, “the police would take over, but it would depend on the circumstance, for example bringing the gun to class,” said Montoya.

Even so, many students have mixed feeling about the situation.

I would not care if there was a gun on campus because there are a lot of people at school,” said junior Francesca Alejandro. “What are the chances of me getting shot?”

Meanwhile, Elaine Cabrales said, “I’d ask my teachers what was up first, and if I did not feel safe, I would go home.”

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Letters to the Editor

Awesome is the word that best describes my first issue of Courier.

I loved it! The Art Direction is excellent. Although no Art Director is listed in your staff box, someone must have designed the clean, reader-friendly page. Kudos!

Of course, the best part is the articles. Natalie Pullen's article about voter apathy forced me to re-evaluate my decision not to vote on Tuesday. And, being in the fashion business myself, I

particularly enjoyed Yvonne Reykalin's article on fashion throwbacks and Valerie Zerbini's revealing article on the Invisible thong. The sports updates were great. My favorite articles were Melissa Perez's Best Buddies feature and Abdul Arsala's moving article about his Afghan family.

I love the diversity at Logan and the Courier does an incredible job of presenting the many different issues of life on campus. Even where I didn't agree

with the point of view expressed, I appreciated the well researched and thoughtfully written articles.

Thank you for including me on your distribution list. I have printed a color copy and will be sure to share it with my student and family.

Sincerely,

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Logan parent*

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Safety remains an issue for another school year

By Valerie Zerbini
Features Editor

The year has just begun, and already I fear for my safety at James Logan High School as a result of the stupidity of other students.

But it really is not the lack of maturity I see in students that gets me angry; it is the lack of discipline I see, or better yet, do not see, enforced at Logan.

I can truthfully say that for the two months school has been in session, there has been a fight almost every day. Some fights go unseen, but nonetheless someone gets hurt.

Thankfully, I am noticing that many students are being suspended, but is this really going to make them rationalize their actions? I doubt it, but how the administrators chose to discipline or not discipline a student is completely and totally up to them. I have no say, but I do have an opinion.

One recent event, occurred November 1, 2002, the lovely day of Homecoming. I witnessed a small confrontation at the float building area. What the fight was about? Your guess is just as good as mine. But the reason is besides my point.

One boy, nameless to me, approached another boy, yelled at him and punched him so hard that I heard the collision of skin standing about 20 feet away. Luckily, one of the boys was man enough (I say man enough because only a man would degrade his dignity in such a way) to back down and not throw the second punch.

Mind you that this happened in an area where school officials should have been watching, yet no one was there. I did happen to see two PE teachers standing on the other side of the gate, and unless they are blind and deaf, they saw the crowd form and heard the vulgar language exchanged. They only glimpsed at the situation and continued talking amongst themselves.

Now, I will give them the benefit of the doubt and say that maybe they thought the commotion was due to the stress of getting the finishing touches done on the floats, but either way they should have at least investigated the situation.

Here is another recent event: on November 5, 2002, during sixth period lunch, I noticed that someone lit a garbage can on fire. I understand

this is not a big deal, especially since a student was smart enough to throw water on it, but, yet again, there were no school officials in or near the area where this arsonist was having his or her fun.

Later, as the bell for the 6-minute passing period to seventh period class rang, another garbage can was lit on fire. This time an official was walking by and noticed the fire. To my amusement, this person started looking for someone else to take action, leaving the garbage can STILL ON FIRE.

Of course, in the end, the fire was put out with some chocolate milk and a cup of soda. But it is clearly obvious that no investigations as to who started these acts of arson was pursued. Also no announcements were made to notify students that the school was on lock down because of a dumb choice made by a student or students.

My overall point, simply put is that if Logan does not have enough eyes to monitor the campus, then it should pay the extra money to have police on campus. And I might add, a police officer is the one thing I have not seen at Logan since the beginning of October.

Discussing the race issue

Modern times includes dealing with old issues

By Kenneth Nagata
Managing Editor

The classification of the species Homo sapiens has been a problem for humans for centuries. The reason is because we are still at square one asking ourselves “Is race real?”. The arguments are definitely real. Based on my experiences and debates I have had in my Issues in Ethnic Studies class, I have found half the people will argue that race is not real, and the other half state that race is real, but there is still no concrete answer. Let’s look at the arguments from both sides.

Race is not real.

Some say we are all part of one race, the human race. It is a figment of the human imagination because our differences are only skin deep. There are only six genes of difference between humans that determine skin color; six genes out of 53,210, according to a KRON investigation.

The only reason race was created was to separate power and to keep one group in control. Humans keep race to make themselves feel like they

belong to a group that looks similar to them. Some scientists claim everyone originated from Africa. Then humans probably migrated and changed skin color, but if humans removed the skin and looked inside, they all still have hearts, lungs, stomachs, intestines, blood and other organs that are identical from human to human. Simply put, humans came from the same place, they have the same insides, therefore they are the same race.

Race is real

Humans did start as people in the same race. The human species first made its appearance in Africa, where they were one race, Homo sapiens. Then the human species split up and migrated to different continents. They changed due to isolation over time and became subspecies, different from each other. If they change and are now different, then they are no longer the same race. They are now different species with different genetics and physical features. There are only six genes that are different but those six genes are still six genes of difference. Those differences in the Homo sapiens race cause

Homo sapiens to be categorized into five major categories: European, Asian, Black, Arabian and Native American, according to the KRON report. Which simply means “They were once the same race, then over time they changed and created different races.”

Perception

Both sides of the race debate have valid arguments. There is both evidence to support or oppose the statement that race is real. So in reality, race only exists if each individual thinks it does. Whether it race exists to you or not, humans still breathe, think, eat, love, hate and feel; we must learn to not fight among ourselves. We must accept all other humans for the greater good of the human species; we should find another species to fight against.

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Why are there lemons in the salad?

By Sonam Shah

Copy Editor

Despite my “practice” every time I fly I am baffled by the stupidity of humanity that seems to prevail. There are small things to start picking at, and then the much larger ones.

I landed in Salt Lake City Airport at about 2:00 Mountain Standard time. So, what is standard time exactly? This question, despite it’s probably simplicity, has always baffled me. If you understand it, please, do tell.

As I sat there, a man with tremendous scars across his face sat in the next row. He, of course, whipped out his cell phone. It now seems that humans can not go four minutes without looking preoccupied by something they truly aren’t preoccupied by at all. As he sits there he insists to speak to a Cathy Egbert or some other odd last name. When told she isn’t there, he requests to *not* leave a message. Is it just me or does this scream affair? Thoughts of Gary Condit cross my mind, images of Chandra Levy, and other nonsense. He calls other numbers looking for this suspicious “Cathy” figure, before he gives up, never having left one message for her. I gather that she left a message for him through someone who contacted

him and now he is attempting to contact her. He tells people to tell her he called, but never once leaves a recorded message. This is also time consuming for my mind, which is good because I have time to burn. As I sit watching him another black-coated, suited up, DC man sits down.

