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OPINION

Efforts to impeach Trump continue



Donald Trump speaking to his supporters at a rally

By ROCIO ESTRADA

EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

There has been a recent discussion about the possibility of impeaching or starting the process of impeachment, of Trump. Many reasons led up to this decision, a main one being the fact that Trump asked the Ukrainian president to collude by investigating Joe Biden, a potential 2020 candidate.

The Democrats are the ones pushing the impeachment process from the beginning of

his presidential term. While his previous actions have prompted the discussion before, it is his recent acts that propel the impeachment discussion forward.

Trump's withdrawal from the nuclear arms agreement with Tehran has been an act that many people are concerned about, especially in the Middle East, where this move has emboldened the Iranians towards a more violent role and has many Israelis wondering if the United States would help them if they are

to be attacked. His trade negotiations with China have also failed, despite (or even because) of the high tariffs both countries made.

Overall, there are many reasons why Trump could be impeached. Besides all the international deals he's broken, Trump can not keep his promises. He rode his first candidacy on the fact that he was going to build a wall along the Mexico border. However, he has not taken any actions towards this wall, even though without it, he probably

wouldn't have won his election.

Trump has also said very derogatory things about women. In one instant, he was talking to TV host Billy Bush about how "when you're a star they let you do [anything]". He also encouraged other men to "Grab them... You can do anything." If he is incapable of basic respect towards others, he can't really be relied on to respect policies and other stuff.

His other scandals aside, Trump's impeachment depends on various other factors.

In order for Trump to be impeached, there needs to be a two-thirds majority vote of the Parliament. This means that at least 20 Republicans and all of the Democrats in the Senate have to vote in favor of impeaching Trump. This might not be realistic, considering that many of the Republicans support Trump.

If Trump is impeached, Vice President Mike Pence would become president in his stead. This is also controversial since both people have their downsides. Pence is known to be homopho-

bic. In the 90s, he made comments about how "homosexuality at a very minimum is a choice by the individual, and at the maximum, is a learned behavior." He also opposed same-sex marriage and LGBTQ military service. Pence also supported federal funding for homosexuals looking to change their sexual behaviour.

Pence has also signed some of the most restrictive abortion laws, and illegally tried to stop federal funding for refugees. If Trump is not impeached, he is able to continue to tarnish the U.S. global standing, it's relations with other nations, and further divide this country. If he is impeached, Pence is free to pressure his homophobic beliefs on the public and refuse entrance to refugees looking for an escape from war.

Seeing as elections are next year's November, would it make sense to have Trump impeached right now? He could resign at any moment to sidestep the impeachment process and then run for president for 2020. With Trump, one can never know, only hope.

Many candidates remain in the Presidential Race

By ROCIO ESTRADA

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With President Trump's 2016 term ending next year, twenty-three notable figures are running for president for the 2020 election. With 19 Democrats and 4 Republicans, it can be difficult to choose a person who will lead this nation for the next four years.

The Democrats running for president include Michael Bennet, Joe Biden, Cory Booker, Steve Bullock, Pete Buttigieg, Julián Castro, John Delaney, Tulsi Gabbard, Kamala Harris, Amy Klobuchar, Wayne Messam, Beto O'Rourke, Tim Ryan, Bernie Sanders, Joe Sestak, Tom Steyer, Elizabeth Warren, Marianne Williamson, and Andrew Yang. Republicans running are current president Donald Trump, Mark Sanford, Bill Weld, and Joe Walsh.

Out of all of these candidates, the ones that stand out the most are Democrats Joe Biden,

Kamala Harris, Beto O'Rourke, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and Andrew Yang, along with Republicans Donald Trump, Mark Sanford, Bill Weld, and Joe Walsh.

While each candidate has their own personal issues that they would like to address as president, Andrew Yang's policies upstage the others. He was vice president of a healthcare startup, founded Venture for America, which helps recent college graduates to network with companies, and was an ambassador for global entrepreneurship. He has always stayed true to his beliefs, and his beliefs were always to the benefit of the public.

Each candidate has their own personal issues that they would like to address as president.

This 2020 campaign is the last that Biden believes he will participate in, and he wishes to repair America's reputation and global standing along with strengthening the economic system that low-

income workers are placed in.

Californian Senator Harris believes that a liberal civil rights agenda should be integrated into the Senate, and will work on this if voted as president.

