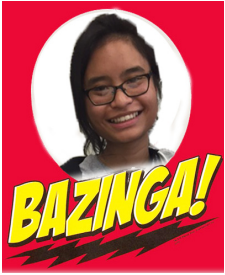


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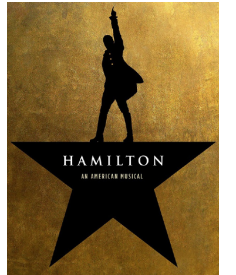
The current generation brings about new advancements in technology that are making lives easier by the second.



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Lin-Manuel Miranda brings one of our most important Founding Fathers to Broadway.  
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# GET YOUR SERVE ON

JACQUELINE NGUYEN  
Staff Reporter

Peeking from the clouds, the radiant morning sun woke up tired students from John F. Kennedy High School and gathered them on a Monday morning to serve their community.

On Jan. 16, the Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD) held their third annual district-wide Servathon which included all the AUHSD junior high schools and high schools. Students participated in numerous service events at their schools or in their community such as cleanups and packing food for the homeless.

A few of Kennedy's student-led organization, including: Environmental Club, Key Club, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), National Honors Society (NHS), California Scholarship Federation (CSF), Do Your Part, UNICEF, and ASB participated in service projects such as constructing tables for Central Park, cleaning up and dusting old books for Think Together, packing Thanksgiving goodie jars for the homeless, and writing letters to hospitalized children.

Senior Danniele Lacad took part in the Servathon and liked helping the community by fixing up old books to distribute to those in need.

"I really enjoyed the Servathon this year because of how much more service projects we did in comparison to the previous years," Lacad

said. "It was interesting to see what service projects other schools came up with."

As part of the Student Service Foundation (a district organization that helps aid the Servathon), senior Reiczel Bael enjoyed coordinating this year's Servathon because serving at Kennedy, to her, feels more wholesome.

"I think it's nice to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. in this way," Bael said. "Servathon makes it easy for students to give back to the community, right at their home school."

According to the AUHSD website, Congress passed a law and created a day dedicated to national service for Americans to serve and help with problems such as poverty by providing them small care packages and encouraging sick children by writing cards to lighten up their day. Coincidentally, this day lies on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a day of service.

Michael Gasinski, the Servathon adviser, has been involved in the past AUHSD Servathons and said that his experience with the Servathons have been memorable in their own way.

"Kennedy clubs and organizations do so much community service already throughout the year, but to see everyone come together for that one 'Day of Service' makes all of the time that it takes to prepare and plan worthwhile," Gasinski said. "I don't know if I have a favorite Servathon, but I will say that this year's was unique and different from the years past."

policies regarding immigration, senior Trinh Nguyen reflected on her time at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

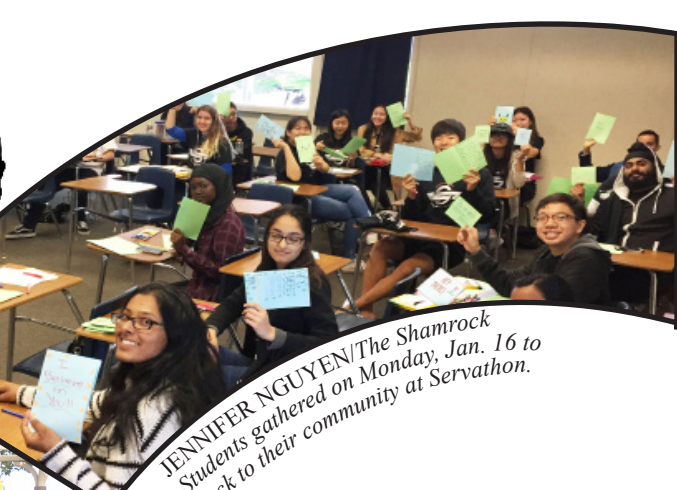
"I am first-generation Vietnamese-American, and my parents had escaped from the war, and so it was just very interesting to see the names up on the simple, black granite wall," Nguyen said.

On the day of the inauguration, the students walked over 10 miles, starting at 4 a.m. in order to see the inauguration until around 6 p.m. Despite their long day, they ended their evening by bowling, which allowed the students some down time to relax.

A diverse crowd filled the streets in order to see Trump become the new president, including both his supporters and protesters.

Students who travelled alongside Le and Nguyen include seniors Scott Igtanloc, Lemuel Lee, Ryan Paglinawan, Theresa Pham, Melinda Sang, Darshanie Botejue, Veronica Lopez and Nicholas Silva. They arrived back to California late Saturday night.

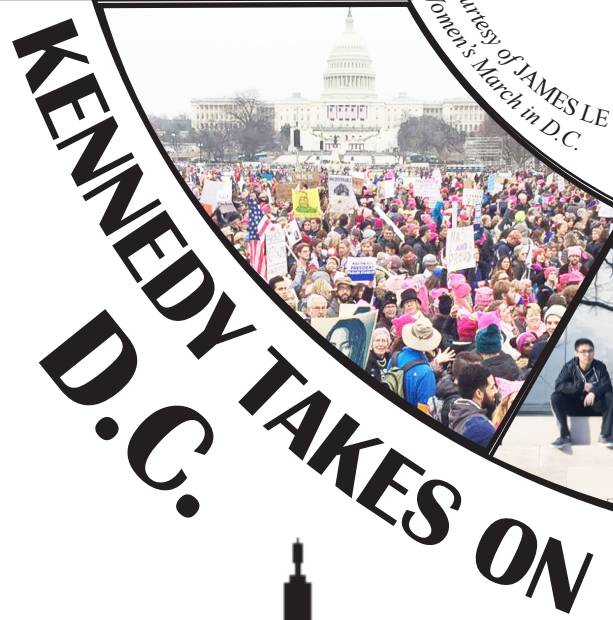
"Overall, the experience was very worthwhile," Le said. "Learning about how different life is for people in different parts of the same country was enlightening."



JENNIFER NGUYEN/The Shamrock  
Students gathered on Monday, Jan. 16 to back to their community at Servathon.



Courtesy of JENNIFER BROWN  
Senior James Hansmeyer fixes a park bench during the Servathon.



Courtesy of JAMES LE  
Women's March in D.C.

Courtesy of KELLY CHONG  
Kennedy students pose for a picture in Washington D.C.



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## Is the Great Historic Drought Over?

JENNY TRINH  
Features Editor

California has faced over a three year period of nothing but sunshine, withered crops, and desperate water conservation efforts; however, the sunshine state might finally meet its polar opposite, answering the pleading cries of farmers everywhere.

Although no definite legal standards exist to declare whether or not to categorize the state as “in a drought,” the U.S. Drought Monitor announced that much of Northern California is no longer in drought when it comes to surface water. While unpredictable weather poses a chance of returning to the dry spell, recent trends show promise for a prosperous future.

“In terms of surface water, most of California is no longer in drought,” UC Davis water expert Jay Lund said.

According to CNN, California showed 38 percent in the “extreme” drought cat-



Courtesy of ADRIAN PINEDA

Flooding in Fullerton forces cars to drive through the heavy water, causing major traffic.

egory and 18 percent in the even more severe “exceptional” category on Jan. 3, 2017. Two weeks later, the statistics showed that 24 percent ranked in the “extreme” category, while two percent ranked “exceptional.” On Jan. 24, only two percent of the state ranked “extreme,” while 0 percent ranked “exceptional.”

“We can’t say that we’re no longer feeling the impacts of the drought,” Devan Upadhyay, water resource manager for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, said. “Later this year, we may be able to say that we’ve

really turned the tide and the drought’s over, but we’re not there yet.”

Despite potential weather fluctuations, parts of California are experiencing more rain than most of the past decade. Rocky Butte in San Luis Obispo County saw 17 inches of rain and more rain has flowed into Oroville than the entire city of Los Angeles utilizes in an entire year- all within the first 10 days of 2017.

OC Public Works Watershed reports the average rainfall from four stations across Orange County this year so far at 16.65 inches, compared to the average

8.38 inches in past decades, almost doubling historic records.