He calls his sister, his sister-in-law, his friend, his veterinarian, I believe the next person on the list was Santa Claus, *just* to speak to someone. His sister picks up the phone.

“Hey! Guess who I just ran into?” Now, I don’t know what she said, but let’s put this on a relative scale. She is, as I gathered in Washington, D.C., what do you think she said? The tooth fairy? Why do people say that when you know they can *not* guess correctly? Just to shoot down your ego? Apparently that is satisfying.

“Well no,” After she guesses wrong, “Cathy (another Cathy, no joke), and John Winton!” Pause. The look of enthusiasm on his face makes me laugh. “That’s right...Drew, you remember, their son?”

Now, what is his sister going to say? Of course I don’t, I don’t remember him from a brick in a wall. Explain who Drew is, *in detail*, because I, like you, have so much time to burn *right now*. He

explains who Drew is, regardless of what she said, “Their seventeen year old son, he’s getting ready for his mission, he’s very excited apparently. That’s wonderful!” He goes on, the conversation ends eventually. My guess? Maryanne hung up long before he did.

He calls his friends. “Guess who I just ran into?” This time someone else sitting in the seats answers, “Could it be Cathy and John Winton?” He laughs as though this is funny. It is not.

The meal on a plane is always interesting. My question is the addition of a lemon to salad. I personally, have never seen a lemon in a salad aside from an airplane. Personally I think they have the lemon category covered through the Lemon Zest Fat-Free dressing, but that’s just me. There must be people out there who would find it offending that that satisfies my lemon cravings. Now, personally, I would prefer two or three olives. Stick a dead rat in there, whatever you got, but why a lemon? Why? What for? I don’t eat it. My neighbor doesn’t touch it, she’s fortunate enough to get TWO lemons. Oh joy, TWO whole lemons. What are they for? We’re all heard those random polls of how expensive one more olive is in every meal. Here’s a thought: get rid of the lemon.

The angst of college stress

By Natalie Pullen
Editor-in-Chief

I've seen the frazzled faces each November, this time reflected on my own and those closest to me. Seniors start the year out so giddy, but pseudo-smiles begin appearing around late September.

Observers can practically see the impending images whirl around inside our heads. It's already apparent we'll dread filling out multiple applications (anyone else think "Supplemental Forms," by definition, defeat the purpose of having ONE Common Application?) And after thinking of teachers we haven't upset (too much), the list of possible letter of recommendation writers is, well, short.

Of course, there's always the time-consuming task of looking up Social-Security numbers, asking parents about their own education, and looking up codes we didn't even know the school had (Logan's CEEB code is 050969, by the way). But the single-greatest producer of stressed seniors is also the most

feared aspect of the application process: writing essays begging admissions officers to let us into Dream School.

So now, a note to my peers: Breathe. You **will** end up somewhere. I swear on my left hand you will. And I also promise you that where you call home for the next four years will not matter nearly as much as 1) you presently think it does and 2) what do you when you get there. Your life will not be over if you did not get into a UC; there are 3000-plus colleges in America, so I am sure lots of other institutions offer just as good (and probably better) an education. No matter where you go, you will make friends, learn the importance of shower thongs, and discover new cranial muscles you didn't even know you had. So relax.

Now a note to the sick freaks who control the admissions process: Do none of you reproduce? You mean to tell me you've never seen your own offspring go through the grueling process of searching for Utopia University? Your own children never abandoned their (let me stress) WARM,

comfortable beds on dark November mornings to sit in cold gyms for three hours, bubbling in circles? Laid-back, mild-mannered Junior never mutated into a spastic, stressed hellion who only disappears once two-hundred bucks have been mailed by May 1?

Because if you have witnessed any of this, no possible excuse exists for not trying to change the admissions process. You are condemning America's posterity to become neurotic seventeen-year-olds. And, man, that's just wrong.

So might I make a suggestion? I know we as a nation know little about our neighbor to the North (and who'd want to after hearing *O, Canada*, right?) But you'd be surprised that they do, occasionally, come up with some pretty good ideas (for now, we shall ignore curling). Some of Canada's better ones have been hockey (Go Flyers!), maple syrup, and college application due dates in June of senior year. Now that's what I call a pretty good idea, eh?

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Students left puzzled after gun scare on campus

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There have been problems like this before, but they do not happen often. After the situation surfaced, “the administration followed regular discipline procedures. Students want to feel safe at school too. Usually students give us information about any weapon, even though we are not acknowledged one

hundred percent of the time,” said Montoya.

Students were not notified about the gun on campus, and many felt uninformed, but also safe at the same time.

“I would be scared, but I would stay calm so no one else would panic,” said Cabrales.

Even though it was just a rumor, the person could receive disciplinary action.

“Depending on [the depth] of the situation, that person would [receive] consequences [for his or her behavior],” said Montoya.

“I do not think it is absurd that this rumor got around,” said Cabrales, “because it is so common nowadays.”

SATs remaining building blocks for college

By Leydi Panuco

Staff Writer

The SATs are back, and students are ready to take them.

This year James Logan High School has had an increase in students who are taking the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude test). For the past few years, there has been an increase in the amount of students who are taking the SAT.

“We actually have quite a few students taking the SAT,” said career center’s technician Carolyn Rosell, “If we can get the old gym, [then the test will be taken there], including five other rooms with about twenty to thirty students in each one. There are about two hundred students taking the test.”

Usually, the SAT is taken on Saturdays, at different schools in the Bay Area. All test information

is on the back of a packet, which is given to the students who purchase a ticket.

“[Many students take the test] mainly to go to college,” said Rosell. According to the college boards, students should take the test during their junior year. Even though some students may think that if they score high on the test, they will automatically go to the college they want, but in reality colleges do not only look at the test scores alone, they also look at a student’s grade point average (GPA), and other thing too. The test is also used to see how well students comprehend the subject they are studying.

“[The test is important] because you can see how well you are doing. I am taking the test just to see how well I am doing in

school,” said freshman Anthony Orozco.

“The SAT is reasoning tests, which is what colleges use to see if students can handle college material,” said Rosell.

The SATs cost \$26.00 Orozco said, “[The price] is okay, I mean, it’s not too expensive.”