O'Rourke plans on uniting the nation to become stronger. He believes in implementing an immigration reform that will allow easier access to legal representation in court cases among other things. O'Rourke also supports marijuana legalization as well as hospital access for those living in rural areas.

Sanders is probably one of the most controversial candidates, as he is self-described as a socialist democrat. He believes in available medical aid for all, free public college for students, and the restriction of money's influence on others' aspects of life.

Warren would like to close the income inequality gap as well as protect the middle class. She views big corporations

and political corruption as enemies to the public and focuses on these issues on her campaign.

Yang would like to establish a universal basic income of \$1,000 per month for all Americans, along with highlighting issues like robotics and artificial intelligence within the technological departments.

Republican Sanford is running for president as well, focusing on the issue of America's debt, which easily surpasses \$20 trillion. Even though Sanford supported Trump's campaign in 2016, he is now one of the most vocal Republicans speaking out against some of Trump's actions.

Walsh, a conservative republican radio show host, was also a huge supporter of Trump in 2016, although he, like Sanford, no longer supports him. Walsh focuses on the issues of the national debt, restricting executive power, and immigration reform.

Former Republican Mas-

sachusetts governor Weld was a Trump critic since 2016 and continues to be one. He focuses on financial control, free trade, and immigration policies. He has also endorsed the legalization of marijuana.

Last but not least, current President Trump plans to run for the 2020 presidential election. Trump largely focuses on immigration reform, building his wall on the Mexican border, negotiation on international trade deals, and withdrawal of American troops from overseas.

Overall, there are quite a lot of candidates, all with their own problems and solutions. When considering a candidate, it is always a good idea to look at what that person says, does, and demonstrates to see if they align with one's personal views. With the election coming up, it is a good idea for 17 and 18-year-olds to register/pre register to vote. Every single vote counts, so don't forget to fill out those ballots on November 3, 2020.

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OPINION

Strict dress code policy targets girls

BY MARISSA DE LA CRUZ
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El Rancho has implemented a new dress code this school year, and the long list of rules added to the dress codes are harshly unfair to the female population of students on campus. No spaghetti straps, no exposed stomachs, and a regulation on skirt length all form part of the dress code, and are targeted specifically to female clothing.

With a new generation comes new clothing and trends, and the dressing trends of this generation consist of short skirts, crop tops, and well fitting dresses. However, these types of clothing don't match the dress code or the school standards for how the administration of El Rancho believes should students dress.

Although the dress code is placed by administration to minimize the over exposure of certain body parts, the rules hold an undeniable bias against the dressing habits of female students. Yes, over exposing clothing can be distracting in certain instances, but showing shoulders is not over exposing.

If the body part is considered lewd, it should be covered up in a school environment, but



Earlier this year El Rancho administration implemented a strict new policy on dress code.

body parts, such as shoulders or stomach, are not risque, and do not hold a justifiable reason to be covered by clothing.

In addition, the enforcement of these rules is very commonly and almost exclusive to the female students of El Rancho, and very rarely are male students dress coded by staff members. The males on campus have on various instances walked around shirtless, and the staff has not taken the proper action to dress code them, but when a

girl wears a crop top or an off the shoulder blouse, she is penalized for the violation of dress code.

The supposed reasoning behind this is that girls need to be "protected" from the boys, which is an extremely sexist ideal. It suggests that girls need to change so they won't be sexually harassed and are too weak to protect themselves.

This ultimately presents the idea that men don't have any self control and can't handle seeing a girl's shoulder, or a body

part that is meant to be covered up according to the dress code. These rules were created for a time with a much different way of life, now that we're in a new generation, these rules are backed by outdated views that do not correlate with our current lifestyle.

Although a majority of the dress code's rules are unfair, there are some fair rules and points to the dress code. The rule that girls' skirts and shorts must be to their fingertips, for example, is a fair rule.

There is a time and place for certain clothing, school is certainly not the place for daisy dukes and extremely mini skirts. The rule doesn't force an uncomfortable length, it just requires that skirts and shorts are mid thigh.

Another fair rule is the one that speaks against wearing shirts with profanity or that markets drugs and alcohol. School is not the place for those kinds of things and none of the students on campus are old enough to drink or smoke. This rule goes for both males and females, which makes it one of the few unbiased rules.

