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13th Annual Holocaust Art and Writing Contest

By Kristine Locsin

"Jews have six senses. Hearing, taste, smell, touch, sight, and memory." Esther Safran Foer, daughter of Holocaust survivors and director of the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue in Washington D.C., began her speech with this line: "Memory is a powerful thing and with this year's theme, Memories Matter, presented by Chapman University and The "1939" Club, it was clearly represented by the 57 high schools including Chile and many middle schools that participated in the contest."

Our representatives, Alexia Pineda (senior), Linda Ho (sophomore), and Kristine Locin (freshman), were chosen by the English department to represent the school. This was the first year HMSA has ever participated in the contest, and Linda Ho was chosen as one of the 6 finalists for the prose category; clearly, we have already proven that we are ahead of the game. During the reception, each student representative received a free copy of the book, *The Holocaust Chronicle: A History in Word and Pictures*, and were able to get the book signed from some of the Holocaust survivors.

It is a privilege to represent the school and with next year's contest deadline, March 8, 2013, three students will be chosen again. Next year, the English department is planning to add the art category with the existing prose and poetry categories. It's a long way from today, but it's not bad to start planning ahead.

We need to remember this horrific time in history and remember that these Holocaust survivors want us to be witnesses for the inhumanity and crime that happened. It's a new generation, and we need to stand up for those being persecuted for their race, religion, and beliefs.

"The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference."

-Elie Wiesel (author of *Night*)

The Business of Sports Fundraising

By Chris Gomez

Sports are a great way to stay in shape and to keep your grades up. HMSA has many sports to offer. Students that are in sports are usually well-rounded people that have good grades in all of their classes. This is a must because students are required to maintain a 2.0 GPA along with no F in any class. Volleyball, Baseball, Softball, Cross-Country, and Soccer are all the sports that many of the students participate in. Each sport is in charge of fundraising for equipment, uniforms, and most importantly transportation. To do this the school has invested in buying large amounts of boxes of chocolate bars that contain 50 bars, which can also be sold outside of school. Half of the money goes towards the sports team and the other half is invested back into the school to help pay the tab on the large amount of boxes of chocolates purchased. The bars only cost a dollar and come in about five different chocolate flavors. Along with other ways of fundraising such as hosting meals at restaurants, asking parents to make donations to the teams, and hosting food stands at school functions such as Back to School Night and small sports tournaments. All this work is a collective effort of the parents and students to help the sports department afford all the necessary materials that are needed to ensure that they continue to keep the sports and have the appropriate equipment. Most sports are in need

of funding to pay back the school for the use of busses to transport them to their races and games. It may not seem like much but a great way to help all these sports is to participate in all these fundraising opportunities, along with buying the chocolate bars that are always being sold around school that, after all, still only cost a dollar.

HOOKED ON HUNGER GAMES

BY SHAMERA JOHNSON



19%- Students who only read the book

32%- Students who only watched the movie

49%- Students who read the book and watched the movie

PreMESA Day Winners

By Nhi Nguyen

MESA competitions are ways for students to display their knowledge, be recognized, visit different university campuses, meet students from different schools, and represent HMSA and HMSA's MESA center, USC. This year, HMSA took home 22 PreMESA Day medals and these 22 students advanced to MESA Day Regional on April 21, 2012. The competition will be held on the UCLA campus.

Name	Grade
Alcaraz, Estefani	12
Amer, Omar	9
Aquinde, Ryan	9
Bayani, Pia	12
Bayani, Portia	12
Carlos, Brianna	9
Chaidez, Rafael	12
Chan, Nikki	11
Gomez, Jennice	9
Gomez, Julieta	9
Gonzales, Franklin	12
Jamil, Maira	11
Le, Justin	9
Maradiaga, Ingrid	11
Martinez, Jose	9
Moncada, Brian	9
Rivera, Albert	9
Salcedo, Jesus	11
Serafin, Julio	11
Sison, Yroll	9
Tomaylla, Valeria	9