Although there is a fee-waiver, only certain people that eligible to apply for it. To get a fee-waiver, a student should go to the Career Center technician and ask if they are eligible for the fee-waiver. If they are eligible, they would then go to their counselor, and ask for a fee-waiver form. As soon as the form is completed the student is required to send the form by mail to a special address. There is a

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McDonald's sponsors World Children's Day

By Sonam Shah
Copy Editor

November 20, 2000 marked World Children's day.

World Children's day is mainly organized by the McDonald's Corporation with locations in over 121 different countries. An estimated 29,000 different restaurants are to have participated in the event.

Money spent on World Children's day at designated McDonald's locations is meant to go directly back into the community. On November 20, one dollar was donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities for every purchase of an Egg McMuffin, Egg McMuffin Value Meal, Happy Meal, Mighty Kids Meal, Big Bac, or a Big Mac Value

Meal. Ronald McDonald House Charities remains a nonprofit organization aimed directly at supporting communities and families.

The goals of the event are not only to give money back to the community in which McDonald's is located, but also to bring attention to the needs of children world wide.

Logan teacher wins prestigious Internet Innovator Award

By Marion Johnson
Staff Writer

Every year a teacher is chosen to receive an award called the Internet Innovators Award because of their recent achievements. The award is given to teachers who find a way, using the internet, to expand the resources and knowledge of students studying a particular subject.

This year James Logan's Biology teacher Daniel Chaja was awarded the Internet Innovators Award. Chaja's contribution to history came in the form of Genetic Web Pages. He gave his students a choice of topics including: DNA Structure and Replication, Cell Reproduction, and Common

Genetic Diseases. Chaja's students then researched their chosen topic and made web pages on that topic, the student's web pages were then linked to a home site for all future biology students, and interested web surfers to view.

Chaja won 10,000 dollars to do with as he pleased and the school was also granted 20,000 dollars to further their studies in the Internet and how it can be used to boost student knowledge and curriculum.

Chaja has plan big plans for his share of the money as well, "I'm hoping to take a trip to China."

For more information visit <http://www.everyschool.org/u/global/dchaja/webpages/webpageindex.html>

Navigating through the SATs

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deadline date, so students must keep in mind that if the form is marked at least one day after the deadline date, the form will automatically be rejected. The catch is a student can get a fee-waiver only once throughout his or her four years of high school.

"The only way that students will get better at taking tests is by actually taking tests, that way they get the practice. Which is why the PSAT is given. It is recommended for students to take the PSAT's first. Most students take the PSAT, because they are going to take the SAT too," said Rosell. "And it is a great way to prepare themselves for the SAT."

Talking the issues with McKenna

Compiled by Sonam Shah, Yasin Shah & Valerie Zerbini

Copy Editor, News Editor & Features Editor

Q: What are the issues that need to be dealt with in the New Haven Unified School District immediately?

A: Well, I think that the prop 47 did pass, and so certainly top of my list is to figure out is what we're going to do about the bond. Because we need to pass a local bond in order to get the match so we can make the improvements at Logan High and the rest of the district. So, that, is the top of my list for new issues as a result of prop 47.

Q: And by improving Logan, what does that entail?

A: Well we'll be rebuilding that school, we'll be replacing the portable classrooms with permanent 2 story structures. Uh, we'll be improving all of the technology in the school. We'll be locating house offices around the school so that it's really a house system. So, food service and social areas are really around a house complex.

Q: How do you feel about the recent board elections?

A: I think the voters did their duty. And I think we'll move on.

Q: Rumor has it that Pioneer is going to be closed down as an elementary school and reopened as an alternative school.

A: Again, I think you need to talk to the Board members because that came out in the press related to the elections...

Q: But you don't know...

A: There has been no discussion about that with me.

Q: There are a lot of safety issues at Logan right now. A lot of students are concerned, [as well as] parents. [We] were wondering what you believe from what you have heard is going to be done about this?

A: Well, I believe the administrators are working very hard to be sure that they are aware of all the issues, and dealing with the issues on a case by case basis.

Um, I think that they, we have a new administrative team at Logan this year, and they're all trying to make their systems work. We also have a new SRO [School Resource Officer] at Logan this year, so the interplay between the administrators and the SRO needs to mature. Um, but we basically have seen the same number, or fewer incidents in October that we have seen every October. So although I think there has been a lot of uh...discussion about it, I think that again, it's a case of I

think of again, the student government getting uh, in on the discussion about what should be done, and what would be safety plans that they think would make sense. The administrators and the SRO need to figure out how they're working together and what issues they need to address. We actually have more administrators at Logan then we did three years ago. So, I think, the district staffing has improved uh, in terms of safety. We did upgrade the campus safety technicians uh job descriptions and salaries so that they would be there full time so that there could be more campus supervision and uh, we did lower the counselor ratio so that there are more counselors at Logan High. And that was all done in the last three years.

Q: Would this be more expensive, or cheaper than having officers on campus?

A: Oh, it's completely different. Officers are significantly more expensive.

Q: And, uh, what about the trash, and how those people were removed?

A: Well that was part of the district lay off for budget issues. That, you know, we had 2.8 million worth of lay offs last year and 1.9 million dollars worth of lay offs the year before uh, because of the declining

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enrollment, and making sure we had to balance the budget.

Q: What do you feel is the reason for the declining enrollment?

A: Well, I think what has happened in the greater Bay Area is that we have had a significant job loss related to the Silicon Valley, uh, we've watched our drop statistics. When people move away they tell us where they're moving. They're moving out of the county, out of the state, or out of the country. And that's a direct relation to job loss in the San Francisco Bay Area. So this year, we have stalled our decline, so we have stayed even and grown a little bit by 30 students over what we projected for our budget, so we are looking for a stabilization of our enrollment and a little bit of growth. It appears that Union City has recovered faster than other cities in the bay area, and I think that's because we have more reasonable housing costs than other cities in the bay area. So, you know, I think the crash of Silicon Valley of 2000 has a significant impact here.

Q: Do you think that more parents are sending their students in private schools?

A: No, absolutely not. We see no evidence of that. And we had a significant increase in first grade of parents bringing their students

back to public school after being in private preschool and kindergarten.

Q: Taking the class of 2003 into consideration, we have approximately 200 students that don't meet these requirements...

A: Well, where did you get that number?

Q: It is a wide-spreading rumor between students and staff.

A: Well that's a complete rumor. A complete rumor.

Q: Well, what is the truth?

A: Go to Mr. Montoya. Have him run the senior class roster...and ask him how many students don't have a 2.0.

Q: What do you believe is our drop out rate at Logan right now?

A: Well the CBED's report shows that six students dropped out last year.

Q: Six students?

A: Six.