The dress code was evidently made by the school for a good reason, and is designed to provide a safe learning environment for students, but some of the rules contain an element of sexism to them. Girls should be allowed to show off their body if they want, of course in moderation. As long as the students feel safe and comfortable, but should also respect that they are in a school environment.

The school and the student body of El Rancho should work towards coming up with a compromise that both the staff and students can agree on, that does not include some of the outdated and sexist views that the dress code has.

There's no Planet B

BY ARACELI CORREA
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California recently passed a law that prohibits the use of plastic straws in sit-down restaurants. While the plastic accumulation in our oceans has become a concern, reducing the consumption of straws will not help the impending climate crisis.

While straws may be polluting our oceans, compared to other forms of plastics, it accounts for only a small percentage of pollution. Most of the plastic in the ocean comes from other types of plastics like polyethylene - which is used in common objects like milk gallons- and microplastics that are harder to recycle.

Plastic, however, is not as significant a contributor to pollution like greenhouse gas emissions and deforestation. These greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and fluorinated gases) trap the heat that is usually emitted back into space, thus damaging the ozone layer.

The ozone layer, consisting of O₃ molecules, protects the earth from absorbing too much heat. With this excess heat and depletion of CO₂ absorbing plants, our earth's temperature has begun to rise, leading to disastrous effects on climate patterns and increasing the possibility of extreme weather (wildfires, heatwaves, storms, droughts, etc.).

Although our government has made more of an effort to help fight against climate change,



Satellite view of the Earth

many of the new laws that were created have made no progress toward the real underlying issue.

Our society has become so fixated on the minute factors that contribute to global warming and have not accounted for the fact that 100 corporations account for about 70% of the greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, the most significant cause of global warming.

In the Carbon Majors Database carbon emissions report, it mentions the top fossil fuel producers who emit pollutants into the atmosphere, most of which are companies that provide services around the globe. The United States is also mentioned

as the second leading country contributing to climate change.

More action needs to be taken by not only the general population, but by the CEOs of the companies that should be held accountable for their actions. Instead of using one-use plastics, companies should try to switch to alternative methods such as reusable and biodegradable materials.

The government must also have the responsibility, by setting regulations for businesses to reduce the number of greenhouse gases released and switching over to more reusable sources of energy such as solar, wind, and hydropower.

By funding more research into technology and alternative sources of energy, and supporting programs like the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the government can do their part to battle climate change.

Recently, it has become a trend to help protect the environment, but it has remained at a personal level, so the effort people have made is minimal. It is important to be mindful of our waste and help the environment as much as we can. However, these small contributions are not going to cause any real change.

As individuals, yes we can maintain a more sustain-

able lifestyle, but we must use our privileges and protest against corporations and hold them responsible. We can protest against these companies by boycotting their products and forcing them to change their methods of production to a more sustainable one. We can also encourage our community officials to do their part and create more mindful legislation.

Climate change may be a complicated and prolonged challenge, but it is something we must face to preserve our history and ensure a future. It is our responsibility to focus on what the best solutions are, rather than arguing over the insignificant subject matter.

OPINION

Alyssa Briseno is *Simply Irresistible!*

Alyssa Briseno poses for the camera with a confident smile.

Photo by Jacob Vargas

BY SOPHIA LUGO
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You may know her as the girls' varsity volleyball team's libero or you might know her as the quinceanera model, but what you don't know is that junior Alyssa "Aly" Briseno is *simply irresistible!*

On campus, Briseno participates in the Social Justice club and volleyball. Briseno has been playing volleyball for six years.

"Throughout middle school, my main goal was to make varsity my freshman

year, and with all the work I put in, I made it happen," says Briseno. "The sport has made me mentally stronger since volleyball is a very mental and can be frustrating," adds Briseno, "It has taught me to strive for what I want because if I could accomplish my volleyball goal, I can accomplish anything."

Outside of campus, she is a member of the Leaders of Transformation. Leaders of Transformation is a program designed to better yourself and the people around you through training.

"It completely changed my life, I used to be such a negative person and now I want to live my best life," says Briseno.

Her favorite quote to live by is "*Be the person you needed when you were a kid.*" After her training with Leaders of Transformation, this quote made her realize that there's more to her life than she once believed and finally realized her worth.

She also enjoys scrapbooking, traveling, and video editing in her free time.

Briseno says, "A typical day for me would consist of go-

ing to school, hanging out with friends, and napping a lot." The queen needs her sleep!