2012 RELAY FOR LIFE

BY JENNIFER CAMACHO

HMSA Key Club participated in this year's Hawthorne Relay for Life, which took place at Hawthorne High School. This annual 24-hour event, from March 31st to April 1st, was held in order to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, to honor those who are fighting cancer, and to remember those lost to the disease. Once again, with donations from various participants, the event was able to raise thousands of dollars for the fight against cancer. The funds are used for anything from cancer research to helping cancer patients. The cloudy, rainy weather didn't stop people from joining the ceremony, and it definitely didn't stop people from walking laps as a symbol of the fight against cancer. In this year's event, HMSA's Key Club members were able to raise over three thousand dollars with a lot of hard work and commitment. Special thanks to Ms. Mendoza and other adults including some of Key Club members' parents for making it possible for HMSA to successfully take part in this event.

TITANIC 3D

by Tiffany Gutierrez

Titanic returns, but this time in 3D! Director James Cameron has a history of experimenting with his big-hit movies and turning them into 3D films so it's no surprise to have extremely high expectations for the movie. While I cringed at the ridiculously overexposed Celine Dion power song "My Heart Will Go On," the truth is that the film holds up extremely well even after 15 years. I'm not sure there are many people who have not seen the film, or at least are unaware of the plot of Titanic, but I'll give a recap. When naval scavenger Brock Lovett (Bill Paxton) leads an expedition to retrieve the ocean diamond from the wreck of the RMS Titanic, but fails to get the multi-million dollar jewel, he instead comes across a portrait of a beautiful woman, which leads him to an 84 year-old previously undisclosed love story. The film reverts to April 1912, where RMS Titanic is leaving on its maiden voyage, bound for the United States. Jack Dawson (Leonardo Di Caprio) is a poor artist living a nomadic life who wins his ticket for the Titanic in a lucky hand of poker. Rose DeWitt Bukater (Kate Winslet) is a wealthy socialite bound to be wed to a wealthy man, Cal Hockley (Billy Zane), but Jack and Rose fall in love. They are quickly forced into a battle of survival when the ship strikes an iceberg in the freezing North Atlantic, taking on water rapidly. It is mind-boggling to think about the complex equations necessary to convert over 3 hours of a complex film into 3D, which makes the enhanced version a great success (especially the 3D scenes featuring the boat itself). This version has deepened and enriched a film that was already rich in emotions.

DESERVING ARTISTS

by Yasmine Gutierrez

There are countless artists that are making bank and gaining a larger fan base with only one captivating song that plays 24/7 on the radio. We always hear the same old tracks over and over; as soon as it's on the radio it's over; where's the originality? Where's the freshness? It's time for some new blood to enter the scene. Here are a few bands that are worthy of having their sounds heard on the airwaves.

- Silverstein
- Crown The Empire
- Sleeping With Sirens
 - Among This All
 - White Rabbits
- Story Of The Year
- Hawthorne Heights
- Breaking Benjamin
 - Black Tide
- Two Door Cinema Club



SPOTLIGHT: LINDSEY STIRLING

by Azucena Castillo

Lindsey Stirling or, as she's known on Youtube, lindseystomp is a violinist. However, she's not quite what you'd expect. For one thing, she refers to herself as a "hip-hop violinist." And for another she dances while she plays the violin. Lindsey's classically trained and she's been playing the violin her whole life. Back in 2010, she appeared on America's Got Talent. Since then, Lindsey has grown and improved a lot as an artist. She covers classical and mainstream music, but also composes her own songs. Her songs are very distinctly her own, with her most popular songs being "Spontaneous Me" and "Electric Daisy Violin." She adds a modern feel to the violin. On their own, her songs are already great, but her performances are simply amazing. Lindsey is full of energy and brings life to her performances with her dancing. She's been known to occasionally include back-up dancers in her performances, but fans always prefer her to the dancers. While dancing, itself, is an art, it doesn't compare when it's combined with playing a violin. And that's what makes Lindsey special. She's different. She has her own style of playing and dancing. And she'll make you smile.