Q: Parents, even a lot of students, are angry about there not being an alternative school in Union City, is there something to be done about that? Are you planning to reopening an alternative school, or is how the system working right now meeting satisfaction?

A: Well, again, that's a board issue. That's a board issue.

Q: What are your feelings about this?

A: I believe the system we have right now works very well, um, the 18-21 year olds that graduate from New Haven Adult School are more than 100 a year, uh, the learning environment at New Haven Adult School when they come back for their high school diploma is very mature, a higher..high quality environment. I think the Chabot Connections program is great, 30 to 40 kids a year enroll at Chabot College instead of coming to Logan because they find that environment better for them. I think that's great. I think that all, I know that, well, I have given Logan administration the alternative school ed code if they want to develop an alternative school on Logan's campus or some place else. I've asked them to move ahead and develop plans for an alternative school, that's different from a continuation school. An alternative school meets the same standards, is a volunteer, everyone there is a volunteer, and it is designed to meet the learning needs in a high quality environment. I think that's great. So I encourage Logan leadership to discuss it.

Q: You said [the administration] could decide, where, if not at Logan, what are there choices?

A: Well, we have empty property...

Q: Where is that located?

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A: At El Rancho, the El Rancho Verde site. Um, there are some classrooms at elementary school sites, which is why that other discussion came up. And then the bond issue. If the bond passes we would have sufficient funds to build a school.

Q: What are we going to do about gang activity, it's a huge issue...over the last two weeks administrators were going into classrooms and talking about it, there is still a hat policy, but gangs are finding other ways to fly colors. What is going to be done about that?

A: Day to day, everyday, again, this is an issue the student council needs to talk about, student leadership, administrators, and SROs all need to talk about together because the gang issue is a long time, long time, issue in town. Our number one priority is to keep every student safe. We are working constantly with the police department in terms of their gang task force activities, but we are also trying to protect everyone's civil rights. So it's a pretty delicate balance. I think the more students are awake, and involved in safety solutions the better it's going to be. But I think that, my experience, is that gang activity increases when economics are worse, and we're

in an economic downturn right now.

Q: Teachers and students are angry about the docutech results. How did Docutech manage to end up on the list of...I believe they're houses have been reduced.

A: We cut a shift. Everything that wasn't required by the ed code, state law, or federal law, was on the list to choice from. And what the principles and managers did, was make the best list they could given what they knew about we had to do to open school. So, part of Docutech was better than no Docutech, at the time. And so, we're evaluating it, seeing what the impact is now, we're seeing whether or not the cost savings are there, they may not be there, and it may be better to bring it back. We're evaluating that.

Q: A lot of rumors are spreading about people as far as Delaine Eastin to Guy Emmanule coming back since the elections, rumors of buy outs, and contracts not being renewed. What is your take on all of this?

A: You need to talk to the board.

Q: How do you feel about it?

A: You need to talk to the board.

Q: Can you validate any of these rumors, or are they specifically just rumor?

A: I will not discuss my employment status with anyone.

Q: Are there any rumors that you have heard that you want to kill now? Is there anything that is so bizarrely untrue that you feel the need to correct it?

A: I am not going to comment.

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“I want to bring a balance [to the board],” she said. “It’s not a secret about block voting, the same three voting the same way. With me on the board, I hope to break that, [to]bring some change.”

She also would like to see more collaboration between the city, students, parents and district to overcome some of the district’s problems.

“New Haven [will be] a model for other school districts [in the future],” said Aro-Valle. “We’ve lost some of that; I hope to help bring that back.”

She feels Logan’s overcrowding desperately needs to be addressed. She believes the approval of Proposition 47 by California voters in November will help ease the problem. She says Logan needs more SROs on

campus because safety is a serious problem. Her last goal is something on a lot of people’s minds lately as well.

“And of course, [we need to fix] the finances, the budget.”

Estes easily re-elected

Union City voters re-elected Gwen Estes to the New Haven Unified School Board on November 5. *The Argus* says Estes earned 42.4 percent of the vote.

Estes has many items on her agenda, but decided to run again because of her “passion for the kids.”

She wants the budget back in shape, to make bussing free again, and to remodel and expand Logan’s campus.

“[But the] first thing is to bring confidence back to the board and the community,” said Estes.

Estes says she’s proud that New Haven students are reaching their goals and becoming more positive, well adjusted citizens. But she does realize more needs to be done, including providing more resources for children and helping them with their future endeavors.

Estes realizes this can only happen if the community trusts the school board.

“[I hope] that we can get the community to look to the board as a source of resource and assistance,” said Estes.

She would like to thank those voters who support and believe in. She said she is always available to meet with people.

“I will continue to be there for all the kids all the time.”

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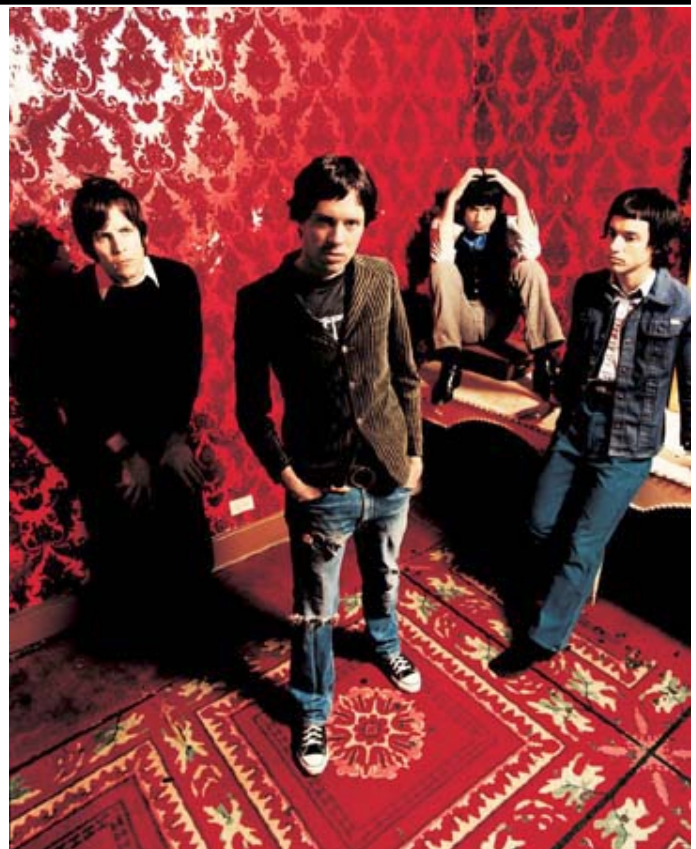
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The Great American Smokeout



