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## Aldaba represents Pico Rivera



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Senior, Dominique Aldaba, will be representing Pico Rivera in this year's Miss Teen California Latina beauty pageant on November 9th.

On one occasion while at dance rehearsal, recruiters from this pageant approached her and asked if she would like to partake in the experience.

Aldaba attended an interview in Los Angeles and patiently awaited for the agency's response.

Aldaba shortly received a sash with the printed words "Miss Teen Pico Rivera" in recognition of her newly acquired title. She then came into contact with the mayor of the city, Brent A. Tercero, in order to become involved with the community.

She attended the Relay for Life here at El Rancho and took this opportunity to introduce herself to many people with cancer stories. She has been more active in volunteer work and city affairs, such as assisting the AYSO 605 Soccer Youth Community with fundraisers and administration.

Aldaba says, "It's nice to know the different types of people live here in Pico and learn about their tough experiences." This pageant has been a quite an eye opening experience.

"I know Dominique will be a great representative for the Hispanic community because she carries herself well, and is an admirable role model for people in our community," says senior Karina Chavez.

Miss teen California Latina "brings culture and beauty together," Aldaba says. The agency's motto is "beauty with a purpose" so it requires more than just a pretty face.

You can go online and vote for your favorite teen on [misscalifornialatina.com](http://misscalifornialatina.com). Tickets to attend the pageant at the Renaissance Hotel in Long Beach are now on sale for 35 dollars. Save the date for a night filled with charity and glamour on November 9th at 6 p.m.

## "So fly" juniors steal the night



This year's night pep rally began with high spirits and ended with a twist. For the first time in several years, Juniors defeated the Seniors in a class competition. Each class was judged and scored according to their creativity, pride, respect for other classes, and the following of their assigned theme. The "So Fly" juniors came in first place, scoring a total of 419 out of 500, and the "Studio Seniors" arrived in second place, with a total of 413. The "Supernatural Sophomores" came in 3rd, and the "Freshmen Inc." came in 4th. There was definitely tension between each class as the scores were being announced, but all of El Rancho came together and showed their blue pride for their school as the rally closed with the Alma Mater.

## Benefactor honors drama student's memory



Ms. Zazueta-Ruiz presenting the \$500 donation to the drama department in honor of her son's memory.

BY JAMES CHOW  
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Roxanne Zazueta-Ruiz has established a \$500 scholarship fund for Drama students in honor of her deceased son, Former El Rancho Don Jeremy Zazueta-Ruiz, who tragically passed away after being involved in a fatal car accident.

Zazueta-Ruiz graduated from El Rancho in 2010 and was attending Long Beach College. Ms. Zazueta-Ruiz set up the funding for the scholarship to commemorate what would have been her son's twenty-first birthday. "It's a small way of keeping my son's memory alive," she stated, "I want him to be remembered."

"The Drama department will match her scholarship amount and purchase a spotlight on which will be a plaque en-

graved with Jeremy's name," says Mr. Stan Wlasick, who has been the Drama teacher at the Ranch for the past thirty-five years.

Wlasick remembers that Jeremy "was one of the finest young actors who has gone through the Drama program. His performances in Lunch Bag Theatre and in the productions of *The Catered Affair* and *Lone Star* are still vivid in memory!"

Jeremy was one of those one-of-a-kind actors who took my directorial notes and applied them to his performance at the next rehearsal. He always strove to be the best he could be."

Senior Daniel Espitia expressed his gratitude. "I didn't know Jeremy, but it's great to know people like Ms. Zazueta-Ruiz have this department in mind. The fact that someone is willing to help provide

funds to further a student's interest in the arts is amazing."

Echoing Espitia's sentiments, Senior Sandi-Rose Wood says, "I'm extremely grateful to have this scholarship available for graduating Drama students. It really makes the beginning of the year special, now that we are beginning to rehearse for the first play of the year."

"Jeremy exhibited the six pillars of character before this school even adopted them. As a good citizen, he was willing to do whatever had to be done to complete the job, even the grunt work. He was an asset to the Drama department," says Mr. Wlasick.

The engraved spotlight will keep his memory active. The scholarship will help other performers, which is an intention a devoted Thespian like himself would surely desire for his peers.

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# OPINION

## Ebola news not a problem for America



Ebola viruses, EBOV, is a formerly well-known disease in Africa.

BY RANDY LAZARO  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

The big fuss everyone is making about the Ebola virus should be taken as heavily as the second coming of Jesus. The possibility of Ebola infecting the nation is so unlikely that there is a greater chance of Republicans accepting Obamacare.

There are far greater issues this country should worry about, such as obesity, drug abuse, law enforcement officers, and falling out of your bed at night. Yes, even your bed is a bigger threat than Ebola.

The reason Ebola exploded is because, like 9/11, it is one of the few times the United States was domestically hit by an outside force.

According to the World Health Organization, the WHO (no association with the band), this is not the first time an Ebola outbreak has occurred. Since its discovery in 1976, there have been 32 Ebola eruptions in four continents with an approximate 6,000 deaths. Only eight of these deaths have taken place in the United States.

Compared to a year's worth of obesity-related deaths in the United States, Ebola is not a problem. It would be like comparing the United States-related deaths in the Middle East, to that of the collapse of the World Trade Center. Sure, one sounds worse than the other but the latter only totals approximately .6% of the former.

When put up against God, Ebola is but a mortal man. According to the most shoplifted book, *The Bible*, God has killed 25 million (over twice as many as Hitler) of the people he so lovingly created. Although many of these deaths would be considered slaughters and completely uncalled for in modern times, there are ways to believe that he had his reasons.

Superman in *The Man of Steel* was a bigger menace to society than the Ebola. If it were not for his already known story as a hero, he would be considered just as big of a terrorist as Osama Bin Laden.

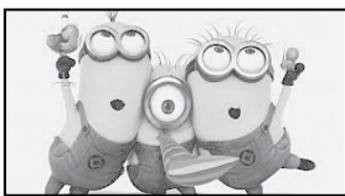
There is no reason for people to fear Ebola. The ones that say that Ebola is a threat are either misinformed or making money off the fear of the people.

## The Results of Night Pep Rally

**Veronica Vargas (Senior):** "I think it's dumb how we got points taken off because of the color of our shirts. I also think it's messed up how we got points deducted because of our decorations."



**Vianey Gutierrez (Senior):** "Every year they let the seniors win regardless of what happens because it's their year and now all of a sudden they want to make us lose."