WORST OPENINGS AT THE BOX OFFICE

by Elsa Ayala

2011
1. What's Your Number?
2. Fright Night
3. The Three Musketeers
4. We Bought a Zoo
5. Conan the Barbarian
2012
1. This Means War
2. Mirror Mirror
3. The Grey
4. Project X
5. American Reunion

CURRENT PS VITA GAMES

by Victoria Rosito

- Asphalt Injection
- Assassin's Creed
 - BioShock
- BlazBlue: Continuum Shift Extend
 - Ben 10: Galactic Racing
 - Call of Duty
- DJMax Technika Tune
 - Dragon's Crown
- Dream Club Zero Portable
- Dungeon Hunter: Alliance
 - Dynasty Warriors Next
 - Escape Plan
 - FIFA Football
 - Final Fantasy X
 - F1 2011
 - Gravity Rush
 - Killzone
- Lego Batman 2: DC Super Heroes
 - Lego Harry Potter: Years 5-7
 - LittleBigPlanet
 - Little Busters!
 - Little King's Story 2
 - Lord of Apocalypse
- Madagascar 3: The Videogame
 - Madden NFL 13
- Marvel Pinball: Avengers Chronicles
- Metal Gear Solid HD Collection
- Michael Jackson: The Experience
 - MLB 12: The Show
- ModNation Racers: Road Trip
 - Mortal Kombat
 - MotorStorm: RC
- Ninja Gaiden Sigma Plus
- Oddworld: Munch's Oddysee HD
- Oddworld: Stranger's Wrath HD
 - Plants vs. Zombies
 - Rayman Origins
 - Reality Fighters
- Resistance: Burning Skies
 - Retro City Rampage
 - Ridge Racer
 - Rugby Challenge
 - Samurai & Dragons
- Shinobido 2: Tales of the Ninja
- Silent Hill: Book of Memories
 - Street Fighter X Tekken
- Super Monkey Ball: Banana Splitz
 - Super Stardust Delta
- Supremacy MMA: Unrestricted
- Tales from Space: Mutant Blobs Attack
 - The Pinball Arcade
 - Time Travelers
- True Goddess Reincarnation
- Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3
 - Uncharted: Golden Abyss
- Virtua Tennis 4: World Tour Edition
 - Wipeout 2028
 - WWE '13
 - Zen Pinball 2
- Zero Escape: Virtue's Last Reward

BOY ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

By Marisela Gomez

The boy athlete of the month for April is senior Xayvier William, a passionate volleyball player. He was nominated by his coach, Mr. Severns, because "he leads the team in blocks, drills, and he is definitely a leader on the court."

Q: Why do you like playing volleyball?

A: Volleyball gets pretty intense when it's a close game. Volleyball is a new sport I had to try, and getting spikes and scoring points for our team is very fun.

Q: What is the best memory you have of your participation in volleyball?

A: The best memory would be hitting the opposite team in the face with the ball after a beautiful hit by me.

Q: What is the worst memory you have of your participation in volleyball?

A: My worst memory would be me getting blocked by the opposite team, I dislike getting blocked.

Q: Is there somebody who you would like to thank for helping you with your sports career?

A: I just want to thank Mr. Severns for getting me to play volleyball.

GIRL ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

By Kristine Locsin

The girl athlete of the month for April is freshman Melissa Martinez. She is a passionate and dedicated Lady A, and she does whatever it takes to help her team win. Mr. Dura, coach of the softball team, said, "She [is] the most improved player I have. As a 9th grader who has never played before, being able to make the starting nine for varsity is quite an accomplishment."

Q: Why do you like playing softball?

A: I love playing softball because it's the feeling of being a part of something big, because every play and every time you catch and throw the ball it affects the game. I also love the mind games that go on on the field like making them think I'm going to steal.

Q: What is your best memory of softball?

A: My favorite memory was hitting my first home run. I was barely starting out, but I remember I just kept running until I got [to home base]. The fun part was the whole team coming out of the dugout to congratulate me.