The large amount of rainfall in Jan. is undoubtedly beneficial to the previously withering state, but poses hazards to many Californians who are not used to the heavy rainfall. Increase in floods, car accidents, and traffic have caused many to take extra precaution while they are out on the streets.

“I’ve only had my license for the past six months so driving while it’s raining is still something that’s new to me,” senior Sierra Badua said. “It can be scary driving in the rain, especially to zero period when it’s dark. The lack of traffic at 6:30 a.m. makes up for the poor seeing conditions but there’s never any reason to let your guard down in a rainstorm.”

For the small city of La Palma, heavy rain does not pose as great of a threat as other parts of California.

“Large puddles in the road or in front of driveways aren’t a significant problem on my route to and from school,” Badua said. “It’s the fog and the heavy downpours that make it easy to lose sight of lane lines. La Palma and the surrounding cities aren’t prone to mudslides so most of us see the rain as an inconvenience more than a real threat to our safety.”

## Universal Breaks the Record

CATHERINE KANG  
Photo Editor

Sun shining, families swarming, Universal Studios Hollywood broke their attendance record and reached their capacity for the first time in history on Jan. 2, 2017.

The attendance for Universal Studios

has significantly increased due to Comcast Corp.’s, the park’s parent company, investment in 2014 of \$1.6 billion. They envisioned creating many new attractions such as “Fast and Furious”, which opened on June 25, 2015, the “Walking Dead” haunted maze, which opened this past summer on July 9, 2016, and lastly, the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, which opened on May 5, 2016.

The Wizarding World of Harry Potter has been an attraction that Potterheads (fans of Harry Potter) anticipated for long time. Local residents buzzed about how Universal Studios might become a se-

rious rival with the classic fantasy theme park, Disneyland.

Andrew Dinh, the 36-year-old sheriff’s deputy of Riverside County, walked around Potterland with his 5-year-old daughter, Taytum, and spent around \$500 on items including robes, wands, shirts and temporary tattoos.

“It’s both for her and me,” Dinh said.

Ever since the new expansions, the park has averaged around 20,000 visitors a day in 2015, and that number increased in 2016. The industry experts estimated that the park had 44,858 guests visiting the park on Jan. 2.

“The epic transformation on our property has had a remarkable impact on Universal Studios Hollywood, which was evident by our record-breaking attendance over the holidays,” said Karen Irwin, president and chief operating officer of Universal Studios Hollywood.

The park first closed its gates at 2:13 p.m. due to the exceeded capacity, and starting from 3:30 p.m., they re-opened and only permitted guests with pre-paid tickets and annual passes. Those without them were sadly turned away and encouraged to buy tickets for the next day.

“I would be mad because they should expect that many people to come out. They should update their maximum capacity

*“They should update their maximum capacity once they have a new infrastructure.”*

- Scott Igtanloc

once they have a new infrastructure,” senior Scott Igtanloc said.

Even with all the new attractions, Universal Studios is not done expanding.

According to the Los Angeles Times, the park announced that they will be adding more attractions by partnering with Nintendo, a Japanese videogame company. Based on the characters from Super Mario Bros., one of the company’s popular games, they will be planning new rides.



Courtesy of ORLANDO INFORMER

The Diagon Alley and Hogsmeade in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Hollywood, is packed with many visitors from around the world.



## Student Scientist Supplies the Source

REICZEL BAEL  
Editor-in-Chief

*Reynoso's farfetched visions are becoming a reality through careful tinkering and perseverance.*

Where the average citizen sees the incurable - poverty, natural disasters, injuries - everyday on the news, Kennedy High School junior Veronica Reynoso sees promise for change using science.

With her handy notebooks at her disposal, Reynoso has recorded lists of possible inventions partnered with tentative drawings since she was 10 years old; she is regularly inspired from cartoon characters, people at Kennedy, literature, and her favorite show "Big Bang Theory" to create new inventions. Instead of actively participating in class, she says with a laugh, the margins of her Spanish class work assignments are filled with sketches of her scribbled prototypes.

The young scientist hopes to develop a customized piezoelectric (an effect that produces an electric current when under stress) flashlight powered by the heat of a human hand. As complicated as it sounds, it's pretty much what it is: complicated.

"I don't really have the materials or the money to spend, so instead, I try to be a source - powered by the heat of my own hand," Reynoso said, hair drawn into a ponytail, wearing a casual gray jacket. "I watched a video my freshman year about a Jack Andraka,

a teen scientist like me, who helped research for pancreatic cancer, and he didn't let the fact that he had different materials or no money stop what he wanted to do."

Still, with financial issues being one of the main barriers Reynoso tries to overcome, her main focus lies with aiding those who can't necessarily

*"...he didn't let the fact that he had different materials or no money stop what he wanted to do.*

- Veronica Reynoso

always help themselves.

Last summer, Reynoso took an interest to 3D printing. She read a blog post of a teen mother who took a contraceptive pill that was later found to be defective, causing harmful effects on her child. Reynoso met her and her six-year-old son, Simon, who she noticed did not have a right arm, at her church. Her resourcefulness is second place to her show of compassion; utilizing her sources and researching on her own on how to 3D-print a prosthetic right arm for Simon, she has currently developed two fingers and is trying to use her own electrodes to imitate an action.

"Simon told me that the first thing he wants to do if he gets an arm is that he wants to hug with two hands, which I thought was really touching,"

Reynoso said. "Because I asked him about what sports he wants to play, and he told me, he'd like to hug his Mom first."

A second chance molded by Reynoso's affinity for science and inventing. However, Reynoso has put the project on hold, for lo and behold, she must finish her AP Physics homework like her fellow classmates!

Reynoso is an IB student who participates in California Scholarship Federation (CSF) as tutoring chair, attends karate twice a week for three weeks per month, and used to be in cross country (which she quit due to the toll it took on her health).

Although she isn't the typical "straight-A" student who still suffers some sleepless nights, Reynoso offers more of her efforts and attention to inventing because she believes "it's more honorable to invent and contribute to a treatment."

In June of 2016, she attended the Congress of Future Medical Leaders seminar in Massachusetts, hosted for budding students and researchers, where she listened to Nobel Laureates, National Media of Science winners, other fellow student and professional scientists, and even some of her personal role models including Jack Andrake and astronaut Tom Marshburn. Reynoso befriended another student scientist from Boston named Mai, who often calls her

the "Taylor Swift of engineering."

"I had to fundraise to go to the seminar by doing a presentation with one of my inventions, my bioluminescent lamp, in the senior center near my church," Reynoso said. "I scared a lady there because she thought it was pathogenic, but it was non-pathogenic! But I still can't go there anymore, and if I do, I think I have to sign something."

Despite her appreciating and exercising the scientific art since she was ten, she's only being recognized now. The Orange County Register, Kababayan LA18, and Mayim Bialik, who plays Amy on Big Bang Theory have recognized her talents and encouraged her to share her gift. She plans to

attend MIT Office of Engineering Outreach Programs later this year, and when the final contestants for the Google Science Fair for 2017 are revealed to include her, she will attend as well.

"I get the question: why do scientists research?" Reynoso said. "I still don't have an answer because no one could assume or understand the dimensions of your mind. The closest I'll ever get to understanding Nicola Tesla or Homer Hickman is to read their biography... I learned that I'm better with the old integers than people. I need to work on my inventions, but I also need inner work, and share my ideas even though they're loose and need tinkering."



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## AP returns after three years

**LUIS DURAN**  
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Rita Ray

LUIS DURAN/*The Shamrock*

As the interim assistant principal, Rita Ray fills a temporary vacancy at John F. Kennedy High School as principal Russell Earnest continues to be on administrative leave. Previously assistant principal at Kennedy for about three years, Ray retired in 2014 with eight years of experience in the position.

“Teaching is my passion. I find working with young people enjoyable; I have spent more than 26 years working in education as a teacher, literacy coach or administrator,” Ray said.