**Christina Jimenez (ASB Senior President):** "It sucked, really bad, but I am proud of our class. For once in the four years we have been at the school, we showed so much pride and spirit. We put up a really good fight. This was our best year and I'm really proud."

**Jonathan Caprietta (Senior):** "I feel like it was honestly rigged. How can the juniors beat us? We were way louder than the juniors and our skit was way better. I honestly thought if we were going to lose, we should have lost to the sophomores."



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## ASK M.J.



### How do I get more organized?

A lot of people, especially high school students, struggle with organization. A good way to become more organized is to file all loose papers in either a binder or a file folder with tabs. This will make it a lot easier to be able to find your work when you need it.

It is always a good idea to keep your pens, pencils, highlighters, etc. organized as well. Keeping all writing utensils in a pencil pouch or box helps establish one place for all pencils which ultimately makes them easier to find.

In order to make sure you are on top of your assignments, I recommend keeping a planner or an agenda. This will help you stay on top of things because you will know what your homework is and when it is due.

### How do I avoid Senioritis?

Avoiding senioritis can be a very difficult task. In order to best avoid senioritis, it is important to keep in mind how critical senior year is. In fact, most activities done during your senior year require you to keep your grades up.

Along with senior activities, colleges also require you to keep decent grades senior year. In order to get into a good college, or even your dream college, it is important to keep your grades up. If you want to have a higher probability of attending a university of your choice, it is extremely important to avoid senioritis, because at often times colleges will revoke acceptance or put students on academic probation for slacking off senior year.

Another way to avoid senioritis is to become more involved in extracurricular activities. Being a part of a club requires you to ditch your laziness since other club members will rely on you to be on track of things. Being involved in a club does require you to be more responsible but in the long run, joining a club will help you avoid senioritis by keeping you on top of things.

### ADVICE



### How do I avoid the stress of having so much homework?

It is understandable that you are currently experiencing stress from the overload of homework you are getting. Although it is extremely important to get all of your work done on time, it is also important to keep yourself calmed and relaxed.

A good way to avoid stress is to take breaks while doing your homework. Even if the breaks are only five minutes long, it will give your brain a little time to relax, thus allowing you to avoid some stress.

### How do I tell my friend something that might hurt her feelings?

Although sometimes the truth tends to hurt, it is always best to be honest. It is understandable that you do not want to hurt your friend but ultimately she will appreciate the fact that you were honest rather than lie to her.

On respects to how to tell her, it depends on your friend. You could tell her one of two ways:

Number one: Tell her right away. The next time you see her, tell her what you need to tell her.

Number two: Work into it. The next time you see her slowly work your way into telling her what you need to say.

The choice is ultimately up to you, but one thing is for sure: You need to be honest with your friend.



## CITY VIEW

## California Association of Youth Courts Advisory Board

BY DARWIN REYES

El Rancho's Teen Court has the opportunity to have two members take part in the California Association of Youth Courts student advisory board. The California Association of Youth Courts is an organization that has an annual summit in the summer where the Teen Courts of California gather to discuss the pressing issues of the year and how to approach them. The summit also creates a form of sharing ideas in which Teen Courts share their successes and how they were able to accomplish them. The student advisory board for the California Association of Youth Courts is a group of young individuals who consult the adult board for conducting workshops, and discussing topics, such as human trafficking. These students represent the state of California and the issues teens are presently facing.

Alexis Hernandez, an El Rancho alumni currently attending Whittier College, is still active in assisting Mr. Elias with Teen Court. Last year as a senior, Alexis had the opportunity to be a California Association of Youth Courts student advisory board member and he has returned as the leading chairman of the student



Areanna Figueroa and Alexis Hernandez meet to discuss

advisory board. Last year upon graduation, Alexis also received a medal presented to him for being the treasurer of Teen Court.

Areanna Figueroa is recently this year's Teen Court Vice President, but she has also received a medal last year for her efforts as the Teen Court Tech Com-

missioner. Areanna was admitted into the California Association of Youth Courts earlier this month due to her diligence and dexterity. Areanna explained that the process of applying was not too difficult, but rather exciting to be pursuing a great position of power to add to the prestige of El Rancho.

To apply to be a California Association of Youth Courts board member you must fill out a form at the summit with a series of questions. You must have also submitted a letter of recommendation from your Teen Court advisor or someone who could describe you accurately and truthfully.

In addition, the members of Teen Court are also proud to announce that, over the summer, Mr. Elias has also earned his way to be a California Association of Youth Courts Adult Board Member for his consistent new innovations and great critical thinking on solving social issues.

In recognition of the hard work of the El Rancho Teen Court the honorable Judge David Wesley presiding over the Los Angeles County Superior Court states, "I am both inspired and proud to see El Rancho High School become such a principal player with California Association of Youth Courts. The Teen Court newly created by the El Rancho students and adults is a role model for existing and potential Teen Courts statewide. The peer justice philosophy has grown exponentially over the last 20 years and I am awed by the level of commitment and quality shown at El Rancho High School."

## Teen Court Report

BY DARWIN REYES

By popular demand Teen Court will begin reporting on the cases we hear for the previous month. Due to issues regarding juvenile confidentiality we cannot offer photos or names of the student jurors and/or defendants.

For the month of October, Teen Court experienced two interesting cases, one case pertaining to a petty theft, which later turned out to be a robbery. Although the second case was a petty theft charge, it became exposed that the offender had the intention of stealing before she entered the store. The key element of breaking and entering with the intention to steal is what makes the distinguishment between a petty theft and a robbery.

The merciful jurors of the second session did not advocate for robbery for this would only impede the progress of the offender.

The first case consisted of a form of sexual assault where the boy had deliberately taken out his phone in the middle of class and positioned it to view and record the under garments of his female classmate.

The offender admitted the charges and began to explain how he had already made amends with the girl for their parents were quite familiar with each other. The boy had also admitted that he had done the same crime previously and records of the video were recovered from his cellular device.

What is particular about this case is that the offender did not follow the typical patterns of such a crime. Typically, offenders find the need for their crime through the excuse of horrible child rearing, while in this situation the boy had extremely supportive parents.

Offenders tend to display bad grades and often an abundance of tardies and absences, but in this case, the boy had minimal tardies and was said to have a 3.5 grade point average.

Both cases had a duration of three hours altogether, and throughout the three hours the jurors had eloquent questions that gave a better perspective on the offenders and a deliberation which fitted the crimes.