This busy Don is also a model for Moda2000. She was even featured on the cover of *Quinceanera* magazine.

"They found me as a perfect fit for the under the sea/mermaid theme," Briseno says, "It all happened so fast." After the cover, she was offered other opportunities to model for different companies.

Some of Alyssa's favorite shows are *Grey's Anatomy*, *Criminal Minds*, *Stranger Things*, *On My Block*, and *All American*. She has watched every season of every single one of these shows, quite impressive! Have I mentioned she is also a hopeless romantic that loves tacos and mariscos?

If she hasn't won you over yet, perhaps her diverse music taste will! Some of Briseno's favorite artists are Galantis, Shoreline Mafia, Khalid, Playboi Carti, Banda MS, and Bad Bunny. "My brothers got me into EDM and my Mexican music comes from my roots," says Briseno.

Briseno loves to "go with the flow." She dresses based on how she feels and accepts things for what they are. She doesn't bother to force things and makes the best of her situ-

ation. Positivity is key to her!

Briseno is the youngest of five and the only girl. She says, "My brothers are very protective and tough, they helped me build a thick skin."

"People would think I'd be a daddy's girl since I'm the baby of the family, but in reality I'm a mommy's girl," says Briseno, "My mom helps me with everything even when my brothers and dad wouldn't approve."

Alyssa has big plans for her future. She hopes to attend college to major in Business and Entrepreneurship, and eventually create and manage her own businesses.

"I've always wanted to be my own boss, I would rather be the leader in charge over someone else," says Briseno. Alyssa currently works at her brother's girlfriend's boutique, a big motivational boost for her. She also hopes to continue modeling. We sure see success in her future!

Next time you're talking about volleyball or modeling, do it in good company and talk to Alyssa Briseno. Her DM's are always open to friendships on twitter @alybrisenos. Shoot her a message, you won't regret it!

Welcome to the Ranch, Mr. Williams!

BY ANGIE CAMPOS
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

El Rancho welcomes Mr. Williams to the staff team for the 2019-20 school year. This addition to the staff is not only very helpful to the special education department, but a great aid to the overall atmosphere on campus.

Mr. Williams has a very impressive background in special education, having 15 years of experience working with special education students.

His purpose as a special education teacher is to advocate for the special education students of El Rancho, and to create a welcoming environment for them.

"I became a special education teacher because many of these students are overlooked and treated differently," says Williams.

As well as his passion for helping special education students of El Rancho feel confident in the school setting, Mr. Williams' goal is to bring out the full potential of his students.



Mr. Williams smiles for a new beginning at El Rancho!

Photo by Angie Campos

Williams says, "I want to show them they are important and they bring value to their community and the world."

However, his contribution to the special education students is not the only thing

that Williams hopes to bring to El Rancho, he also hopes that the rest of the student population achieves success in their time as Dons.

"My message to my El Rancho family is take ad-

vantage of the time you have here, use the resources to equip yourself to help others, and make the world a better place," adds Williams.

Williams brings a great amount of value to El Ran-

cho without a doubt, but his first year at El Rancho is set to provide a multitude of different experiences to his teaching career.

"My first impression of El Rancho was that the school is huge, but it is full of great teachers that love their students," says Williams.

Being that William's career at the head of a classroom is very new, and that his role in the classroom in the past has been secondary, this new teacher has an ambitious mind set and a great energy for what his first year will withhold.

Williams said, "My vision for my first year here is to help my students feel comfortable here and know they are just as great as everyone else."

Mr. William's journey as a staff member of El Rancho is only beginning, and the rest of his journey as a special education teacher at the Ranch will be undeniably one full of contributions to the present and future generations of the school.

FEATURES

Where are they now? *Manny Cruz, c/o 2016*

BY MARISSA CRUZ
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Former Don, Manny Cruz is set to graduate from UC Berkeley in the spring of 2020. Almost four years ago, he began his journey at Cal and now is looking forward to his next step in life. He plans to take a gap year as he partakes in a fellowship at a non-profit organization, then proceed to further his education at Law School. His long term goal is to become an attorney.

Manny believes that El Rancho provided him with many resources that got him where he is today. Be A Leader, Frank Terrazas Scholarship, Academic Decathlon, and his teachers are just a few of the many. He says "Without their guidance, what I have accomplished would be impossible." Manny graduated top ten of his senior class, maintaining a 4.17 GPA. The AP courses he took allowed him to be a semester ahead of his graduating class. At Berkeley, he has a 3.53 GPA.