Jennifer Brown, a qualified staff member and previous assistant principal, is the new interim principal. She has been working in the school system since she was 18 years old and was assistant principal for five years at Kennedy, Walker Jr. High School and Lexington Jr. High School. She was also an English teacher for 10 years, a yearbook, and ASB adviser, and an instructional coach for teachers.

“I promise to put in 110 percent everyday as long as I am needed to serve in this position and hope that I can lead Kennedy with the grace and dignity that this community deserves,” Brown said.

Though they may not know exactly why

the change happened, many teachers hope to make Ray feel welcome and part of the staff for as long as she is here.

Many students wish her the best of luck as she takes the place of Brown as assistant principal.

“I don’t really know much about Ms. Ray, but I wish her the best of luck here,” junior Jalen Dumphord said. “I’m sure she’ll do a great job.”

For as long as Ray is here, although no permanent changes have been decided, we hope to make her feel like she is home. You can find her walking around the school, or in her office in the counseling center.

“I love Kennedy High School - the best staff and students in the district are right here,” Ray said. “I am honored to now be a part of the Kennedy legacy of Irish pride and success!”

## ENTERING the SHARK TANK

**HARRISON PARK**  
Staff Reporter



ANNIE CHUN/*The Shamrock*

*Virtual Enterprise entrepreneurs (left to right) Logan Dyckes, Christopher Piazza, Jenelle Cayas, Mari Wada, Jordan Pedraza, Jonathan Lozano, and Derek Aguilar smile proudly at the grand opening of Pureasol in MP-1.*

Students walk into classroom 905 with a purpose. Senior Logan Dyckes works with other students to ensure that they are on task and meeting deadlines as they prepare for an upcoming tradeshow competition in Bakersfield.

Virtual Enterprise, or commonly known as VE, is a career class that is led by the students for the students. Focusing on business and entrepreneurship, VE pushes students to be creative and create a company from ground up and for the rest of the school year try and create a successful business.

As the Chief Operations Officer, or COO, Dyckes works to ensure that all the departments: Marketing, Human Resources, Accounting, Information Technology, and Sales are working efficiently, producing results, and working in a timely manner.

“What Virtual Enterprise, “VE” for short, is, a business made by students and run by students.” Dyckes said.

Above him is Jade Pallet, another senior and the Chief Executive Officer or the CEO, who heads all departments and acts as the representative of the entire company.

“As CEO, it’s kind of nerve-racking as I have everyone answer to me,” Pallet said.

It’s evident as students are mingling about with the Sales department, interacting with the Marketing department to ensure a more easy and comfortable interaction with future customers while other Sales employees are working with Accounting and ensuring that the proper figures and costs are being recorded and saved for future reference.

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“To anyone interested, VE is certainly a class that either sparks and ignites an interest in business or not. Regardless, it opens up so much more and helps you learn what you like and what you don’t like,” Dyckes said.

Giving students an opportunity to work together, Virtual Enterprise encourages students to take initiative and lead rather than learn from the teacher.

Virtual Enterprise seems to hold a special place on campus and is definitely worth checking out.

## A guiding hand on campus

**HAILEY EDMONDS**  
Staff Reporter



Aeri Kwak

HAILEY EDMONDS/*The Shamrock*

Walking through the halls, John F. Kennedy High School students pass by the Student Services office everyday without a second glance. Many check their reflection in the windows, but never stop to wonder what’s inside.

The Student Services office mainly contributes to the special education programs, but is open to every student. The last door in the room is the school psychologist’s, or Ms. Kwak’s, office. She has been the school psychologist at Kennedy for many years - helping countless students who are aware of her free, school provided service.

Everyone knows that high school can be extremely demanding. Whether it’s being pressed with school work or conflict with teachers or friends, we can all agree that school can be complicated.

Having someone to talk to can really help relieve some of the multiple stress related issues. Kwak has many tasks in her job description to help Kennedy students. She helps assesses students to see if they qualify for special education services, consults with teachers to help them with classroom behavior management, and provides counseling to all the kids.

“I want kids to know that if they feel like they are all alone, and they just don’t know where to go, that they can come here and I will listen,” Kwak said. “Even if I am not able to help the situation, I can guide them to other resources and link them to other people who can give them more help or advice.”

Most students come to Kwak’s office to talk about common issues such as the following:

stress, school work, overwhelming family situations, platonic and romantic relationships, conflict with teachers, anger management coping strategies, and a variety of different life issues that you just need to get off your chest.

Everything that is said in her office is

confidential and private, unless life threatening to yourself or others.

This safe zone provides an opportunity for students to find relief. Everyone at Kennedy has the opportunity to receive guidance and advice in a warm inviting environment.



## The End of an Era



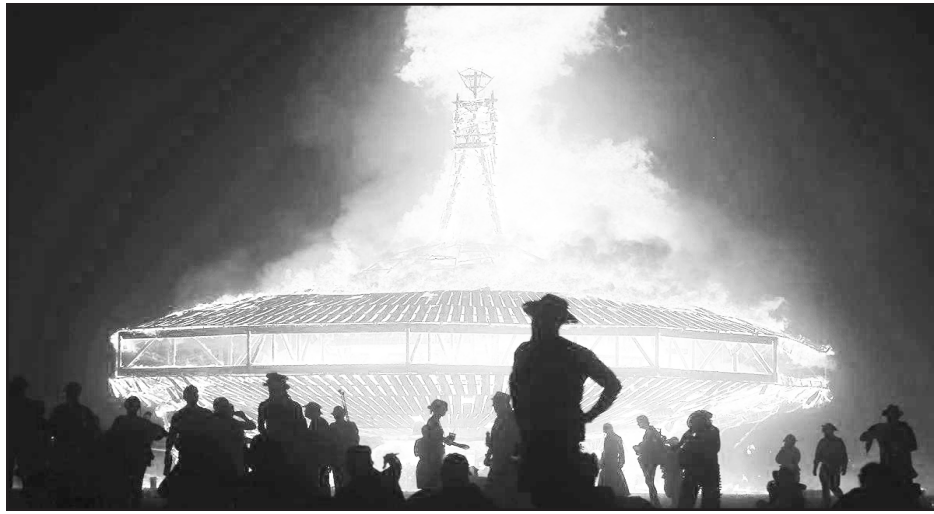
**JOY PARK**  
Staff Reporter

The excitement that surrounded Coachella in the early summers of 2011 filled with a frenzy of carefree youths, seems to be slowly fading. Millennials are walking away from the age of summer, the very culture that the festival embodied.

Once a spectacle of photo taking and dance, Coachella has received harsh criticism mainly due to the scandal with CEO of Coachella, Philip Anschutz. Many of the organizations Anschutz has supported and sponsored allegedly participate in anti-LGBT work.

Although Anschutz has denied these allegations of his particular involvement, the whirlwind of Coachella's high attendance of people who identify themselves with the LGBTQ+ community turn away from the festival due to the company's associations.

"We employ a wealth of diverse individuals throughout our family of companies, all of whom are important to us – the only criteria on which they are judged is the quality of their job performance; we do not tolerate discrimination in any form," Anschutz said responding to media.



*Courtesy of JIM URQUHART*  
The Burning Man monument, fiery and aflame, ends the night with a final spectacle, a sight unique to and symbolic of the event, a characteristic Coachella lacks.

Objectors believe the event is not what social media and news outlets say it is. Furthermore there have been multiple instances which evoked doubt of the legitimacy of the event. Coachella is hyped up as this whimsical dream, under the warmth of the desert sun, listening to the artists who write the soundtrack of your soul.

When referring to the supposed "magic" of Coachella, blogpost author Amanda Ross writes, "Since its inception 18 years ago, though, we've seen that this is clearly not the case."

It is difficult to identify what exactly has given Coachella the special attention other large scale festivals, such as Burning Man or Tomorrowland,

seem to lack. Though these festivals also receive endless praise, none seem to beat the amount of publicity Coachella receives.