## Your Cell Phone: Friend or Foe?

BY DARWIN REYES &amp; IVAN CRUZ

The El Rancho School District code of conduct regarding technology is rather strict in the sense that the mere presence of headphones around the neck withholds consequences of detention and Saturday school. Then, by the third offence suspension and the removal from extracurricular activities is enforced. Now, this may seem a bit extreme to some, but what students, parents, and staff don't realize is that these are the set of rules and regulations we have set in place at El Rancho High School, in regards to cell phone usage. Students and staff members have viewed these policies as extreme because they have a mutual unspoken relationship that establishes mutual trust when it comes to cell phone use in classrooms.

The growing matter of cell phone usage in class is something that has to be confronted. Technology is a growing resource and the truth of the situation is that students are only going to be tempted even more to use their devices in class.

The question is how to set a limit on the use of phones, while not completely eradicating them from school. Teachers have begun to cope with the use of cellular devices in class and have mandated and regulated how and when students can use them, some teachers to a greater extent than others.

Is it possible to make a cell phone a teaching friend



Classmates Darwin Reyes and Ivan Cruz exchange text messages during class.

rather than a teaching foe?

After interviewing some of the staff here on campus, such as Mrs. Palomares (Sociology, and European History), Ms. Qureshi (U.S Government and AP U.S Government and Politics), Ms. Brown (Creative Writing, English 12 Honors, ), as well as Mr. Saucedo (U.S History and U.S Government), we found how different teachers control the matters in different forms. The reason for the interviews was to gain different perspectives on the question and to see the variety in the different grade levels in which cell usage is more common. From conducting this, we have an inside view on how classes are run, and what steps have been taken over the years in managing this issue. Not only did we

interview the staff, but also the students in the class to get their standpoint on cellphone use.

The most common response was that "Students use their phones when they have nothing to do, or are simply just bored." There are many factors that play into this, and they vary between class environments and class subject, yet the responses were the same. Therefore, to correct this problem of "boredom" in the classroom, a teacher must find creative activities constantly to keep the students busy, and implement the use of cell phones in a few activities. This would create a psychological connection between the student and teacher, for using a cellular device for educational purposes.

The complete ban of cell

phones would only create sneaky students. However, allowing the use of cell phones here and there allows teachers to not only teach the contents of their class, but also the social norms one is expected to follow in a professional setting.

Everyone must share equal blame in the situation for it is the students who run rampant with phones but it is up to the teachers to implement real world values and keep the students active in a creative way.

We are all victims of technology. Establishing boundaries in a classroom guideline between the student and teacher, (instead of a third party), would create a balance between the social life phones entail and the professional business setting of a classroom. It's all about finding a compromise!

## FEATURES

## Culinary Arts Club help feed the hungry



Chef Luna and the Culinary Arts alumni get together three times this November to help out the less fortunate in Downtown L.A.

BY SAMANTHA MUNOZ  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Chef Luna and the Culinary Arts Club are preparing for their 8<sup>th</sup> annual charity event to feed the homeless in Downtown Los Angeles from November 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>.

This charity event, known as “Gifts for the Less Fortunate,” is a time for Chef and his

team to aid those in need. On the weekend of Thanksgiving, Chef and his club will provide the homeless with clothing, blankets, and not just canned food, but warm, home-cooked meals.

Chef was inspired by his mother to start this event. She always taught him to be grateful that he had a house and food to eat daily, because not everyone has that opportunity. Chef

says, “In order for us to appreciate what we have, I believe it is important for us to give back.”

What Chef hopes to achieve from “Gifts for the Less Fortunate” is for “people that are hungry [to] at least have one day or weekend where they are not.”

He is very excited for next month and is accepting donations of food, clothing, and blankets for distribution. Chef and the

Culinary Arts Club are also accepting pet foods because a majority of the homeless have pets that are in need of food as well.

If you would like to donate or have any questions, you can visit Chef Luna in room Q-4, contact him through email (dluna@erud.org), or through Instagram/Twitter (@chefdluna). Help make a difference in the lives of others and donate!



## El Rancho welcomes Mr. Zhu

BY SALONI PATEL  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Have you met the new Physics teacher, Mr. Zhu? Though he may seem like an average physics teacher, there is so much more to Mr. Zhu than meets the eye.

Mr. Zhu was born in China and likes following his traditional Chinese values in his daily life. Zhu is a vegetarian and he enjoys spending his time at Heartland’s organic vegetarian restaurant.

Mr. Zhu learned Kung Fu in China and uses his abilities to make his physics lessons creative and memorable.

Mr. Zhu aspires to maintain a healthy lifestyle, and in order to accomplish this he rides his bike to school every other day. Zhu also practices his Kung Fu as often as he can.

Along with being a vegetarian, and Kung Fu master, Zhu is also a globetrotter. Zhu has moved from continent to continent throughout his lifetime.

Zhu lived in China for a majority of his lifetime, and later moved to Canada to finish high school. After graduating high school, Zhu was accepted into the University of Southern California. With the support of his parents, Mr. Zhu was able to attend and graduate from USC.

After graduating from USC Zhu applied to be a physics teacher here at El Rancho. Though physics isn’t the most beloved subject on campus, Zhu makes physics enjoyable for the students at the Ranch.

Many of Zhu’s students welcomed his arrival to the high school and nothing but positive comments when asked about his physics class.

Senior Francisco Ramirez adores, “Mr. Zhu’s personality and the way he communicates with students.”

Senior Julius Armendariz, “He’s cool. He does parkour and teaches physics. It doesn’t get any better than that.” Other students admire his age proximity.

Mr. Zhu is 24 years old, making him one of the youngest teachers on campus. Senior Crystal Chavez believes his young age allows her to learn better and understand his teaching techniques. “Since he is young, it makes class more interesting that because we are learning from someone within the same generation!” said Chavez.

Whether it’s his Kung-Fu skills or his interesting life stories, Mr. Zhu is definitely one to greet in the hallways.

## Mrs. Tejeda has a boneload of responsibilities



Mrs. Tejeda loves teaching her students about the human body and how to preserve a healthy lifestyle.

BY NATALLY MAURICIO  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Mrs. Tejeda, teacher of the Med. Core and Emergency Medical Responder programs here at El Rancho, consid-

ers herself blessed to work two jobs that she truly loves.

Not only does Tejeda work with students through the Tri-Cities ROP program, a city-wide program that prepares students for college and careers by of-

fering career-technical education, but she is also a part of a pediatric practice in Whittier.