November 20, 2002 marked the annual Great American Smokeout. To celebrate this day Logan students were treated to a DJ during both lunches. The day signifies a massive attempt to quit or remain smoke free

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Two cultures means two reasons to celebrate *Hindus celebrate Diwali Muslims fast for Ramadan*

By Sonam Shah
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Hindus across the world celebrated Diwali (also spelt Divali), or the, “Festival of Lights” recently. Hindu mythology tells a tale of Lord Rama and his wife Sita. Sita was a beautiful woman, and as beautiful women often are, was abducted by a ravenous evil King. She was kept by Lord Ravana, who was hoping she would relinquish her husband and become his wife and lover. Being the honorable woman she was she denied him and maintained her faith to her husband, Lord Rama. In time Rama and Lord Hanuymen (yet another fascinating god) were able to save Sita from the clutches of evil Ravana. Upon their return villagers and countrymen ran out to greet them carrying lights to guide their way home. It is said that the time Sita spent away from her home was a sad period in Lord Rama’s kingdom and her return brought great joy and relief to the people. The defeat of Lord Ravana by Lord Rama is seen as the great triumph of good versus evil in Hindu mythology. As a result each lunar year, Hindus celebrate the return of Lord Rama with his Queen, Sita, by lighting their homes to guide their path home. Simultaneously it is believed that the goddess of wealth, Goddess Parvati, visits the home of Hindus on Diwali night. To a Hindu lighting one’s home on Diwali night is not only a celebration, but a sign of reverence.

Diwali remains a unique holiday to Hindus across the globe. Unlike other cultures, Hindus are not similar in culture though they may practice the same religion. Diwali is the one holiday celebrated by *all* Hindus, no matter what region of the world they may now reside in. It is embraced by all the cultures that participate in Hinduism.

Diwali season remains a joyous season in the heart of any Hindu, it is a moment of clarity and celebration in a chaotic world.

Ramadan is the month of the year when Muslims around the world devote their days to God through fasting and prayer. The Islamic calendar being a lunar calendar the month moves around, this year it is between the 6th of November and the 6th of December give or take a few days. According to Islam, fasting during the month of Ramadan completes the pillar of *sawm*, fasting which is one of the five pillars of Islam the others being: *Salat*(prayer), *Zakat*(charity) , *Iman*(belief in one God) and *Hajj*(pilgrimage). Ramadan is compulsory for all that are able to perform it. Muslims believe that Ramadan is the holiest month of the year as this is the month when the Qur ’an (the holy book if Islam) was revealed. During this month, from just before dawn to sunset Muslims must refrain from eating, drinking, having sex and saying foul things. Not eating and drinking is meant to familiarize the individual to the plight of the poor and needy as well as to promote one’s self control. Before dawn, a meal is eaten by most Muslims in order to diminish the hardship of the day. This meal usually consists of high-energy foods that will give a person enough energy to last through the day. At sunset *iftar* (breakfast) is eaten a regular meal preceded by a snack (usually dates and water or milk). During the month, Muslims are supposed to give to the needy a yearly tax on savings called *zakat*. This money is given to the poor as a charity and is compulsory for every Muslim to pay. This money is distributed year round to those that are in need of it. During the day Muslims are supposed to set a good example; not saying bad things, not putting anybody down and generally being kind and helpful. The end of Ramadan is celebrated on the first day of the month of Shawwal with a great feast day called Eid-ul-Fitr.

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FALL FASHION

By: Nichele Ryles and Carla Ramirez
Staffwriter

Fall styles are now in, so it is a good time to start filling your closet with the latest fall styles for this year.

From tall sheik boots and long shabby coats to Timberland boots and Rocawear sweaters, these are the inevitable styles for fall.



For the guys out there that like to look professional; turtlenecks from the GAP and Macy's designer wear is right for you. But to go with the perfect ensemble you need the nice pair of slacks or ironed jeans and laced out Timberland boots. For those who like to look thugged-

out; brown Timberland boots, Rocawear sweaters with the matching Rocawear carpenter



jeans or UPS brand NASCAR jacket to set off the whole fit. Or instead of the NASCAR jacket the guys can top it off with the North Face parka with furry hood and the identical Timberland boots with the fur on the top of the boot. For those who like to look laid back and relaxed you can wear a pullover with some Jordans and call it a day.

The skater guys fall attire is dark colored Dickies and the Ben Davis shirts with some Vans or the old school classic Nikes. Or to add a little playful flavor to your style, the cool skater boys

can rock a pair of knee high socks with a pair of cargo shorts and a Spiderman shirt with a Spongebob belt.

More things that do not exactly go together that are out for fall are plaid shirts, logo shirts, denim tint jacket or twill jacket. When it is really cold out, the Logan boys can sport a winter jacket, a pair of Nike kicks, a Sean John logo shirt, and



a pair of Sean John logo jeans. Now, do not go wearing the Sean John with the Rocawear, unless it matches really well.

Now, for the ladies who like the thug look, they can wear

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a hooded velour set with matching Jordans or Air forces. The ladies who want to look classy can wear a peasant top, low-rise lace up jeans, suede grommet belt and the stiletto heels. The casual look is a v-neck shirt, exposed button mini or the whiskered mini, butterfly Danale belt and the butterfly suede flyaway.

Another style is the pin tuck jeans with the O-buckle belt and floral shirt. Girls who love to sport the designer wear can wear the Burberry fit with the

up your backpack with some Burberry fabric.

But remember, there is still Gucci for the ladies who



some kick back heels or simple tennis shoes. They could add a matching scarf to keep warm. Or instead, the ladies can sport a fitted puff coat, turtleneck, thermal jeans, a pair of character gloves with a matching scarf, and earmuffs with a character backpack to give it a finishing touch.

Now that there are plenty of ideas of what stylish clothes, shoes and accessories students can fill their closets with, Logan will be fitted from head to toe.

Hopefully students at Logan will know what is in for



matching purse. This fit includes the Burberry hat with the designer shirt and patchwork jeans, and Air Force Ones with pieces of Burberry fabric. If you want to go all out you can patch

think everyday is a fashion show. All the Gucci girls can strut down their imaginary runway with a Gucci hair wrap, stiletto heels, lace up Gucci shirt, and to top it off Gucci pinstripe trousers or Gucci side slit jeans.

For the ladies who like to keep warm; they can match up with khaki or dark colored corduroys, a thermal sweater and



the fall, and will not hesitate to hit up Macy's, Mr. Raggs, Market Street, Ebay, WetSeal, Hot Topic and whatever else may serve their shopping needs.