Q: What is the worst memory?

A: My worst memory was when I first started out. I was terrible, I never caught the ball let alone hit it when batting.

Q: Is there somebody who you would like to thank for helping you with your sports career?

A: I want to thank all of my girls, they've all taught me something; especially Genelle (Campos), I probably would never have started pitching without her. Of course, I want to thank coach Dura, he is the greatest coach I've ever had; he always knows my strengths and weaknesses and helps me improve.

SPORTS

THE MAN, ALBERT PUJOLS

By Enrique Ruvalcaba

This off-season, the Los Angeles Angels signed Albert Pujols to a 10 year contract worth \$254 million. Only the New York Yankees' third basemen Alex Rodriguez has a more lucrative contract. Pujols, arguably the best player within the last decade, will try to make up for the offensive flaws that have riddled the Angels the last two seasons, thus causing them to miss back-to-back playoffs. His arrival to Anaheim was a major surprise after it was speculated he would land with the Miami Marlins or re-sign with the St. Louis Cardinals. His arrival stirred up billboards with him being nicknamed "El Hombre," which translates into "The Man." Pujols demanded for these billboards to be taken down because he felt the nickname only belonged to Card's hall of famer Stan Musial, who played 22 seasons in St. Louis.

The Angels are in need of power after they lost their best offensive player Kendrys Morales two years ago due to an injury. Ever since, they have depended on their pitching and Mark Trumbo's power to fight for a playoff berth. Failing to do so, the signing of Pujols and the return of Kendrys Morales, who's tearing apart spring training, will bring a boost to the Angels' offense. It's not only offense that the 3 time NL MVP, 6 time Silver Slugger, and 2 time Hank Aaron award winner is bringing to the team; Pujols will bring solid defense to first base having won the Golden Glove award twice.

Pujols is also bringing hope to SoCal. Hope that at least one of the Los Angeles teams will reach the postseason which hasn't happened since 2009. Pujols and Morales' return are not the only players brining hope to Angels; they also signed left-handed ace C.J. Wilson who will be part of a rotation based on right-handed aces Jered Weaver and Dan Haren. With all these factors, the Angels surely will be contenders for the World Series title. Not only for this year, but for many years to come and maybe more when MLB's number one prospect Mike Trout lives up to expectations.

It's not all rainbows and sunshine for the Angels when reality starts to hit in the latter years. Pujols, who's 32, should be able to provide four to six excellent campaigns. The amount of money that Angels' owner, Arte Moreno, is pouring into Pujols' contract may not work out favorably in the long term. In Pujols' last five years of contract will be paid over \$25 million per year. That will not synchronize with how Pujols will perform due to age. He won't be hitting 30+ homeruns, 100+ RBIs, and averaging over .300 when he's within the last 5 years of his contract. Pujols' contract might lockout a possible long term contract with Angels' star prospect Mike Trout.

Pujols' arrival is like taking in candy. A quick sugar rush that brings joy and hype to L.A., but then a crash and burn with what will happen to Pujols' performance in the end. Pujols' addition is a sign that the Angels are tired of watching the postseason from their couch and letting the Texas Rangers dominate the AL. It is a sign that the Angels are resolute to earn the World Series title at whatever cost. The bottom line is that the Angels must win a World Series title, or else Albert Pujols' signing will be a complete waste.

Survey of 50 students (25 girls and 25 boys): The London games are this summer; should these sports be part of the Olympic games?