Although Tejeda’s days are busy, she says she “loves working with the awesome students that come

through [her] door every day.”

This is Tejeda’s fourth year teaching at El Rancho and her second year in the Medical Careers Club. The club is geared towards guiding the current Med. Core students to transition into the EMR program.

There are few requirements and guidelines that must be met to join the club, Tejeda says it is “a fun and nurturing environment.”

Tejeda believes that community is a culture at El Rancho and it is also the foundation for the club and the courses she teaches.

School events such as the Homecoming Carnival, help fund-raise for the Medical Careers Club. Club members are always open to fun, inventive ways to raise money for field trips, jackets, etc.

Tejeda encourages students interested in any ROP class offered at El Rancho to talk to the Tri-Cities ROP career advisor, Millie Fastrup, in the Career center on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mrs. Tejeda has a special place in her heart for El Rancho students because she is a proud alumni. She says it is an honor to be back at The Ranch.

Tejeda would love to see all her students succeed and she hopes that the ROP program paves a possible career path for her students.

# FEATURES

## Derek Peyton is Simply Irresistible



Derek Peyton can be as tough as nails, but also, as gentle as a summer's breeze..

BY LAURA CASTRO-SPENCER  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Ladies, you can run. You can hide. And you may think you are safe, but think again. You cannot hide from El Rancho Junior Derek Peyton because he will find you, and you may fall head over heels for this charming character. Yes, Derek Peyton is one of the few California teenagers who can hunt and kill dinner for his lovely date.

Along with hunting and killing things, Derek Peyton enjoys spending his free time mountain biking and hiking in the woods. "I will spend it with my mom, dad, or friends who are around at the time," said Peyton.

Who needs lazy and comfortable when you can have rugged and active? Derek Peyton is the kind of guy that will

get you in the best shape of your life and you won't even know that you're exercising until you lose thirty pounds!

In addition to being a modern day Tarzan, Peyton hopes to attend West Point Military Academy after high school and later enter the military. "[I wish to] major in military history and minor in political science," said Peyton, "Then hopefully become an Army General on base." Who does not love a man in uniform, ladies?

Think you do not have a chance with this drop dead gorgeous Derek? You probably do not, but if you are under six feet, love the outdoors, and do not mind getting your hands dirty, Derek Peyton is the man to fulfill your needs. "I look for someone who shares my sense of humor and is outdoorsy, but can still act like a lady and can conduct them-

selves in a professional manner."

So far, the only woman that has made delicious Derek's head turn is British actress Natalie Dormer. "She just emanates beauty, and she is going to be my wife one day, but she does not know it yet."

No need to panic just yet ladies because remember, Dormer will always be 15 years older than Peyton, so while she is old and wrinkly, you will still have your youth!

Derek is attracted to Natalie Dormer is because she is a woman who can take care of herself. Peyton does not want a damsel in distress, but a partner in crime. That does not mean you should try robbing the 7 Eleven on Washington to get his attention, but be a little adventurous.

Get this boy's digits before he joins the army and saves America from outside enemies.

## Teens for Change; New Name, New Meaning: The Wallflower Club

BY BELEN HEREDIA  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

*Teens for Change* has morphed into a new club that has an abundance of students attending. *Teens for Change* was a club that tried to make a better environment for their fellow classmates.

Since the club only had a few members that were mostly seniors, it ceased to exist. Matthew Gutierrez, founder of the *Wallflower Club*, found it more useful to make the best of what was left of *Teens for Change* and transform it into the *Wallflower Club*. It will still be called *Teens for Change* in the announcements, however, for the remainder of the year due to school regulations.

*The Wallflower Club* is an organization that welcomes individuals who feel excluded, unaccepted, and timid, and creates a place for students to hang out and meet new people.

The club is run by the founder, Senior Matthew Gutierrez, and cofounders, Junior Luis Morones, Senior Savannah Ovaldia, and Senior Andrew Corona.

The ultimate reasons for establishing this club is to improve on people's social skills, and "to make friends that will be like family," therefore, creating a positive and friendly environment.

The club will possibly be taking trips to *Knott's Berry Farm*, *Disneyland*, the beach, and so on. This organization has many activities, including movie nights, *El Rancho* football games, and weekend or after-school hangouts for the members to attend.

If any students are interested in joining the club, *The Wallflowers* meet every Tuesday and Thursday in Mrs. Sythe's room, in Y-7, during lunch. The seats fill in rapidly so make sure to come early and tell your friends! Everyone is welcome to come!



Wallflowers come together to become "infinite".

## WORD ON THE STREET

### What are you looking forward to most about Fall?



I am looking forward to Thanksgiving because I love all the food that is made.

- Jason Martinez, 12th



I really want the weather to get colder.

- Alejandro Barajas, 11th



I really like all the pies available, like banana cream and pumpkin.

- Monica Guido, 10th



I am looking forward to rainy, gloomy days.

- Giselle Rodriguez, 10th



I really enjoy getting together with my family on Thanksgiving and eating a lot of food.

- Anthony Rodriguez, 9th

# CAMPUS

## An October filled with new experiences



Students showing their support for the football team at the El Rancho vs. Cal High game.



Sophomores Melissa and Madeline Aguirre ready for the haunted maze.



Seniors ready to perform their skit at the annual Night Pep Rally.



Mothers participating in Coffee with the Principle at the library.



ASB selling halloween grams during lunch.



Mrs. Senteno-Tapia supporting seniors during homecoming week.



Dons purchasing sodas from clubs during the food carnival.



Junior girls signing up for their first year in Powderpuff.



Senior Anissa Ramirez spinning the wheel before winning a \$50 gift card to target.

## HALLOWEEN

Top ten  
Halloween movies

## HALLOWEEN



The  
Night  
He  
Came  
Home!

BY DAVID HUGHES  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

10. *The Thing* – The first movie on the list is the Thing. This horror classic had its debut in 1982 and was directed by John Carpenter, who has a laundry list of classic horror movies under his belt. This film features the classic use of old special effects to maximize gore.

9. *Halloween* – Another and more famous classic horror film by director John Carpenter. It stars a young Jaime Lee Curtis as she tries to run away from her serial killer brother Michael Myers.

8. *Night of the Living Dead* – This is the zombie movie that started the brain hungry genre. The film was released in 1958 and shows just how bad a simple getaway trip can go when the dead come back from the ground.