Majoring in Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley, Manny has taken many rigorous courses. He says that one of his struggles was time management, "It's important to manage your time wisely and ensure that your work



Alumni, Manny Cruz, poses for the camera while traveling overseas.

is done on time. Procrastination can be your worst enemy."

College provided Manny with numerous opportunities. With the Global Student Embassy, his one month trip to Bahía de Caraquez, Ecuador, earned him a total of 30 hours of community service, which involved service projects with greenhouses, mangrove reforestation, and

native tree reforestation. Manny was had the opportunity to study a summer abroad in England at Oxford University with the Exeter Summer Program. While there he studied international law while getting to explore Europe; visiting places like Barcelona, Spain and Berlin, Germany.

As Political Science persists to be Manny's major,

in order to seek experience, he interned for Gavin Newsom, Governor of California, and Lucy Armendariz, Judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. For both, he participated in campaigning their elections. As for Newsom, Manny assisted in policy and candidate research and represented the campaign for down-ballot

candidates in San Francisco and the Eleventh Congressional District. Currently, Manny works at the East Bay Community Law Center as a receptionist.

As his senior year is to come to an end in a few months, he is looking forward to graduation and pursuing his career goals. Congratulations Manny!

A sampling of club offerings at the Ranch

Want to get involved? Join one of El Rancho's many clubs and find one that fits you.

Social Justice Club

Promote peace, raise awareness of human rights, and create unity among diverse people! Contact Ms. Qureshi or attend a meeting on Wednesdays during lunch in A208 to join.

Cultural Awareness Club

Celebrate diversity and exercise open mindedness while going on excursions and trips to experience other cultures. Meetings are every last Friday of the month during lunch at A206. Contact Ms. Mata, Mr. Jimenez, or club president Mariah Cruz for more information.

The Club Teen Center

Join The Club and participate in tutoring, dance, and visual arts programs along with cool events and volunteer opportunities. The Club is open Monday through Friday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and 12:25 pm to 3:25 pm on minimum days. Applications can be found online, in the front office, and in The Club bungalow on campus next to the baseball field. Applications are accepted year round!

Animal Advocates

Educate the school community about animal related issues and advocate for the animals in our community with

Animal Advocates. Meetings are Tuesdays during lunch in A204. To join, simply show up!

California Scholarship Federation (CSF)

Learn more about colleges, scholarships, and additional educational opportunities at CSF, as well as raise funds for scholarships and field trips. Members who meet a demanding academic criteria may graduate with the gold cord. Meetings are every other Monday during lunch in H3. To join, pick up an application at the Career Center or at one of the meetings.

HOSA: Future Health Professionals

Does the medical field appeal to you? Are you interested in careers in the health and mental health professions? If so, HOSA may be the club for you. Meetings are every other Wednesday during lunch in Y3. To join, pick up an application from Mrs. McCaw in Y3.

Key Club

Contribute and give back to your community through this service organization. Some activities include participating in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, clothing donations for homeless shelters, and hosts five blood drives each year. To join, you must pay a fee of \$12, attend meetings on Mondays during lunch in Q2, and participate in club activities.

Leos Club

Better your community through volunteer work and community service, while embracing The Leo Club Motto: Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity. To join, attend meetings on Tuesdays during lunch in A101.

Math Club

Need help with math homework? Need tutoring? Need a place to hang out during lunch, out of the hot sun or cold rain? Math Club can help with all of that. To join, attend meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch in I8.

MESA

If robot designing and programming interests you, MESA club may be the club for you. Other activities include practicing for and entering Math and Science competitions against other local schools. Meetings are Wednesdays and Fridays after school in M 1. Open to anyone with interests in Math or Science.

Pride Alliance (GSA)

Fight homophobia on the campus and in the community and advocate for equal treatment for youth of all sexual orientations

with Pride Alliance. Members should strive to make the school environment free of homophobic, sexual, verbal, and physical harassment. The Pride Alliance is a safe place to offer support, resources, and camaraderie. The #1 rule is confidentiality: What happens in the club, stays in the club. To join, attend Thursday meetings during lunch in Z 2.



Social Justice cabinet smiles for the camera during club fair.