While Coachella values social media, the Burning Man Festival embodies the beauty from two worlds meeting: music and art. Located in northern Nevada, the festival combines an other world-like desert escape and lively music, with bikes for transportation and military-like bunking, providing a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"Anyone who has money in a festival... needs to be 100 percent committed to it. There's a lot of challenges in the growth of festivals, but once it works, there's just a huge payoff in what you created.

Beyond the money, but just what you've created and how it becomes a fabric of the community it's in," Allen Scott, Vice President of the Another Planet, said.

The risk put into hosting a large scale, heavily funded event like a music festival is hefty, and according to statistics, Coachella is one of the lesser expensive ones. Although entry is just as pricey as its competitors, it may be the cheaper drinks or food that sell the event out. Or could it be the lower paid musicians?

According to Forbes, each artist is paid a mere \$1.75 per ticket, and compared to the \$3.95 paycheck for artists playing at Hangout Festival, it's quite a significant difference.

Quality over quantity, and when it comes to an event that costs hundreds of dollars to attend for a mere weekend, saving a few cents per drink is not worth choosing one event over another. That large price paid for a piece of paper does not just grant entry into a dancing photo scene, it is the key to a world of the melting of all elements of the universe of art, music and lights, artists and attendees, man and woman, gay and straight, Black and White, all alike, coming together as one body of the beauty.

Whether drink price, intrinsic value, or artist paycheck that deters the quality of the festival is up to each individual. The point is, Coachella is not that special, and people are starting to stray toward more artistically driven events, or musically driven events, rather than a mismatched jumble of both, infested with hipster wannabes and palm tree enthusiasts.

## Raising Minimum Wage



*Courtesy of GOOGLE*  
Protesters argue in support of raising the California (CA) minimum wage to \$15 with the chant "fight for \$15"



**MICHELLE PETERSON**  
Staff Reporter

California Gov. Jerry Brown signed a law raising minimum wage to \$15 by 2022. Specifically, the statewide minimum wage will increase from \$10 an hour to \$10.50 an hour on Jan. 1, 2017, then up to \$11 an hour on Jan. 1, 2018.

At the signing, Brown explained that while minimum wage increase may not make sense economically, it is necessary from a moral and political standpoint.

"Raising the minimum wage binds the community together and makes sure that parents can take care of their kids in a much more satisfactory way," Brown said.

Brown was correct in stating that increasing minimum wage does not make sense economically and his other assertions prove to be fallacious.

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) report, only a low portion of minimum wage workers would benefit from the raise due to the number of minimum wage workers, relatively few who are actually in poverty, and of families who live in poverty, only about 7 percent have a full-time worker in the family.

Supporters preach that it benefits single parents, allowing them to work less jobs and spend time with their children. But on the other hand, wage workers face a high chance of losing their jobs.

Wage hikes hurt marginalized groups with the least experience. Unfortunate workers on the lower rungs of the economic ladder are deemed most expendable when employers are forced to reduce job opportunities, often promoting outsourcing in

larger companies. Meanwhile, entire companies may close because they can't keep up with overhead.

"I'm willing to take the stand that the full set of minimum wage increases enacted over this period is responsible for a decline of around 1 million jobs across these particularly low-skilled worker groups," Andrew Soergel, an economy reporter, said. "There's something in the order of 2.5 million jobs lost among these low-skill workers to account for... this period's minimum wage increases account for 40 percent of that."

Advocates contend that raising minimum wage would have economic benefits, despite its initial drawbacks, defending that raising the minimum wage means minimum wage workers have more money to spend and so more money will ripple throughout the economy as minimum wage employees are able to spend more.

The CBO estimates that, "earnings would not go to low-income families, because many low-wage workers are not members of low-income families. Just 19 percent of the \$31 billion would accrue to families with earnings below the poverty threshold, whereas 29 percent would accrue to families earning more than three times the poverty threshold."

Despite the continued disagreement over the benefits and drawbacks of raising the minimum wage, there seems to be one consolation.

"The most important thing is that California is doing this over a six-year period," Jerry Newman, a professor at the University at Buffalo's School of Management.

## GETTING THE WORM



**XENA SULEIMAN**  
Staff Reporter

Anaheim Union High School District schools have started earlier each year. Last year, students and teachers began their summer break on May 26, giving students about two months to enjoy their free time. School resumed on Aug. 10, making it the earliest students have started since my freshman year in 2013. This schedule is perfect; a longer summer break means cheaper plane tickets to travel.

Students complained that starting early August isn't fair, considering their younger siblings who start in the beginning of September. "My younger brother started

school on Aug. 29 this year. I had to get up early everyday while he got to sleep in," senior Karthi Swamy said.

Although many were upset, for seniors this is an opportunity to graduate as soon as possible. Colleges also follow the same schedule, preparing students.

"I love that Kennedy started on Aug 10. this year. I have two daughters, one in high school, and one in college. We always had to coordinate our summer vacations around when Karthi got out of school, but this summer we got to go on an early vacation for once," Swamy's mother, Priya Swamy said.

AP students look forward to this new schedule as there will only be a couple weeks after the tests.

"Many AP students would agree that the schedule helps us a ton...it goes perfect with the timing," senior Amy Kim said.

At the end of the day, students have to deal with it whether they like it or not.

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## The Age of Kickstarter

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With the decade of technology, most will agree that the future is in our hands, but with crowdfunding websites such as Kickstarter, ordinary citizens can make their invention ideas come to life, literally putting the future in our hands.

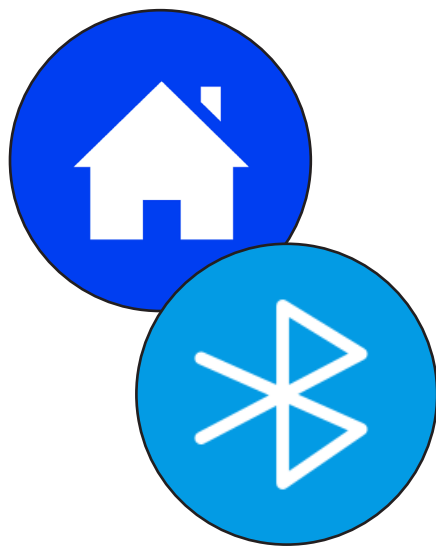
Kickstarter is a global platform for people to make their visions into a reality. With 12 million users supporting a project, \$2.9 billion in funding, and 119,173 successful launching projects, Kickstarter allows creative and innovative ideas, and especially high-tech inventions, to be brought from the blueprint into the real world.

### Noki

The smartphone unlocks many doors in the world of technology, but Noki Home Solutions have made it possible to actually open your homes without any physical key- only the touch of your phone.

With a corresponding Android and iOS app, smartphones can log things such as alerts and lock statuses. It also includes availability to give access codes to family and friends, and has a European design that promises a no-hassle installment.

Controlled by Bluetooth and Wifi, the Noki can give instant updates on the status of door locks. It has up to a 10 month battery life, and recognizes when the user is at home, keeping the door unlocked when desired.



### Air-Ink

As one of the successful launching Kickstarter campaigns, Air-Ink, first invented by Graviky Labs in the MIT Media Lab, plans to ship out the first ever ink made of recycled pollution.

“Each stroke made with Air-Ink arrests particulate matter, which would have otherwise ended up in the lungs of common people. Scaling this is saving lives” Anirudh Sharma, MIT Alumni and one of the masterminds behind Graviky Labs, said.

Five available forms of Air-Ink is available: fabric and outdoor paints, to screen printer, oil painting, and markers. The ink was first made by collecting soot and emissions from all air pollution sources through a HP C6602 inkjet cartridge to become a printer platform. After multiple trials and errors, Graviky Labs have developed an efficient and deployable system.

The pre-order for Air-Ink is available at \$25 a bottle, which will be shipped out in June.