7. *The Conjuring* – This is a more recent film on the list; the film depicts a family that has paranormal investigators come over to ward off an evil spirit.

6. *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* – This is an important film on this list because it broke barriers that prevented gory movies that couldn't reach mainstream audiences and brought it to the living rooms of many Americans.

5. *The Grudge* – The horror film that made Asian Horror movies popular in America. After the release many other films incorporated frightening young kids in movies as well.

4. *28 Days Later* – George A. Romero created zombie films, but Danny Boyle put his twist on the undead by giving them the ability to run. The film is set in London 28 days after infected zombies take over most of the U.K.

3. *Blair Witch Project* – This 1999 thriller shocked movie goes with a small movie budget consisting of just \$60,000. Blair Witch Project also started the point of view camera craze that many other films would later try to mimic.

2. *The Shining* – This is considered one of the best movies ever made, the Shining is an outstanding piece of film history directed by Stanley Kubrick, which is set in an empty hotel that a family must look over.

1. *The Exorcist* – this is the go to horror movie that people watch when they genuinely want to be scared. Upon release The Exorcist became an instant cult classic.

## Knott so scary farm



Knott's Scary Farm workers prepare to scare amusement park guests.

BY FRANCISCO RAMIREZ  
BY EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

October is a month of spooks and fear, and Knott's Scary Farm is said to be one of the three main places to be. Compared to Universal Studios' Halloween Horror Nights and Six Flags Halloween Fright Fest, Scary Farm is not the best, but not the worst.

Knott's Scary Farm is a Halloween-themed amusement park that provides what the public would expect, mazes, monsters, and roller coasters. What makes Knott's Scary Farm exciting, however, is the many themed mazes. Some examples of such themes are New Orleans, Pinocchio, and even a twisted tooth fairy.

Scary Farm's mazes are built for the jump scares which people love and hate. During the mazes, behind corners, or underneath a bed, monsters are hidden and are ready to jump out at you. Some people experience the full blow, while others

get the short end of the stick.

One big problem that Knott's Scary Farm has is the amount of people that is allowed to enter a maze at the same time. Many people do not like this because they paid to be scared. Bryan Rojas says, "Some people are scared because they are in the front, however the people behind them only see the monsters go back in their positions."

Although this is a small problem, it is understandable because Knott's employees must make the people go through as quick as possible due to the high amount of people they receive.

Along with the mazes, one can find scare zones. Scare zones are sections where monsters are hidden behind layers of smoke waiting to pop out at you. A particularly popular one is the clown scare zone where a clown with a chainsaw likes to hang around. This clown, along with other monsters, will pop out of nowhere and is allowed to chase you around

the park. But fear not, if you are eating you will not choke as they are not allowed to attack you then.

If you wish to avoid these predators here are some quick tips from an employee himself. Do not stare them down; they will take this as a challenge. Another option is to make these monsters your pals. Ask them for a picture. You can even ask them to walk you through the rest of the scare zone so other monsters stay away. Also, do not make your fear evident. Do not run or hold on to a friend and remember, they cannot touch you unless you touch them.

While you wait in line or are posing for a picture, one never knows what monster is lurking behind a corner or is hidden in the thick fog. The amount of people allowed into a maze at once, and the not so convincing masks take away from the experience. Knott's Scary farm, however, can still be an overall enjoyable time for those who wish to be only moderately scared.

## To Trick-or-Treat or not?



This older couple is eager to go trick-or-treating.

BY ELIZABETH JACOME  
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While 40-year-old trick-or-treaters dressed up in diapers and sucking on pacifiers isn't common, it's not wrong either. Halloween is the day everyone can become someone else for just a few hours without judgment.

Teenagers stop relishing in the art of collecting candy because it's no longer socially acceptable to run around wearing a costume

meant for a five year old. Yet people are often lamenting the fact that children are growing up too quickly and are acting like adults long before their childhood ends.

Every year, a group of emotionally aroused girls wear revealing booty shorts that make boys drool over them. If this is the case, why would it be wrong for a 6-foot tall bald man, who's feeling a bit frisky, to dress up as a sexy vampire for Halloween for his own kinky pleasure?

Adults spend their day working long hours and stressing about bills, forgetting to spend enough time enjoying life. So if adults can have the opportunity to blow off some steam and bring out their inner child, then they should be allowed that chance without being criticized.

Many people in society today would say that adults dressing up and celebrating Halloween is just unconventional, yet emphasis on creativity is instilled in everyday lives from the social standard. Our lifestyles are constantly being shaped by the opinions of

others, but how can we truly be ourselves if we are always filtering our actions to satisfy others?

There should be no age restrictions for Halloween. It's not likely that adults would be trick-or-treating but if an older gentleman or a classy socialite wants to sweeten up on pure Almond Joys from the rest of the neighborhood, he or she should not shy away because society says it's wrong.

The true spirit of Halloween lies in the scaring of others. A four-foot kid dressing up as Michael Myers would not be nearly as menacing as a tall, one-eyed hairy adult clothed as a demon, staring you down late at night. Typically, only adults can accomplish the execution of this kind of fear that makes the hair on your arms stiffen up and the chills race down your back.

So if you see an adult knocking on your door tonight, open your soul and accept their courage to go out and have fun. Just make sure to not open the door for anyone dressed up in a clown costume from Pico.

Advanced Drama scares  
El Rancho's students

El Rancho Drama department poses outside the Haunted Little Theater.

BY SOL MENDEZ  
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I happen to go through a lot of emotional states but these past two days (Wednesday and Thursday) I have been nothing but SCARED! This year, the Drama Department decided to put a new twist into this Halloween season by creating the first ever Haunted Little Theater.

Now some of you may be asking, "what's that?" most likely because you didn't attend (shame on you,) however, this special event consisted of the Advanced Drama department scaring the brains out of you, but not literally because then I wouldn't have been able to write this review...

Other than being ultimately frightened and making me temporary insomniac, the "scare level" of this Haunted Little Theater was HELLA SCARY (that's slang for really scary). Advanced Drama put together a maze in its little theater and within the maze, it had horror scenes to thrill the people as they walked through.

If any of you have been to Halloween Horror Nights or Knott's Scary Farm, you'd be surprised to hear that this maze was pretty darn equivalent to what those professional "scarers" (yes, I made that word up, just now) put together. Brandi Wood (graduate from 2013) and Abigail Toscano (Talented Advanced Drama actor) applied the cool, yet quite terrifying make-up on these actors.