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Crossing the cultural divide

By James Basa
Staff Writer

As I boarded the plane, many thoughts went through my mind. Moving from one place to another was where most of my worries went. Back home, my only worries were walking the dog and doing my homework, because for the passed three years, I slowly made ground and set my place in my hometown. Just as every place in the world is different, I felt that I had to relearn how to get long with the people of my new surroundings. This is where culture shock took place. Back in Clarksville, Tennessee I knew almost everyone and almost everyone knew me. Here in California I only know a few people besides my family. Because people change, the few people that I did go to school with in middle school may not seem to recognize me, but sometimes in the hallways I always bump into some familiar faces. Where I came from, I stood out from everyone as being the only Filipino in three schools of a district. Although I thought that this would make it harder for me to make friends, I actually had the advantage of using differences to my benefit. Here in James Logan High School, the ethnicity is so complex and diverse that everyone

seem to look alike in many ways. This makes it easy for everyone to bond with one another.

Where I came from, which some people call the "SOUTH", is different from what some may think. When people asks me where I moved from, as soon as I say Tennessee, their first reaction is, "Hey isn't that where the KKK is!" Well, the truth is the only thing different from there and here, besides the variety of ethnic groups is the weather and that California is a much larger state. Sure there are some minor

differences like how certain things work like the school systems, most of the school systems in the eastern United States are much stricter than that of here in Alameda county. The usual rules are no cell phones, no sagging etc. The privilages here at Logan are far from any school I have ever seen. The students seem to have more freedom and more choices, I think these two elements are great for practicing individual independence and I am glad to be part James Logan High.

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Brand new shoes for a brand new price

By Ivan Chang
Staff Writer

Walk around campus, and while you are at it, look at what kind of shoes people are wearing.

The famed Jordan shoes are everywhere. There are more than 70 different styles of Jordans, but only around 20 of them are worn these days. Many of the ones that are not worn are kept in a collection, and the full collection can be worth thousands of dollars.

What makes these shoes so famous is obviously, Michael Jordan, the legend of basketball. He is a role model of style in this teenage society. His clothes are even featured in the Eastbay magazine, along with the many different shoes.

The shoes can range from \$80 to \$200. The newest Jordan shoe, the XVII, costs \$200, which the majority of people think is over priced. Nonetheless, the shoes themselves do look nice and are made with different types of material. There are even shoes that are made with Italian leather.

But with an overblown price tag, why should we buy these shoes? The Jordan brand name is looked upon as Michael Jordan

himself is looked upon. His clothes look simple, yet they look good. His style is simply clean. This brand may not be the Rolex of clothes, but it sure does do its job with popularity. We all know who



Jordan is, but not as many people know who Giorgio Armani is.

We spend a lot of money to buy quality products. We want people to be in awe by what we have and what we can show. That's what the brand name does. Many people think it is not worth spending hundreds of dollars on just a pair of shoes, or a fit. Some of us think it is worth the money. If we can spend the extra money on buying a nice car, we can also spend it on nice clothes.

But on the other hand, why spend so much money, when you can look nice wearing clothing that does not cost as much? We all

express our styles in our own ways. We can go to the thrift store to buy clothes, or we can buy clothes from Versaci. We all have our own tastes.

With more than 4,000 students at Logan, there is a large variety of styles, and we all have our own opinions on other styles. Some people show disgust at another persons' style, or they can be awed by what they think looks good. We spend our money our own way, and we buy what we want, so there is no need for hate and favoritism. Walk around campus and you will find that many people

tend to talk about what other people are wearing. Most of the time, they make fun of the styles. People express themselves with the style they show. No matter what they wear, they are expressing a part of their self, and people cannot hate you for who you are and what you are wearing.

As Logan students we all express ourselves with our styles. The people who sport Jordan clothes wear his clothing because they respect him, and they want to express the style that fits their personalities. So Remember Logan, represent and respect your own style.

FEATURES

Comparing public transportation and school prices

By Jamila Brooker
Staff Writer

Most students feel that there is little comparison between school bus transportation and public bus transportation. Between the prices and the hours that both forms of transportation run, students are starting to feel that public transportation is the best form of transportation.

Alameda County public bus transportation (better known as AC transit) has three forms paying; a youth pass, an annual youth pass, or paying the daily fee.

A youth pass is used for only thirty-one days. For those who are experienced with public transportation, this pass is fit to be used like a transfer. For those of you who are not that familiar with the way a transfer works, when you enter the bus there will be two machines, one is used for bills and coins and the other is used for transfers and passes. You have to place the pass in the machine designed for the passes. The youth pass only costs fifteen dollars for those who are from the age of five years old to seventeen years old.

An annual youth pass, which is really a sticker, is used for the entire year. To use it, you simply place the sticker on your school identification card and show

it to the bus driver as you board the bus. For youths, this pass costs \$150.00.

The daily fee for youth is a charge of seventy-five cents, which you just deposit into the money dispenser as you board the bus.

The prices remain at the same rate year around unless the transit committee announces a change. The only complication is that the buses may not be in service during certain holidays.

As for the school bus, there are four options to choose from; an annual pass, a 90-day pass, a 45-day pass, or a book of 20 tickets.

An annual pass cost \$250.00, whereas if you were to get just an AM or PM pass you would have to pay \$150.00.

A 90-day pass cost \$140.00 . If you were to get just an AM or PM, it would cost \$70.00.

A 45-day pass cost \$80.00. For just AM or PM it would cost \$40.00.

The AM and PM passes are cheaper because your only allowed to ride the bus either in the morning or in the afternoon.

A book of 20 tickets cost \$35 dollars. When using a ticket, you must give the bus driver one ticket each time that you board the bus.

There is also a reduced price for the school bus transportation, but only those who qualify for the free or reduced priced meal program are eligible.

Two random seniors said that public transportation is preferred.

Senior Katie Daniello said, "Charging kids to ride a public school bus is hecka stupid and I don't agree [with] it at all. People don't have that kind of money."

Senior Sabrina Richardson felt the same way. "That's why the school buses are empty now." said Richardson, "The prices are just ridiculous."

When it comes to the safety issue, both forms of transportation remain equal.

"It doesn't really matter." Richardson said, "Neither of them have seat belts anyway."

Now students are beginning to ask themselves whether Logan is starting to turn into a private school or not.

Both Daniello and Richardson feel that Logan is starting to turn into a private school due to all of the unexpected expenses that students are now having to pay.

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JACKASS: THE REVIEW

By Valerie Zerbini
Features Editor

I have one word for you JACKASS.