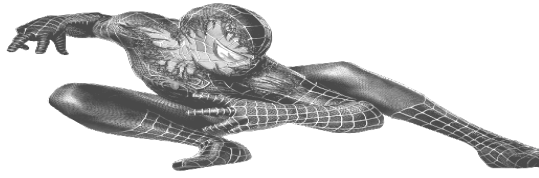
By TeMera Evans

Sport	Yes	No
Archery	30	20
Running	37	13
Badminton	21	29
Basketball	36	14
Boxing	34	16
Canoe Slalom	20	30
Cycling	40	10
Diving	25	25
Fencing	11	39
Soccer	44	6
Gymnastics	43	7
Handball	14	36
Hockey	39	11
Judo	40	10
Modern Pentathlon	35	5
Rowing	23	27
Sailing	6	44
Shooting	25	25
Swimming	45	5
Synchronized Swimming	31	19
Table Tennis	10	40
Taekwondo	40	10
Tennis	41	9
Triathlon	43	7
Volleyball	43	7
Water Polo	42	8
Weightlifting	19	31
Wrestling	25	25

BOY'S BASEBALL TEAM

By Juan Dominguez

The baseball team is back for another successful and exciting season. Mr. Hurwitz is the team's coach and his motivational words will surely get the team's spirit fired up on the field. The team played their first game on February 28 against Lennox Academy and since then, Hurwitz has been making sure that the boys are training each week, in order to beat neighboring schools. Although playing baseball is a lot of fun, each player must make room to do schoolwork and keep their grades up, or else they won't be able to play. The team is taking Hurwitz's advice and practicing each week in order to improve their skills. The team scrimmages most of the time, but they also practice the fundamentals like base-running, fielding, throwing, and batting. When asked how he felt about the new season, Brian Lu (10) responded that the team has "lost a lot of players from last year, but [the team] still has young guys who love baseball. We will do [great] this year." Clearly, Lu is confident that his team will strive to win each game, and with the support of HMSA students and Hurwitz, they are sure to win. The team won their first game against Pacific Lutheran (4-2). After their first win, Gustavo Platero (11) said that he felt "great about this season because [the players] will strive for the best as a team in order to win every game." Anthony Rodriguez (11) is the team's captain, and he gives his teammates little speeches before and after each game in order to motivate them to try their best. The team played against Animo on March 15, and came close to winning. Even though they lost, Lu said that his team has improved a lot since last year because Animo used to "beat [HMSA] by at least 10 homeruns; [Animo] only won by 4 homeruns this game!" Clearly, Hurwitz and Rodriguez are doing a great job ensuring that each team member contributes to every game. Practicing every week can be very time consuming and stressful, especially for those who are in other extracurricular activities or AP classes. Although they might be exhausted from the exercise, the boys must be committed to work hard on the field and in the class in order to be successful. Hurwitz is doing his best to ensure that every student on the team maintains a solid GPA because if the players have a low GPA, then they won't be able to participate in sports. With everyone's encouragement, the team is sure to score homeruns in every game!



THE WEAKER SEX IS NO LONGER WEAK!

BY NARDEEN GORGY

There has always been a competition between females and males, the opposite sex claims to be smarter; but, which gender is actually smarter? Studies have shown that during the younger years of life, girls are actually smarter than boys. On average, girls mature faster than boys. For example, a 10-year-old-girl tends to be as smart as a 12-year-old boy. Males don't appear to be smarter until after puberty. The National Child Development Study (NCDS) in the United Kingdom followed babies of both genders from the year they were born (1958) until they became 16. The NCDS conducted several tests for these boys and girls at different ages and proved that girls up to age 12 scored higher than boys. A story in the New York Times written in 2010 carried more bad news for boys. According to the article, "Around the city, the current crop of gifted kindergartners...is 56 percent girls, and in the 2008-9 year, 55 percent were girls." Because of tests and studies like these, the world believed that boys were smarter than girls after going through puberty. Recently, a parent named Peter Jensen provided a completely different theory. During his daughter's high school graduation ceremony, Jensen noticed a trend; the majority of students crossing the stage to receive academic honors were female. Jensen decided to investigate and analyze this pattern. He contacted the school and asked for statistics and data of award-winning-students. In the distinguished honor roll, there were 84 girls and 44 boys; the outstanding service award was given to 28 girls and 9 boys and top scholar awards were given to 81 girls and 12 boys. To make sure this wasn't just a problem at his daughter's school, Jensen contacted the district for lists of different high schools. Jensen repeated his process in another high school, and the distribution of scholarships proposes that the gender gap continues. In the same year of his daughter's graduation, another high school had 75 recipients which were female and 46 were male and the year before, there were 112 females and 70 males. At this point, puberty is not an issue for males, but they are still falling behind girls. Now let's look at the most important stage in a student's life: college. According to the Statistics of the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth conducted by the Bureau of Labor, at age 21, 46 % of women were attending college compared with 36% of men. Not only that, but more women are staying in college and not dropping out. One can conclude that girls continue to excel and prove to be smarter than boys. The Department of Education predicts that in 2016, 64% of Associates degrees, 61% of Bachelor's degrees, 63% of Master's degrees, 58% of Doctoral degrees, and 58% of Professional degrees will be awarded to women. The weaker sex is no longer weak; females prove their intellectuality and challenge the typical low bar that was set for them by society. Soon enough, females will even be considered superior to men.