Sarah who is in Advance Drama said, "I think it was a great maze, we put a lot of work into it." Of course she is just saying that because she's in drama but quite frankly, I have to agree. When you walked into the maze, you can tell that these actors put a lot of their effort into this maze. I mean, it's not every day you see "dead people" in high school but then again...

ANYWAY if you didn't get a chance to attend this year then make sure you attend next year! It was worth my two dollars and it'll most likely be worth your two dollars. BOO! That was my attempt at scaring you, but I'm sure it didn't work so let's leave the haunting to the Advanced Drama Department. Make sure to have a great and safe Halloween night!

## SPORTS

## ER football opens league play with 3-0 record



The Dons downed the defending league champion, La Serna Lancers, in the opening Del Rio league game; it was the first time in five years that The Ranch defeated La Serna.

BY TATIANA JURADO  
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El Rancho Dons football continues to keep their winning streak strong. They have won five consecutive games and are in first place in the Del Rio League.

Dons have an overall seasonal record of 6-2 and a league record of 3-0. The team defeated the La Serna Lancers 42-35, they easily dominated Whittier 42-6 and also beat Pioneer 34-14.

The La Serna game was their opening Del Rio league game and it was the first time

in five years that The Ranch defeated Del Rio league champions and CIF-SS Southeast Division champions, La Serna.

It was also a huge game for senior quarterback Andrew Perea. Perea threw for a record 418 yards, completing 27 of 47 passes, and four touchdowns. Perea broke the 387 yards record set in 2012 by Joey Sanchez.

The Dons had great offense and defense against La Serna. Their defense went three and out putting the Dons in great scoring position while their offense was also able to drive the ball and score.

The La Serna game also

had two star players and being able to start as a junior, stepped up to the plate. "It was nerve wracking knowing it was our biggest competition yet," says Isiah Araujo. But he came out strong with 9 catches, 150 receiving yards and 1 touchdown. Isiah also shined in the game against Whittier and Pioneer with 11 catches, 215 receiving yards and a total of 3 touchdowns.

Levi Aguilar, an outstanding player came out with killer defense. "It has been a long time since I couldn't play so I was really excited and hungry," says Aguilar. He proved himself and

went out hard with 7 big tackles against La Serna and 2 tackles with one sack against Whittier.

The Dons overpowered Whittier by taking less than a minute to make the score 7-0. Sergio Gamiz said, "We have to keep practicing like every game is going to be against La Serna."

Whittier might have not been up to par but the boys still went out strong and played their hearts out.

Leading the Dons in the Pioneer game was senior James Garcia. Garcia had 130 yards on 17 carries. Garcia stepped up in the game for injured Isaiah Capado.

Pioneer got close to the win, but couldn't quite get it. The Dons stayed strong and were able to show everyone they want this championship.

"We didn't play our best against Pioneer, there is definitely a lot we can work on," says Coach Vinnie Lopez, "It's a win and we'll take it, and now we must focus on (California) and the league championship."

Check out [elrodeonews.com](http://www.elrodeonews.com) for late results from last night's game against the CalHi Condors (<http://www.elrodeonews.com>).

## The volleyball team strives to remain positive

BY FRANCISCO RAMIREZ  
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El Rancho Dons volleyball team is looking forward to a better season this year, hoping to come back from their slow start. The team is prepared and ready to show that together they can reach the top of the league.

El Rancho's Varsity volleyball team is in a rut, only winning two out of their last seven games. However, the team is hoping to get out of this hole that they are in with hard work and dedication.

Varsity starter, Destiny Johnson, is an important player on the team, but knows that the team needs improvement. Johnson says, "The team needs to work together, instead of individually."

Johnson says that she and

other members need to have a more "competitive mind set."

Being a captain and having made varsity as a freshman, Destiny Johnson has been helping the Dons since her acceptance on the team.

As well as starting on the team, Johnson has received many awards such as being the MVP of certain tournaments.

As a junior, Johnson will continue to push herself to improve not only for herself, but also for her teammates.

Destiny Johnson began playing volleyball in her eighth grade year, and has continued to play on other teams, such as clubs, as well as the school's team. Johnson pushes her team to help go against the rival teams such as La Serna.

La Serna has a record of seven wins and zero losses. As it's main rival, El Rancho wants to show that they have what it takes to be on the top.

Together, the volleyball team is more like a family, as Johnson says "[The team] helps each other improve on what each other needs."

Being a family brings them closer, which causes the team to function as one. Furthermore, the volleyball team will work together to overcome their problems.

El Rancho's varsity volleyball team is working harder everyday to show that they are ready to win.

As Johnson says, "The team can improve, but only if they work together and help each other out."



Junior, Destiny Johnson leads the team with her work ethic on and off the court.

## SPORTS

## Boys' water polo hopes to make it to CIF



El Rancho water polo boys pose in front of a mural by the pool deck.

BY BREANNA PEREZ  
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As the boy's water polo season progresses towards CIF, the team currently holds an overall record of 14 wins and 8 losses, and a league record of 3 wins and 1 loss.

Coach Pringle believes the season started off well "with a convincing win over Whittier" at the first league game with a score of 17-7. Unfortunately, the team competed in a tournament against 4 other schools, and lost 3 matches, but managed to win against Camarillo High School.

Despite the loss, the team redeemed themselves by

defeating Pioneer High (28-3) and Lakewood High (5-0).

However, when competing against the team's biggest rival, La Serna High, the Dons lost by 10 points. Pringle believes the reason behind the loss was because the team "only had a positive two quarters" out of the four.

Nevertheless, the game did help assess the team's weaknesses. "I think it's really going to take an effort to put together an all-out game for four quarters entirely without any mental lapses or beaks," said Pringle.

The team demonstrated substantial improvement when

they defeated Santa Fe High with a score of 31-7. Varsity Captain Nick Murillo says, "I think we're having a better season than last year. I know we're going to make it far and win a game in CIF if we keep playing the way that we are."

To prepare the team for the upcoming games against Downey and Cal High, Murillo and cocaptain Anthony Najar are keeping their teammates on track. "I'm making sure everyone's here at practice and putting in their 100% effort during a game," says Murillo. Moreover, Najar's main focus is to "help the team keep a positive mind set

when competing." Although Pringle says he feels confident about playing against Schurr and Cal High, he thinks Downey will be a tough game. "It doesn't matter how I feel though, if my guys are ready to go and ready to play, then we'll be alright," says Pringle.