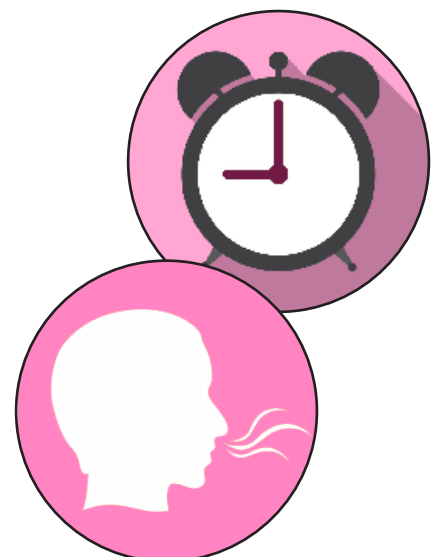
### Sensorwake

What’s better than waking up to your favorite smell- starting your morning off with the fresh scent of cold hard cash?

Reaching its goal of 50,000 Euros, the Sensorwake has a month left in its campaign before it launches the alarm clock. Named one of the top 15 inventions by Google, the aromatic clock uses 100 percent recyclable pods that last 60 uses.

Ranging from seaside, fresh grass, chocolate, croissants, fruits, and even cash, the scents proved effective in waking up 99 percent of people within two minutes. The clock comes backed with a regular alarm sound, and shuts off after three minutes.

Shipping is expected to start in November, with one clock and two aroma pods for \$89.



## EVOLUTION OF THE HOME

**ANH MAC**  
Staff Reporter

The future is now. The idea of robots involvement in everyday life is no longer fictional, but instead a reality. Revolutionizing home management and security, Amazon Echo and Google Home have transformed the way people live.

Amazon Echo, a hands-free speaker you control with your voice, is a compact cylindrical-shaped device that can be plugged in anywhere in the house. Coming in an affordable price of \$180 for such advanced technology, the Echo is available to many.

Though shaped like an ordinary speaker, the Echo does much more than just fill the room with music from the cloud with immersive, 360° omni-directional audio. It is controlled by Artificial Intelligence (AI) that represents the greatest achievement of 21st century engineers.

Alexa, the brain behind Echo, can be activated once the device hears its name, “Alexa.” Not only is Alexa able to control lights, switches, and thermostats with compatible accessories, but she can also become your personal shopping assistant, kitchen companion, or home automation tool.

Since Alexa is built into the Cloud, she is always automatically updating her skills and abilities. The more she is used, the more she adapts to specific speech patterns, personal references, and daily routines, thus improving response time to better assist human life.

“Voice control will soon offer the same level of functionality and benefits without the need to bury our faces in various displays,” TIME magazine reporter Tim Bajarin said.

With its advancements, Echo could fundamentally revamp tech’s future and make the world completely voice-

controlled.

Amazon’s competitive rival, Google, has also developed a similar gadget — Google Home.

Google Home is powered by Google Assistant, which will wake up with the phrase, “Ok Google.” Google Home can be purchased for \$130, giving the user the same experiences at which the Echo can provide for fifty less dollars.

Google is known for its immense online database. With this advantage, Google Home sets itself apart

from its competitor, the Amazon Echo, by providing superior answers. For example, Home is capable of playing songs utilizing contextual awareness despite not knowing the specific song name.

Compared to Alexa, Home’s commands are more flexible with less rigid structure. For the Echo, you can simply have a back and forth questions-and-answers for it to complete tasks. However, Google Home is able to have a more natural conversation with the human regarding any aspects of his or her daily life or even make lame jokes and cheesy pick-up lines.

Nevertheless, the Home is still not a match with its competitor, the Echo, due to the lack of compatibility with other third-party products.

“While the Google Home shows a ton of potential, it’s currently not as versatile or useful as Amazon’s Echo -- though we expect it to improve in the days and months ahead,” CNET reporter Andrew Gebhard said.

Smart Home technology is still at its early stages, with Artificial Intelligence conquering the world with such virtual assistance like Echo and Google Home, and is still awaiting for further adjustments and adaptable control with third-party extensions and devices.



# Snapchat Sees All

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Millennials are living in the age of social media, some of which include Facebook, Instagram, and especially Snapchat. Social media is concentrated around people of all ages, and there are constant updates made to keep up in the industry. Snapchat was introduced to the world in 2011 and has undergone numerous updates and changes to their app since.

It began with introducing the concept of sending a picture that would only last for a limited amount of seconds. Later, they launched “stories” where users were able to upload pictures or videos for all their friends to see for only 24 hours. The latest innovation is their Snapchat Glasses.

“Spectacles,” their latest product, records videos that can be uploaded automatically to the Snapchat app. On the rim of the glasses, there is a button to begin recording a 10 second clip that can be uploaded to the Memories section of the app. In the future, you may view the “memory” again through the Spectacles to relive the moment. These glasses, colorful and novel, breaks the barrier that many social media and tech companies are terrified by.

It currently retails for \$130 and comes in a variety of colors, ranging from black to teal to coral. The product comes with a charging case despite the fact that it is designed to last all day, and can record up to 16 minutes of video.

Snapchat’s new product is a relatively hefty purchase, but it can be argued that memories are priceless.

For those who are self-conscious of what they may look like with such a unique design like the Spectacles, fortunately, there is a feature on the app allowing users and potential buyers to virtually wear these devices so they can see what they look like before purchasing them. Once a user puts Spectacles on, they are able to cherish experiences that they capture, allowing them to relive any nostalgia of their past.

## New Year, New Concept



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Staff Reporter

Featuring a futuristic all screen design, recent leaks of the new iPhone 8 concept were rumored to honor Apple’s tenth-anniversary of its iconic iPhone product line.

The iPhone 7 and 7 Plus were claimed as most-definitely the best phones of 2016. They came with speedy performance, water resistance, and, above all, exceptional cameras, notably with the iPhone 7 Plus.

“iPhone is an essential part of our customers’ lives, and today more than ever it is redefining the way we communicate, entertain, work and live,” Apple CEO Tim Cook said. “iPhone set the standard for mobile computing in its first decade and we are just getting started. The best is yet

to come.”

The leaks came from reports, released near the end of 2016 that originated from Lite-On Semiconductor, a Taiwan-based company who supposedly supplies Apple with necessary hardwares to support such ground-breaking features.

According to Forbes contributors, the model of iPhone 8 will be unlike any iPhone Apple has made to date. The new concept includes a never-before-seen edge-to-edge flexible OLED display on the traditional smartphone. It is also rumored to implement improvements of facial and gesture recognition sensor, thus offering new ways to unlock the device besides the well-known Touch ID and PIN code.

With the all-new wrap-around display, the innovative model is rumored to embed a fingerprint sensor, other front-facing

components, and especially wireless charging.

With an all glass design with no buttons or edges, how will Apple incorporate necessary electronic parts?

To resolve the dilemma, AppleInsider believes that the electronic parts would be put inside small openings “imperceptible to the human eye.”

Apple is known for its pioneering vision that sets path for the development and opens new perspectives for the advancements of smartphones, tablets, and computers.

For instance, the most surprising changes about the iPhone 7 was the removal of the headphone jack that certainly startled fans from all around the world.

“It had its last big innovation about 50 years ago. You know what that was? They

made it smaller. It hasn’t been touched since then. It’s a dinosaur. It’s time to move on,” Apple Vice President Greg Joswiak said.

The familiar 3.5-millimeter headphone jack was thought to be an impediment to better life by Apple’s senior Vice President of Hardware Engineering Dan Riccio. The removal of the audio jack set off in the iPhone 7 is expected to initiate a ripple effects of future tech advancements.

In 2016, Apple has provided the outstanding improvement to the iPhone camera and the development of the TouchBar for the new Macbook Pro. The revolutionary concept of the iPhone 8 seems very likely as of what Apple has in store for the new year 2017.





**DOMINIQUE LARSON**  
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## MASSACHUSETTS SHERIFF FOR SLAVE LABOR

On Jan. 6, 2017 a Massachusetts sheriff, Thomas Hodgson, proposed to have American inmates build President Trump's wall between Mexico and the US. This bold proposal left many speechless, considering the fact that forced labor of hundreds, even thousands of inmates along the border of Mexico is nothing less than modern-day slave labor.

"Building the wall gives inmates a chance to get out, learn a skill, and jumpstart into working in the community," Hodgson said on Fox News.