Imagine that you are sitting at home, bored out of your mind; you even cleaned your room, the toilet, and the dishes. All of a sudden you get this dying urge to go outside, run around your block and scream "I'm bored!" But you know your neighbors would either think that you are crazy or tell your parents that you are on drugs.

So you scratch that idea, and just decide to do some channel surfing. Your finger is like a robot, pushing channel up, channel up, channel up, and then you find heaven on TV.

One guy is in a shopping cart; two guys are running, pushing the shopping cart at full blast, then BAM! The cart hits the sidewalk and the guy inside it goes flying out and lands in a bush. The picture changes to a man in a leopard thong running around the city shaking his whammy at everybody, and then a little man dressed up as an Umpa Lumpa from the movie *Willie Wanka and the Chocolate Factory*, is riding a skate board with a man in a panda suit running behind him. And then you see a guy

getting his butt cheeks stapled together.

These crazy, stupid but funny stunts come from the MTV series JACKASS.

The show, which presents stuntmen Johnny Knoxville, Steve-O, Wam Bam, Wee Man and many others, started in 2000, and has so far been a great success; such a success that JACKASS is now a movie, which was released Friday October 25, 2002.

I personally give this movie a 10 out of 10. Although I must admit that there was no plot, the movie kept me interested and on the edge of my seat the entire time. I practically peed my pants from laughter, gagged from being grossed out so much, and felt pain just watching this movie. It is really one of the best entertainment movies that I have ever watched. The entire theater was laughing hysterically, and you could hear "ewwww", "oh my god, no!" and "aw man that's nasty!" as if the audience were a boy band, all of our reactions in sync.

What is great about the movie is that it has footage from Japan, Florida and other places, where the JACKASS crew takes advantage of their surroundings to come up with more stupid stunts and pranks.

Union City resident Stephanie Vaughn said, "Its not just one stupid scene from the same place and with the same people. It has new faces, like the Japanese people who actually play along with the pranks, and alligator tamers who say that the JACKASS guys are crazy ones."

What is good about this movie is that they show Knoxville getting seriously hurt, giving the watcher a legitimate reason as to why they shouldn't try or even think about performing any of the stunts.

I was truly amazed at how much pain these guys can endure. They just get up and keep going, as if nothing. TAKE ONE FOR THE TEAM!

So people, if you have not watched the movie already, watch it! I'm pretty sure it is still playing at the theaters and I guarantee that you will not regret spending \$9.00 to watch JACKASS: THE MOVIE. You will truly get what your money is really worth out of this movie.

"You don't know what you're missing out on if you don't watch this stupid movie." Said Vaughn, "It is the funniest thing I've ever seen."

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ANNE FRANK: THE REVIEW

By Valerie Zerbini
Features Editor

situation she and her family were
in a bearable one.

Extraordinary!

The Diary of Anne Frank, directed by none other than Lucian Vinci, was a mind-boggling play, with an almost flawless recital. I am positive that the very few mistakes, which took place, were due to the first time performance jitters.

Nonetheless, I was amazed at how well each student was able to portray his or her character accurately, and, with much enthusiasm, how each of them were able to empathize with the real situation that occurred during the Holocaust.

Elizabeth Cox, who stars as Anne Frank, gave an ever lasting performance, showing the audience that Frank was a lively girl, who, although annoying as she was, made an effort to make the



Lindsey Ploss, who plays Margot Frank, literally gave me the chills when she broke down crying. Her performance made me feel the way many Jews involved in the Holocaust must have felt: helpless, and desperate.

Although I only watched half of the play in order to save the rest of my emotions for the opening night show with my family, what I did see was remarkable. I was truly impressed.

So to the cast of The Diary of Anne Frank, and of course to Mr. Vinci, I say, kudos.



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Stumbling toward success

Is it fair for teachers, parents, or the law to stand in the way of potential stardom or future success?

By Veronica Solarzano

Sports Editor

The skies the limit for everyone but not when no one believes in second chances.

Coaches, families and often school officials are always the first ones encouraging teenage athletes to reach their dreams, but ironically there is also someone to demolish the dreams once an elite athlete makes a mistake.

It seems as if some want to see success but only in the students who have never ran into trouble or made wrong decisions. Athletes are human. They do not need to be and should not be judged differently. It comes down to these adults to be mentors, not critics. If any chance of success is taken away it shows that no one cares and it becomes a power issue. You screw up - they take everything away. It is unfair and wrong. Forgive and forget is the method that should be used. Everyone screws up once in awhile and more than likely it turns into a learning process.

Take Caron Butler for instance. He was put in prison at the age of 14 where he was introduced to the game of basketball. Rip Hamilton believed in him along with Coach Calhoun who coached Butler at University of Connecticut after he did his time in jail. To top it off the Miami Heat believes Butler has the potential to become a great NBA star after drafting him 10th in the first round of the 2002 draft. Imagine that. Someone believed in an ex-convict. So why are so many people doubting teenage athletes who make a one time poor decision?

Everyone deserves the chance to succeed after they fail. Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter once said that "you must fail to succeed." Well how is that possible if the chance is never given?

Butler was given the chance to succeed after he made a poor decision to store someone's gun in his locker and take the rap for it. He was given a second chance, not

only to succeed, but another chance at life.

It goes to show that when someone is there to guide and help and be a mentor to teenage athletes the youth becomes confident and opens his or her eyes to reality. If someone cares they will care, if no one cares, why should they care. What good does it do to punish a kid then push them aside?

It needs to be noticed that most teenage athletes depend on his or her sport to guide them through life because to them sports are their life. It gives them a purpose to go to school, to study, to stay focused and stay on track. What do you think will happen if they are deprived from what they live for? What will they have to turn to other than negative things? Stripping them of what they live for is not a solution. Instead the athlete should be led into a positive direction because mistakes are mistake – they come often in a person's lifetime – unlike an opportunity to step into success.

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WORLD SERIES

Two wild card teams. One outcome.

The San Francisco Giants and the Anaheim Angels made the World Series one to remember. It went seven games and included a little bit of everything. Both teams hit, pitched and played defensively really well throughout the series.

In game one fans saw Barry Bonds hit a homerun in his first World Series. Coming into this year's playoffs Bonds had never experience a good playoff series. Previously he had never gotten out of the first round. However, he made it happen this year. Bonds hit a solo homer off Jared Washburn in the second inning. In the same inning Giants right fielder Reggie Sanders also hit a homerun making the score 2-0 Giants.

Giants pitcher Jason Schmidt started off well. Unfortunately he then gave up a solo homerun to Angels third baseman Troy Glaus. The Giants would come right back with a two-run homer by first baseman

J.T. Snow. The score would be 4-1 Giants, but not for long.