As of now the team may not reach their goal of winning a league title or placing in top 10 in CIF Division 5, but Pringle says, "we still have a goal to win in CIF, so that's our focus now."

Make sure to go and support the water polo boys at their next game today at 3:15 p.m. at Downey High School against the Vikings!

## Girls' cross country set to take league title



Senior Sabrina Moreno preparing for League.

BY KIMBERLY GUIDO  
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The El Rancho Cross Country Varsity girls will soon crown themselves League Champions. Throughout the season, they have been working hard and have consistently broken personal records over the season.

According to Coach Luis, the Varsity girls are "doing well and are going to take first place at League Championships with Whittier. They are currently sitting in first place and plan to keep it that way for league finals."

Senior Sabrina Moreno says she is "excited to race at the League Championships against Whittier." Varsity girls are striving to take the League title with advancements and improvements from their previous races.

The Varsity boys Cross Country team lost most of its star runners from last year, many of whom graduated or did not have the time to continue in cross country.

The team, however, is still trying to work its way up to being as good as it used to be in previous years.

The team will be working its way to at least third place in League Championships. Sophomore Donald Brown says, "This season was based more on making improvements as a whole team. By next year, Varsity boys will be more stable and ready."

Coach Luis suggests that the girls should step up their game, but he is ultimately satisfied with the current condition of all levels of the Cross Country team.

Coach Steven adds, "I hope Varsity boys take third place in League." Both coaches have faith that all levels will be in the top three in League Championships.

Junior Varsity Cross country has had a challenging season. Junior Elisha Lugo says, "I hope JV boys and girls are trying their best to prepare for next season."

All Cross Country levels are pushing themselves forward for improvement and progress as a team. They all hope to end the season strongly.

## Girls' tennis makes a strong comeback



Tennis team poses with Coach Galindo after a match.

BY ELIZABETH JACOME  
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

This year's tennis season was not an easy one. The girls' tennis team had a brand new team with only two former varsity returners. They struggled

throughout most of the season but eventually pulled through.

A lot of work was put in to get the other girls ready to compete at the varsity level.

However, this didn't stop them, and according to Senior Varsity Captain Jennifer Delgado,

"Giving up was not an option."

The tennis team has greatly improved and some of the players have qualified for preliminary competition, which is not an achievement everyone on the team receives.

For the players, it de-

pends on how many wins each doubles team or single players get throughout the season. After that, those who are adept enough will make it to prelims.

Delgado qualified with her doubles partner Daisy Garcia says, "They worked hard all season to be able to get to that level." Senior Captain Erica Buenrostro says, "It was a good feeling qualifying for prelims."

As a captain, Delgado says she would have liked to see all the girls qualify, but is "beyond proud of the girls that did." She also says, "It is such an honor to have the opportunity to play with an amazing group of girls and see all their hard work and dedication pay off"

For the future, Buenrostro hopes that "the team takes experience from this year and works on their weaknesses to get CIF champions next year."

As for Delgado, she says, "I know there is so much talent and potential in every single girl . . . and I expect the team to be in condition to dominate in the Del Rio League for the years to come."

## COLLEGE

**Blueprint prepares Dons for college**

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The College Blueprint program provides comprehensive career guidance and college preparation for middle, high school, and college students. It was founded in 2003 by Jan Kerchner and established in Irvine, California.

The staff assists students with discovering who they are, what careers they are interested in, and what they want to get out of life, providing them with the right foundation to successfully plan and take their next steps after high school.

College Blueprint, sponsored by the Generation First Degree Pico Rivera Foundation, has partnered this year with El Rancho High School and offered a free summer session for juniors, who are currently seniors now.

The students who were accepted into the program attended an SAT and ACT practice exam on Saturday, March 22nd as well as a practice review on Saturday, March 29th. The staff from College Blueprint gave tips on how to be successful when taking the SAT or ACT exam. No further sessions were offered until the summer.

The summer sessions started on July 16. One of the six sessions included a full-length practice of standardized tests and another session discussed the scores. Another session had students research and select colleges.

In the next session, students had to write personal statements for the college applications. The follow up session had students make timelines for the dates that the college applications were due. The last session had applicants research scholarships. Some of the students



*College Blueprint staff smiles in delight at the students' improvement.*

that were a part of the program believed that The College Blueprint Program helped prepare them for college.

Senior Tatiana Hernandez says, "It helped me for college by giving me a glimpse of all the tools I need such as working on my personal statement with two writing coaches." Every student who was in the program had a coach to guide them in the writing process.

Other students admitted that this program helped them get on top of their game. Senior Carmen Toscano says, "It made me realize I'm not ready for college."

This program also helped students choose from a variety of colleges that had the same subject of interest the student wanted.

Senior Juan Carlos said, "I do believe it helped me prepare for college because it enabled me to find other schools I did not know of that have my major."

When establishing College Blueprint, Jan Kerchner had envisioned a program that would help parents and students prepare for college and find the right school for the student, as well as a unique college plan.

The program supports students throughout Southern California, the United States, and the world. Besides private tutoring sessions with students, Kerchner also consults with private schools and public school districts.

The College Blueprint tutoring sessions have various

sections to assist students. The staff helps students in different areas such as: college counseling, tutoring and coaching, college success program, international program, speaking engagements and SAT/ACT Prep.

Kerchner received her MBA from Cornell University, her B.S. from Penn State University, and a College Counseling Certificate from UCLA. Kerchner has a staff of credentialed counselors, which include Zana, Sahar, Evan, Marla and Jordan, all with advanced education degrees.

Since College Blueprint is located in Irvine, the program has tremendously benefited Irvine's public schools and still continues to influence schools to this day.

## Cal State Corner



BY MATTHEW AGUILAR  
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California has many state universities, 23 actually. Every one of these campuses has something unique that distinguishes it from the rest. So here are interesting facts about some of the state universities.

Cal State Northridge is where the national center of deafness is located. The center was established in 1972 as a way to serve the deaf students. Support services for the deaf are coordinated from the center, as well as academic advisement and colleague gathering for the deaf.

Cal State Monterey Bay has established a building purely devoted for the student arts. The building is dubbed the Black Box Cabaret (BBC) and it showcases student visual, theatrical and musical art. Every semester they have events held in the building, such as their TAPS event that showcases student made short-films.

Cal State Fullerton supports their community. In a CSU 2010 study, they note that Cal Sate Fullerton generates over \$1 billion in economic activity annually, sustains over 8700 jobs in the district and brings in more than \$65 million per year in state tax revenue.