April Pranks

By Abdul Zahid

Aside from being a relationship guru, Mr. Zahid is also a good prankster as well. Now due to some "censorship" we have to keep these rated G so here are a few mild pranks you can pull.

• Oreo Surprise:

1. First get a pack of Oreos and take out the middle row (most people start with the easily accessible middle row)
2. Scrape out the filling from these Oreos and keep the cookie part
3. Next put toothpaste on one layer and put on the top afterwards
 4. Return your toothpaste Oreos to the middle row
5. Put the package away and wait for someone to get Oreos
6. Enjoy the show

• Shaving Cream on Hand:

1. Put shaving cream on a person's hand while they're sleeping
2. Then tickle their face with a feather, string, etc
3. Watch as they give themselves Dumbledore facials

• Rude Awakening:

1. You'll need plenty of alarm clocks (at least 5)
2. Put one next to a person sleeping and place the others in various hiding spots around the house
3. Set each clock to go off in 5 min intervals of each other
4. Set the clock next to the victim off and wait for each other clock to go off 5 min later from the last one
5. Enjoy as your friend goes crazy

These are some rated G pranks you can do. However, being the love guru it is my duty to give you some relationship advice, so here's a relationship prank that is a win-win situation.

• Confession:

1. Simply tell your interest how you feel about them through a phone call, text, or Facebook
2. Next wait for their response; if they do not reciprocate your feelings simply say "OMG! Did you think I was actually serious?" or "Ha, you actually fell for it?" This will cover your hide and show you how they actually feel.
3. Now if the person does in fact return your feelings, well then congratulations, you've just admitted how you feel and can now enjoy your new relationship.

***WARNING:** By stepping into a relationship you now are going to be on a roller coaster that will drag you through inferno and back. If you value your sanity, stay a bachelor/bachelorette and enjoy the rest of your peaceful life.

THE HUNGER GAMES:

Movie surpasses book?

The popular novel The Hunger Games was recently brought to life on the big screen with Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss Everdeen and Josh Hutcherson as Peeta Mellark. This book-to-film translation, like all others, has its flaws but overall makes for a great companion to the book. Though there are flaws in the story (how Katniss got her pin and the introduction of Haymitch, played by Woody Harrelson), the cut scenes which were not from Katniss' viewpoint gave the viewer a little more insight into President Snow's (Donald Sutherland) philosophy and the inner workings of the Hunger Games. The movie in no way surpassed the book, but it is satisfying in its own right.

Greenhouse Project

By Jasmine Umanson

On Back to School Night, The Green House Project (Ms. Davis' fourth period AP Environmental Class) presented their campaign to the school and community, which promotes reducing waste and improving the community garden in Hawthorne. The Greenhouse Project plans to reduce waste by starting a compost movement in the school and community. The soil from the compost will revitalize the garden. Also on April 27th from 4-7 P.M., the class will be hosting an event at the Teen Center. The event will consist of environmental awareness booths, musical entertainment, and free food, all three of which will entertain all age groups. "This is not just a high school based project for the students; it is the beginning of a green revolution," said senior Elizabeth Arguellez.

Slogan: "When you refuse to reuse, it's our Earth you abuse."

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