Troy Glaus would hit another solo homerun and second baseman Adam Kennedy hit a two-out RBI double. The score change



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to 4-3 Giants. The Giants closer Rob Nen came in the ninth inning to hold the lead and secure the victory for the Giants. The final score remained 4-3 Giants.

Game two was a homerun classic with a total of six homeruns combined. The Angels were quick to score and score again in the first inning, by the end of the first inning the Angels had scored five runs. David Eckstein, Darrin Erstad, Tim Lincecum and Garret Anderson all got hits. The Giants came back in the top of the second to score four runs. Reggie Sanders hit a three-run homer off pitcher Kevin Appier. Then David Bell went back to back with a solo homerun. The score now sat at 5-4 Angels.

The Angels came right back in the bottom of the second and scored two more runs as Tim Salmon hit a two-run homer off of David Ortiz. Both starting pitchers did not last long.

As the game went on the score became 7-5 Angels.

The Giants would score four runs in the top of the fifth inning. Hits from Sanders, Bell, Kent, Snow, and Dunston helped the Giants. But the Angels came right back with hits from Erstad, Anderson, Fullmer and Spezio gave the

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Angels two more runs. The score was tied 9-9 in the bottom of the eighth. But Tim Salmon hit another two-run homerun to make it 11-9 Angels. With two outs in the top of the ninth inning Barry Bonds faced closer Tropic Percival. This was the match up everyone wished to see. Percival threw a 95 MPH fastball and Bonds crushed it 500 feet. The longest homer at Edison Field.

The Angels would go on to win 11-10 to even the series.

In game three the Angels hit the Giants to death.

The Angels had ten runs on sixteen hits. The Angels scored four runs in the third and fourth innings. Doubles from Erstad, Kennedy, Salmon and gave the Angels a big lift. Then a triple by Scott Speizio put the Angels ahead. Even though Bonds and Aurilia each hit a homerun it still wasn't enough. Glaus, Anderson and Eckstein added more runs to win 10-4. The Angels lead the series 2-1.

Game four would alter the series for good. This game was a good pitchers match-up between Kirk Rueter and John Lackey. The Angels got off early. Eckstein for the first RBI and then Glaus hit a two-run homer. The Angels took

a 3-0 lead. In the bottom of the fifth the Giants got hits from Aurilia, Kent and Santiago, tying the game at 3-3. Then young rookie pitcher Francisco Rodriguez came in to pitch in the eighth inning. He has been successful all post-season, but Giants David Bell hit a single to bring in J.T. Snow and win 4-3 the game for the Giants. The series was even at 2-2.

The last game at Pac Bell Park this year will always be remembered. The Giants scored sixteen runs on sixteen hits.

The Giants got six runs in the first two innings from Lofton, Aurilia, Bonds, Santiago, Kent and Sanders. The Angels would put four runs on the board, but it would not be enough. Jeff Kent hit two home runs as the Giants exploded in the Angels. The Giants were one game away from being the champs.

In game six there was an amazing turn of events. The Giants took the lead first and kept it for a while. Shawon Dunston hit a two-run homer and another run would score to make it 3-0 Giants. Then Bonds hit a monster home run off pitcher Rodriguez. Kent would follow up with a two-out single.

The Giants were up 5-0 and sending the victory. But everything changed. In the bottom of the seventh inning Scott Spiezio hit a three-run homer. This gave the Angels the edge. The crowd was back into it. Then Estrada hit a solo home run to make the score 5-4. With two runners on Troy Glaus hit a double to allow them both to score. The Angels would win 6-5 and even the series at three games a piece.

Do or die in game seven would be the saying for the Giants and Angels. The Giants would score first from an RBI single by Reggie Sanders. Then Angels catcher Bengie Molina tied the score with an RBI double. Anderson got a three-run double to give the Angels a 4-1 lead. That would be enough to crown the Angels as the 2002 World Series Champions. Troy Percival would strike out Rich Aurilia to end the game. The final score was 4-1 and the Angels won the series four games to three. It was one of the best World Series' played. This was a kind of series that had you on the edge of your seat.

Warriors have a fighting chance

By Vikram Dhesi
Staff Writer

The Golden State Warriors look to improve their 21-61 (last place) record, with their new coach, Eric Musselman and a 2nd team All-America Mike Dunleavy. The two newest Warriors will fit in well with team captain Antawn Jamison. The 4th year starter from the University of North Carolina has shown great leadership for this young Warrior team. The six foot nine inch forward had also averaged 19.7 points last season, but this is not the only big named star on this team.

Last year's rookie standout Jason Richardson made himself a star in each of the games he played, starting in 75 of them. The former Michigan State Spartan is using his big game experience to win with the Golden State Warriors. Jason Richardson, won the 2002 All-Star slam dunk contest and finished the season on the All-Rookie team.

This team is fortunate to have another star rookie, Gillbert Arenas. The 2nd round draft pick from Arizona took the starting point guard job half way through last season and did not look back. Arenas won the rookie of the month title for April by averaging

10.9 points and 3.7 assists per game if the Warriors want to improve they need will definitely help from their two newest rookies. Mike Dunleavy from Duke University and Jiri Welsch who is from Czech Republic, where he played professionally. Both are great defenders and strong 3-point shooters, but now they both have to work on the NBA 3-pointer.

To have a chance to win this season the Warriors need to find a center. They are hoping that Troy Murphy can be that man. In his first year Murphy played in all 82 games, but only started in 4 of them. If Troy Murphy wants the job of being the every day starting center he will have to out play 6th year veteran Erick Dampier. Both of which stand tall at 6'11".

New coach Eric Musselman is looking to find improvements with all his young warriors. This team has six players under the age of 22. The Warriors also have a young coach at 37 years of age, he was an assistant for the Atlanta Hawks, and has roots with the NBA because his father was also a coach in the Association. his year Coach Musselman should not have a problem leading the Golden State Warriors. With key plays from their young stars this team could get on a roll and end up in the playoffs.

Giving ratings to underrated major players

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Many players in the NFL are over rated and are stealing the spotlight from the player who always brings his game weekly. The most under rated wide receiver in the league today is the Patriots' Troy Brown, who had 101 receptions, 19 more than Randy Moss. Brown lead his team to win last year's Super Bowl, but still no one outside of New England knows that. That is because everyone is always talking about how many times Randy Moss went to jail this week, or what Terrell Owens has in his sock (a pen?), who has the biggest mouth, Keyshawn Johnson or Shannon Sharpe? It is a toss up. No one talks about who won the game or who has the better stats.

This is the first in a series of segments on underexposed major league players. If you know of players that you feel are also "underrated" contact The Courier at courier@nhusd.k12.ca.us