Cal State Long Beach is the home to the iconic 18-story Walter Pyramid (AKA The Long Beach Pyramid). The pyramid is a state-of-the-art sporting complex that can accommodate to over 5000 fans. The pyramid is home to the Southern California Summer Pro League.

San Francisco State University is where the longest student strike took place. It was through 1968-69 and resulted in their student center being destroyed, but rebuilt shortly after. The strikes also resulted in the campus establishing an ethnic studies program to understand the racial tension that influenced the strikes.

Cal Poly Pomona is built on land that was donated to California from the founder of Kellogg. In 1942, Breakfast cereal pioneer W.K. Kellogg had his foundation deed the land to California's state college system. The college has preserved many features of Kellogg's hilltop Arabian horse ranch, including the mansion, rose gardens, avocado groves, stables and the award-winning Arabian horses, featured in horse shows on the campus.

Every state college poses some form of interesting trait that adds to the college experience. So before you go off to college, do some research, you'll have something to socialize about when you're attending.

**Whittier College Mentor program opens doors for students**

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Whittier College's Center for Engagement with Communities Mentor Program thrives to promote lifelong learning and civic engagement through new opportunities.

It provides a raw inside look into the real college experience. It also provides outstanding personal statement workshops with real English professors and much needed help during the senior application process.

Since last year Mr. and Mrs. Cisneros, the 2010 lottery winners, partnered with Whittier College to bring the Mentor program to El Rancho. Approaching their junior year, 30 students were chosen to participate in this valuable program, which has helped them to this point in their senior year.

"This is a very student driven program that gives first hand resources about college," says Mrs. Olga Espinoza, Senior counselor, who has greatly contributed throughout this process. "The mentors have given



*EL Rancho students having a good time after their tour of Whittier College.*

me the basic knowledge of the college experience that I needed, now instead of being nervous I am excited to go to college," says enior Diego Cervantes.

"The Whittier College Program is full of wonderful people, who gave me more confidence

about my future in college," says senior Sharon Saravia. These 30 seniors are now finishing their personal statements and applying to their dream schools.

Whittier College and the junior counselor Mrs. Arriola are highly enthusiastic about the

new batch of students who will be participating in this program.

"I am very grateful for this program, I cannot wait to see all the valuable tools my students will gain throughout this process," says Arriola about the 2nd annual C.E.C Mentor Program.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Student artists proudly showcase their talents



*Miriam Arellano finally displays her portrait of the famous Viner, Aron Carpenter, that had “been sitting in [her] room corner since this the summer.” Arellano grabbed her pencil and sketchpad and began to draw to kill time, and this is the result.*



*Jesus Gonzalez proudly shows El Rancho his “unique” Marilyn Monroe art piece. Having only taken one art class here at ER, Gonzalez creatively began his piece by gluing newspaper pages together, and then drew Marilyn Monroe on top with a black marker.*

## Weezer wisely chooses to return to basics



BY SARAH ARAUJO  
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Alternative rock band Weezer has finally debuted their new album ‘Everything Will Be Alright in the End’ this month.

This album was the band’s follow-up to 2010’s ‘Death to

False Metal.’ Unlike previous albums, ‘Everything Will Be Alright...’ resembles a sound much closer to Weezer’s most fan favored albums of the late 90’s, ‘The Blue Album’ and ‘Pinkerton.’

Although still not at the same caliber as those albums, it’s safe to say Weezer’s deci-

sion to try to go back to the basics was a wise decision, as many fans have been quite responsive towards the new album.

The entire album in itself is quite catchy, with its debut single being “Back to the Shack” which features some heavy guitar (something lacking in previ-

ous albums), and a memorable hook. This song, as stated by lead singer Cuomo, is mostly an apology towards nostalgic fans, who felt disappointed with Weezer’s previous albums and with the direction their music had go.

The album managed to climb the Billboard charts, all

the way into the Top 5, making this Weezer’s fifth album to reach Top 5 Billboard Status.

Most have given the album a worthy 3 out of 5 stars, a review I think is fairly reputable. So all in all Weezer is back, with a new album that is more than savory for the ear.

# FUN ZONE

BY RUBY MONZON  
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## October Horoscopes

Are you curious to know what your horoscope means? Take a look at your horoscope and find out whether it matches with your lifestyle.

A horoscope is usually a forecast of a person's future based on the way the stars and planets were at the time of the person's birth.

You may be amazed how your life turns out to be. There are occasionally 12 signs of the Zodiac which represent a time of the month.

**Aries:** This month you will overcome issues and progress forward in your love life. You may be optimistic and you will succeed with your plans.

**Taurus:** This month will give you opportunities to move forward in certain fields even if things may not seem to be going as fast as you want them to. Be objective and you'll realize the progress you've made.



**Gemini:** Prepare yourself for some positive events that will come at you rapidly. This will show you the path to follow for the following months.

**Cancer:** You will have to remain calm about every situation especially if you are in the beginning of the Second Decan Ruler.

**Leo:** Your love life will

be full of complacency, trust, and communication. You will feel so blissful that you will appreciate the environment.

**Virgo:** Your daily life will keep you busy; however, if you choose to be relaxing, the outcome of it won't be as positive as you may expect it to be.

**Libra:** You will have a

good mental strength that will allow you to finish your starting projects. All your sectors are looking good and events will follow one another in a positive manner.

**Scorpio:** Anything that needs to be deleted from your life will turn out quite obvious. This will allow you to know what to throw away or keep. Moreover, your loved ones will remain close

and will support you in everything.

**Sagittarius:** You will be receiving wonderful gifts this month and will possibly continue receiving them in the future. If you're planning on taking out savings, you will be finding yourself doing something you least expect.

**Capricorn:** You will feel the need to be competitive against others in the professional field. A nice battle could take place between your desires and obligations. Your outcome will make you a winner.

**Aquarius:** You will be in the best mood which will allow you to move forward and not let anyone stop you from doing what you want to achieve. Live in the moment and enjoy the best feature of life.

**Pisces:** You will give 110%, but your energy will not necessarily follow your rhythm. It will be up to you to overcome the small obstacles that get in your way without unsettling everything.

### SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

The first 5 people to spot the 10 differences will win a prize!  
You may claim your prize in X-1.



## Library Corner



What is the title and author of this famous horror book?



The first 3 students who bring the correct answer to Ms. Chodos in the library will receive a prize