This optimistic view on the idea makes the task of a 1,945 mile long wall sound as mundane as the construction of a church or school. In reality, building this wall is incomparable to that of a church or school. It should not be permitted.

Hodgson made this statement on the grounds that the city has actually had inmates refurbish churches in his community. He allegedly has spoken to sheriffs around the country who "are very interested" in this proposal. Hodgson and others who share his opinion on the matter see this as an opportunity to save taxpayers money and prevent "criminal" immigrants from stealing the jobs that they feel entitled to.

"We applaud Sheriff Hodgson for trying

to be creative and trying to solve national-level problems with local resources," Jonathan Thompson, executive director of the National Sheriffs' Association, said.

Hodgson has relayed his idea to President Trump but despite other sheriffs being on board with this radical idea, there still has been no confirmation with Trump.

On Thursday, Jan. 19, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition protested this incredibly selfish proposal and presented the police department with a letter.

"This particular plan is outrageous," a copy of the letter said. "If the system had as its basic premise that each person has some capability to reform their lives, then there would be serious, consistent, efforts made to provide positive learning opportunities in every area of life."

At about two-fifths of the length of the Great Wall of China, which took over one million lives in the process, this mission to have semi-skilled inmates work as slaves to build the wall is not only inhumane, but unrealistic. As long as America remains "the land of the free," this proposal will remain, in the words of The American Civil Liberties Union, utterly "unconstitutional."



Courtesy of GOOGLE

Thomas Hodgson draws a lot of attention from reporters in his press conference where he announced his proposal to enslave inmates.



## Spare Change for Sex Change



**HAILEY EDMONDS**  
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Shiloh Heavenly Quine, a 57-year-old transgender woman, has been serving a life sentence since 1981 without parole for first-degree murder, kidnapping, and robbery. Quine recently was approved by the state of California to be given a state-funded "sex-reassignment" surgery as a medically "necessary" treatment for Quine's gender dysphoria (a state of unease or generalized dissatisfaction with life).

Is this really the best use of taxpayer money? Should we be using the money to pay for a prisoner's surgery that addresses a non-life threatening issue?

The surgery was successful and took place in a San Francisco hospital, and soon after, she was moved to a woman's prison after her discharge. Because of Quine's situation, California is now the first state to set the expectations for other transgender inmates to apply and quite possibly receive a state-funded sexual reassignment surgery.

During a car robbery in 1980 at downtown Los Angeles, Quine and an accomplice kidnapped, brutally shot, and killed 33-year-old Shahd Baig, a father of three children.

"My dad begged for his life... I'm helping pay for [Quine's] surgery because I live in California... It's kind of like a slap



Courtesy of KRISTIN SCHREIER LYSEGGEN

Transgender inmate, Shiloh Heavenly Quine, receives first sex-reassignment surgery costing an obscene amount of taxpayer money.

in the face," the victim's daughter, Farida Baig, said.

Baig had to grow up without a father, and now has to pay for her dad's murderer to have a cosmetic surgery just because she lives in California. The situation seems insulting. The state should not reward a murderer. She took a life, and now, California residents are giving her a new one.

The state's corrections officials had fought in court for years to avoid paying for sexual reassignment surgeries.

"California was legally required to pay for the operation. The Eighth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution requires that prisons provide inmates with medically necessary treatment for medical and mental health conditions including inmates


diagnosed with gender dysphoria," corrections spokeswoman Terry Thornton said in a written statement.

Surgery for inmates is strictly for life-threatening conditions, but how this is a

life or death situation? What about all the transgender people in the world that are not able to afford this surgery? But an inmate, a person who is convicted of murder and several other crimes, is being given this treatment for free. It is not fair to everyone else who works hard and can't afford the surgery.

"For too long, institutions have ignored doctors and casually dismissed medically necessary and life-saving care for transgender people just because of who we are," Kris Hayashi, executive director of the Transgender Law Center, which represents Quine, said.

Paying for Quine's surgery is opening the door for more cosmetic surgeries to be given to inmates for free. Institutions, such as the one Quine will be held for life, are dismissing these issues because they are not life-threatening. It isn't right that the state is using taxpayer money for these issues rather than something that could benefit the community.



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## Another One for the Books

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On Wednesday, Feb. 1, the Lady Irish played against the school down the street and won a victory of 59-46.

This game was not the last game of the season, but it was the last rivalry game for the seniors.

"I have no regrets," senior varsity captain Keiley Kuwahara said. "My team played hard with a lot of heart, and I'm really proud of them. I couldn't be happier with the results."

Previously in this season, the Lady Irish had lost against Pacifica 36-50. When they came back the next game, it was a victorious moment for them.

"We played together as a team; everyone was involved in the win," the other senior varsity captain Camryn Hamaguchi said. "We definitely played better defense and then that lead to our offense compared to the last game against Pacifica."

Hamaguchi was recognized as last year's Empire League Most Valuable Player (MVP) and is planning to pursue a basketball career.

The Lady Irish is always striving to improve their rebound and offense skills during practices in preparation for upcoming games. The rivalry game is a big one for them.

"It's not that we train harder for games like this," Kuwahara said. "But I think we do play with a lot more passion. There is nothing better than being able to shut down Cypress in their own house."

The feeling of triumph is shared throughout



Courtesy of JENE KUWAHARA

Senior Keiley Kuwahara takes a drive to score for Kennedy.

the whole team. It is something that they will carry with them after season ends.

"My favorite memory in basketball would definitely be defeating Cypress," junior Hallie Kaichi said.

The team has already set goals for next

season.

"We're going to work hard to keep it up and hope for the best," junior Traci Kwan said.

Now that the seniors are leaving, it's up to the rest of the team to continue this legacy.

## PROFESSIONAL SOCCER: GOALS OR NOT?

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If you want commit to a college sport or become a professional player, know this: the chances of becoming a well-know sports icon is slim, and if you're serious, painstakingly serious, then declaring you'll become the next Mia Hamm without practice and common sense won't get you far.

Building your way up to be recruited takes several months or even years to accomplish. It's important that you start early and a heart set to keep playing beyond high school.

"You are making this big life decision when you are a freshman in high school," Kyla McKeon, a student athlete who committed to colleges during the end of her freshman year, said. "You know what you want in a week, but it's hard to predict what you'll want in four years."

Uncertainty is attached to all careers, especially when pursuing a highly exclusive sports profession, however, researching extensively and practicing consistently won't guarantee you a spot in your college or national team, but it will guide you to self-discipline and a brighter likelihood of entering the sports industry.

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## GIRLS WATER POLO RULES THE EMPIRE

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On Thursday, Feb. 9, John F. Kennedy High School's girls varsity water polo defeated Pacifica High School with a close score of 5-4, officially claiming their title as undefeated league champions for the first time in the school's history.

Senior Courtney Reed scored the winning goal of sudden death during overtime.

"This season has been pretty tough considering our coach's recent dismissal from our team. We have all worked incredibly hard this year to accomplish our goal of league champions," senior Cami Owens said.

Despite, the leave of coach Eric Pierce, the girls water polo team has managed to work harder than ever. The team decided that this season's hard work would be dedicated to Coach Eric as he has been with them since the start of their high school career.

"We all felt the loss of our coach and knew how much harder the season would be without him. Honestly our biggest motivation was coach Eric since he has been working hard with us to achieve each of our individual goals," Owens said.

The team's motivation and hard work brought the team closer than ever, rewarding them with a first-time title of league champions.



Courtesy of RAFAEL SANTIAGO  
Girls water polo poses as league champions after victory over Pacifica.



# The First Family of Fútbol



*In a year defined by a series of trials and tribulations, the Fighting Irish boys soccer team managed to endure through the brotherhood they found both on and off the field.*

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**B**odies collide, mud flies, and spikes sink into the grass. The sun has set on John F. Kennedy High School boys soccer season as they leave the field - legacy and memories behind. Not only do they wear their hearts on their sleeve for the game, but also for each other.

Their season took a sharp turn when six players were removed from the team, resulting in the loss of several starting figures. They ended their season with a bang after beating Western High School, 2-1, with goals scored by senior Chris Castillo and junior Jordi Verduzco.