Photo by Carlos Rojo

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

WORD ON THE STREET

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR HALLOWEEN?



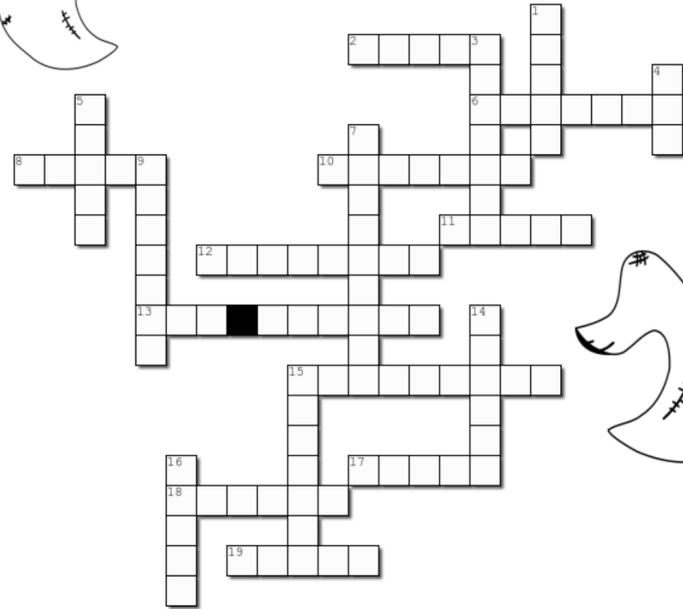
"I'm gonna steal Andres's candy."
-Fernando Saldana, 12th grade



"I'm going to egg Mr. M's house and make it an art piece."
-Andres Arazate, 12th grade



"I have basketball practice and I'm going to take my nephew trick or treating."
-Magdalena Ramirez, 11th grade



"I have Basketball practice then I'm going to see what the plots are that night."
-Meliah Torres, 11th grade



"I'm gonna dress up as Tina Belcher, go trick or treating, and twerk at every house I stop at."
-Andrea Mousavinia, 12th grade



PHOTOS BY: JACOB VARGAS

CHEF LUNA'S CORNER

WELCOME TO CHEF LUNA'S CORNER! TODAY WE WILL BE MAKING CHEDDAR AND BACON STUFFED MUSHROOMS.

Ingredients:

- 3 slices bacon
- 8 crimini mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion
- ¾ cup shredded cheddar cheese



Directions:

1. Place bacon in a large-deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, dice and set aside
2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
3. Remove mushroom stems, set aside caps, and chop the stems.
4. In a large saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter. Slowly cook and stir the chopped stems and onion until the onion is soft. Remove from heat.
5. In a medium bowl, stir together the mushroom stem mixture, bacon and ½ cup cheddar. Mix well and scoop the mixture into the mushroom caps.
6. Bake in the oven for 15 minutes, or until the cheese has melted.
7. Remove the mushrooms from the oven, and sprinkle with the remaining ¼ cup of cheese.



Chef Luna and his sous-chef, Anthony Somoza

Photo by: Angie Campos

SPOOKY DATES

- PUMPKIN CARVING/PAINTING
- HORROR MOVIE MARATHON NIGHT
- HORROR NIGHTS
- KNOTT'S SCARY FARM
- DISNEYLAND'S HALLOWEEN PARTY
- CORN MAZE
- MAKE SPOOKY CUPCAKES AND COOKIES
- MAKE SPOOKY BASKETS
- DRIVE-IN
- MAKE A PIE
- HAVE A PICNIC
- GO TO DIA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL
- VISIT A HAUNTED HOUSE
- ENJOY A BONFIRE AND MAKE S'MORES
- GO TO A HAUNTED ESCAPE ROOM
- GO TO A FARMERS MARKET
- KARAOKE NIGHT
- GO TO AN ARCADE
- MAKE A SCARECROW
- GO TRICK-OR-TREATING
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- GO TO THE MUSEUM OF DEATH
- HAVE A PHOTOSHOOT



TOP 10 MOVIES TO WATCH ON HALLOWEEN

1. HALLOWEEN (1978)
2. SCARY GODMOTHER SERIES
3. THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS
4. HOCUS POCUS
5. HALLOWEEN (2019)
6. HAUNTED MANSION
7. SATAN'S LITTLE HELPER
8. MONSTER HOUSE
9. SLEEPY HOLLOW
10. THE MONSTER SQUAD