"It definitely had affected us immensely," senior forward Aaron Oliva said. "I feel like it could have been a way different season if we had all our seniors together."

Oliva realized the mistake of their losses and provided advice to the other continuing players.

"We only tried hard in the last minutes instead of the very get go, we needed to give it all at the very

beginning and we kind of just waited til the very end." Oliva said. "Work hard from the beginning because high school soccer flies."

Even though the team went through a few lows during their season, the bond that they formed through their teamwork will always be embedded in their hearts.

"I like all of them. They are just like a second family," junior Marcus Gonzalez said. "They are always there for you, even outside of soccer practices and games."

As the seniors reflect back on their last season of varsity soccer, they will definitely remember all the precious moments they have made with their fellow brothers.

"When we were going to the away games and our team would go eat before the game and it was really fun," senior captain David Yakim said. "We made so many memories together. We would also play games before practice."

As the end of the chapter for these seniors are coming to an end, they left the underclassmen words of advice to strive for league champions next year.

"Keep working hard, never give up, keep your composure, and have fun," Yakim said.

*Photo Courtesy of ALEXIS CONTRERAS*

## Welcome Home Chargers

LUIS DURAN  
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On Jan. 12, 2017 the San Diego Chargers team owner Dean Spanos announced that the Chargers would be moving to Los Angeles at the beginning of the 2017-2018 season. The Chargers who played their first season in the American Football League (AFL) in 1960 are returning after 57 years.

"We must earn the respect and support of L.A. football fans. We must get back to winning. And, we must make a meaningful contribution, not just on the field, but off the field as a leader and champion for the community." Spanos said.

Although many Chargers fans are happy about the move, the majority of fans are disappointed because it was their only hometown team. One particular fan is Brian Bahr who is a season-ticket holder and San Diego Native.

"I'm not happy about it because they were in my hometown, but at the same time I'm to break down that [the] Chargers fan not

Bahr said. "If you don't want to follow, all respect to you. But I'm going to follow."

"I was told the Chargers will never use this logo again," sports journalist Arash Markazi said on Twitter. "It will go down as the shortest-lived logo in sports history."

The Chargers have also hired a new head coach, Anthony Lynn who is a two-time Superbowl Champion. He has huge visions for the Chargers upcoming season. Though he has a background in offense, especially in the running game, which is his specialty, he wants a tough defense and will expect a lot from them.

"The first few times that

I've met with him and spoke to him, he seems like he's about his business," Chargers cornerback Jason Verrett said. "That's something we're going to need to come out here in this market and the things we could have. It's going to be so crazy and different than San Diego, but I'm excited that we got him."

The Chargers and the Los Angeles Rams have also come into agreement about sharing the stadium. The Chargers will be contributing \$200 million dollars from a National Football League (NFL) loan. The new field will be located in Hollywood Park just ten minutes from LAX International Airport. It will be built in an open air style and will be able to seat up to 70,000 people. The stadium, modern and bigger than the last home of the Chargers, will be opening in 2019. Until then, the LA Chargers will play at StubHub Center, the home of the professional soccer team the Los Angeles Galaxy.

"I think the new stadium will be probably the best the NFL has to offer since the Dallas Cowboys one cost about \$1.1 billion dollars and it's considered really high tech," junior Min-Ho Park said. "The Chargers new stadium, costing \$2.6 billion dollars, will be a cool thing to see, but they will still have to perform better than they did this season."

## Boys basketball takes a shot at teamwork

ESTHER LEE  
Copy Editor

Despite a final regular season record of 4-6, the John F. Kennedy High School boys basketball team finished off the year on a high note with a victory over Western High, 44-41, in their final game of the season at home on February 9th.

While the addition of standout guard Andre Keith could not help the Fighting Irish reach the playoffs, the team continued to fight throughout the season. The boys finished fourth in the Empire League.

"We started to play more as a team," co-captain Marcus Proctor said. "That was one of the big things that our coach wanted us to do this season."

Because there were only two returning varsity players, the boys' teamwork suffered. They improved as the season went on, but find themselves in a difficult position for next season as eight seniors will be leaving after this year. Once again causing coaches and players to focus on teamwork again next season. Coach Jose Alvarez plans to continue the improvement on communication, especially because of the loss of so many valuable varsity players.

"Communication is always important in team sports. It is one of those things that you never stop working on," Alvarez said.





Dogs of Kennedy showcases the furry friends of students and teachers around campus.

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A&E Editor

Post a pic of your dog and tag it with #DogsofKennedy for a chance to be featured on @KHighLife!

# SPLIT

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An analysis of DID in the media

A child, an old woman, and a serial killer. What do they all have in common? They're all running rampant inside Kevin, Wendell Crumb's head.

Director M. Night Shyamalan's newest film *Split* is going down as one of his best psychological thrillers yet. Shyamalan is notorious for his hit-or-miss films, ranging from the atrocity that was *The Last Airbender* to iconic suspense films like *Sixth Sense*, *Unbreakable*, and *Signs*.

"After thinking for 105 minutes that *Split* was a horror movie, it [turns out to be] a supervillain origin story that takes place in the same universe as *Unbreakable*... and sets up a sequel," entertainment news outlet SyfyWire said.

In the film, the titular protagonist Kevin, played by James McAvoy, has Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID), and alternates between 23 different personalities. With "Dennis", one of Kevin's personalities, running the show, three teenage girls are kidnapped by order from "the Beast", who later turns out to be his surprise twenty-fourth personality.

"It was suspenseful, though there was actually some funny parts in it that I didn't expect. It's kinda [*sic*] sad because the main character had a really bad childhood [causing him] to develop 23 different identities," senior Lauren Jansen said.

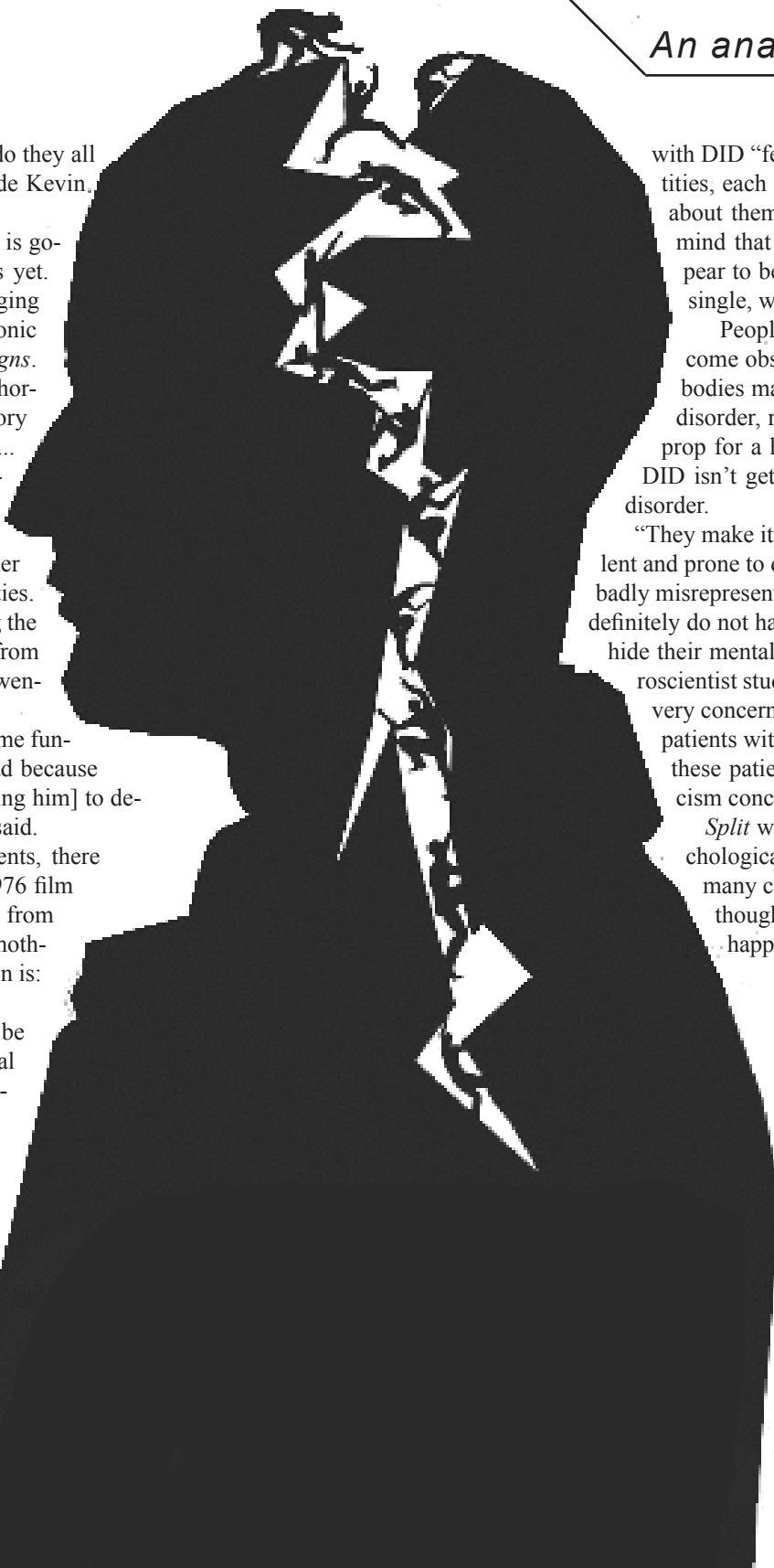
Even though this story is not based on true events, there have been numerous cases of DID left untreated. 1976 film *Sybil* retells the true story of a woman who suffered from DID with nine different identities as a result of her mother's sexual, physical, and mental torture. The question is: how do personality disorders develop?

Although some medical experts believe DID to be an "offshoot" phenomenon, this disorder is very real (though not to the extremes of *Split*). The first component boils down to the mom and dad's genetics.

The key player to the disorder is childhood trauma. It usually begins with repetitive emotional, verbal, physical, sexual, extreme abuse. Shyamalan created Kevin's backstory with these aspects in mind to add to the accuracy of the film.

The American Psychology Association (APA) conducted a study that found a link between the frequencies of various childhood traumas and the development of personality disorders. People with Borderline Personality Disorder, for example, had especially high rates of sexual childhood trauma. DID develops similarly as a coping mechanism for these difficult situations.

According to the Sidran Institute, a person



with DID "feels as if they have within them two or more entities, each with its own way of thinking and remembering about themselves and their life. It is important to keep in mind that although these alternate states may feel or appear to be very different, they are all manifestations of a single, whole person."

People with DID may feel that they have suddenly become observers of their own speech and actions, or their bodies may feel different. Movies tend to exaggerate this disorder, romanticizing it to the point where it becomes a prop for a horror movie plot. From *Fight Club* to *Psycho*, DID isn't getting the appropriate representation as a mental disorder.

"They make it seem as if patients with DID are extremely violent and prone to doing bad things. This is actually not true, and it badly misrepresents the psychiatric disorder. Individuals with DID definitely do not have a tendency to be violent; more a tendency to hide their mental health problems," Dr Simone Reinders, a neuroscientist studying DID at King's College London, said. "I'm very concerned about the effects that the movie will have for patients with DID, and how the general public will now see these patients. There's already a lot of stigma and scepticism concerning this specific disorder."

*Split* was an exemplary 'on the edge of your seat' psychological thriller. While perfect for a good scare, it took many creative liberties in its representation of DID. Although *Split* may stop when the movie ends, DID is happening within the minds of people all around us.

## The Shamrock Film Ratings



**3.5/5 Shamrocks**

We give this movie a 3.5 out of 5 shamrocks due to the tropey "origin story" film rather than a horror as it was advertised. While *Split* has its strong points, it falls short with its stereotypical violent representation of DID in the psychological horror genre.



## trends that **NEED** to **END**

2016 EDITION

MICHELLE PETERSON  
Staff Reporter



*You don't skate and you probably never will.* This style, like many other trends, has become overplayed. It's become more difficult to differentiate between those who actually skate and those who just like to model the merchandise.

### SKATER WEAR

### MOM JEANS



Popular in the eighties, this frumpy piece of clothing is one that should have stayed in the past. These high waisted atrocities, rightfully called "mom jeans", last had their fashion moment when Reagan was president. *They were hardly flattering then, and they still aren't now.*

### CHOKERS



What was a once cute and understated has become obnoxious and cluttered, a neckweight of excessive add-ons of lace. This over-glorified dog collar is really uncomfortable and stores are overcharging customers for what is basically a long piece of fabric.



### SUPERSTARS

It's time to pick a different shoe to wear, people. *Seriously.*

## What's the hype about **Hamilton?**

JUSTINE TABADERO  
News Editor

Earning about \$151,020,218 in total tickets sold, winning 16 Tony Award nominations, 11 Tony Awards, a Pulitzer Prize, a Grammy Award, 46 songs in a musical tell the story of someone who embodied hip-hop: the play, Alexander Hamilton.

Actor, playwright, composer, rapper, and writer, Lin-Manuel Miranda, has come a long way since introducing his first song he created for the musical "Alexander Hamilton" at the White House Poetry Jam in May 2009. From there, Miranda's "Hamilton" hit Broadway on Aug. 6, 2015 at the Richard Rodgers Theatre. Now, it's the biggest musical today.

Founding Fathers, the outstanding cast is mostly led by Latinos and Blacks. "It is quite literally taking the history that someone has tried to exclude us from and reclaiming it," Leslie Odom Jr., who comes close to stealing the show as Hamilton's killer, Aaron Burr, said. "We are saying we have the right to tell it too."

"I think our goal is to present [Hamilton and other historical figures] as human, and not just the five facts you know about them from our history books. Nobody gets off scot-free in our show," Miranda said in an interview with Rolling Stone.

During the success of his first Broadway show, "In The Heights," his inspiration to combine the life of a historical figure with the artistry of rap came from reading an autobiography about Hamilton.

"When I picked up Ron Chernow's biography [of Hamilton], I was at a resort in Mexico on my first vacation from 'In The Heights,' which I had been working seven years to bring to Broadway," Miranda said. "The moment my brain got a moment's rest, 'Hamilton' walked into it."

Miranda's idea to combine history and rap proved to be genius considering every single show in the following six months are sold out. The cheapest possible ticket one could get is for \$250. However, the only available tickets for this year are around \$1000.

"Hamilton showcased so many incredible performers of all different genders, backgrounds, and colors to tell the story. It deserves all the success it has received and more," super fan, Jaavon Martin, said.

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Miranda strived to make a tribute to the many immigrants that contributed to America's growth as well as helping bring non white actors to Broadway. Although this is not his first time breaking barriers considering his Latino filled cast in his previous show "In The Heights."

"Our cast looks like America looks now, and that's certainly intentional," Miranda said earlier this year. "It's a way of pulling you into the story and allowing you to leave whatever cultural baggage you have about the Founding Fathers at the door."

Miranda had grown his hair for two years to fit the role of Hamilton. On July 9, 2016, he said a farewell to his tiny ponytail and cut it off, marking the end of his role in Hamilton. He proudly passed the torch to Javier Munoz, his understudy.

"As actors, we're always saying hello and goodbye. Contracts end and people move on, that's just the nature of the business, but it doesn't ever get any easier," Munoz said in an interview with The Hollywood Reporter. "Lin and I, we're also great friends — I'm not just losing a colleague who won't be there every day, but also my friend won't be there every day. I'll miss him, and do my best to honor what he's made."

While still keeping "Hamilton" on his mind, Miranda is moving to bigger things, advancing his career as a composer and writer.

"I remember getting that question after In the Heights. 'It's your first musical and you won the Tony, how are you going to top it?' I'm like, 'I went from broke substitute teacher to Broadway composer. I will never make a leap that big in my life again.'"