CELEBRITY/FACULTY LOOK-ALIKES



Ms. Jepsen and Drew Barrymore



Ms. Waldron and Brie Larson



Mr. Retana and Brad Pitt

PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE DON PAGE

Advanced Drama puts an *amaze-ing* event



Advanced Drama on the last day of the Haunted Maze

By JULIA DIAZ
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

This year's Haunted Theater Maze was filled with horror at every step and turn. The chilling event took place on October 16-18. To prepare for the big event, the class usually presents different ideas and then votes on the top five ideas. The

themes for this year were a nursery room, hospital, slasher film, butcher shop, and circus. In the past, the maze took around a month and a half to set up; however, that wasn't the case for this year. "This year we did something different, we [wrapped] the tarp around pvc pipes so it took us around a week," says senior Angel Marquez. Their new design made production easier

and faster than in previous years. Marquez adds, "We were most excited to be able to dress up and scare people because it's really fun to see the reactions on people's faces." Like every year, all of the Advanced Drama students participated in the maze. They dressed up in full costumes and makeup, transforming them into ghoulish sights. First year Advanced Dra-

ma teacher Mrs. Megan Backovich says, "When I was in high school I put on my drama department's first haunted maze and I remember it was so much fun." "The Advanced Drama kids are all really focused, they all want to be here, they are great workers, they are smart, and they figure stuff out on their own," says Ms. Backovich about her students. Senior Marie Buitrago

said, "Personally, I think it was successful because [there] was a point where we had to send in groups repeatedly because it was so full and we didn't want to stay too late." Buitrago is currently a senior and is expecting big things for next year's haunted theater. "I expect it to be bigger and better next year so I can get scared," Buitrago said. Time will only tell.

Photo by: Briana Sanchez

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College Column

Hey Seniors and fellow Underclassmen, here is some important information about application deadlines and opportunities available to you!

Important Dates

- November 1st- Early Decision Common Application Due
- November 30- UC and Cal State Applications Due
- December 1- FAFSA priority deadline
- March 2 - FAFSA application due

Interested in taking a career related course? See your ROP advisor Diana Salto and sign up in G-1! Some of the classes available for next semester include.

- Administration of Justice Academy
 - 10 credits
 - 1 semester
 - Patrol procedures, firearm orientation, physical training, defensive tactics, evidence collection
- Nurse Assistant
 - 10 credits
 - 1 semester
 - Prepare for the State nurse Assistant Certification test, fundamentals of patient care, clinical experience

Rio Hondo Promise

Interested in attending Rio Hondo College? Want to go to college for free for the first two years with priority registration? Well now you can! Rio Hondo College is offering the Rio Promise to any first-time college students who are enrolled full-time (12+ units) at the college. If you want to be part of the Rio Hondo Promise, you will need to complete all the steps by March 31st with your Rio Hondo College Representative David Belis who will be at the College & Career Center in G1 every Friday. Have any questions or want to make an appointment? Please stop by the College & Career Center in room G1

Harmony Art Contest winner: Carlos Rojo



One of Carlos' photos titled "Canon Beach"

BY GRECIA HARO-FLORES
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

The Harmony Center hosted their Annual High School Art Contest earlier this October. Like previous years, the contest welcomed art submissions that best fit the judging categories from all

high school students. This year's categories were: human, animal, abstract, landscape/still life, photography, and three-dimensional. The only winner from El Rancho High School was senior Carlos Rojo. He won first and third place in the photography category.



El Rancho offers automotive technology for students



Diego Lopez Espinal putting a tire on a rim during his auto-shop class

Photo By: Alejandro Melchor

BY ALEJANDRO MELCHOR
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

For the past three years Rio Hondo College has been in partnership with El Rancho High School. Since then Rio Hondo has extended its acclaimed automotive program to El Rancho High School. Students can now earn both college and high school credit while taking automotive courses at the El Rancho campus, all free of charge. Instructing the classes is Andrew Gold, a master technician who has been an instructor for ten years.

In this program, high school students can also get a head start in pursuing an automotive career.

"If students complete this course along with three other courses, they can earn a General Service Technician certificate. With that, they can start working and could earn up to the average starting pay which is about 18 dollars an hour," says Gold.

Junior, Christian Hernandez said, "I've always been into cars so as soon as I found out there was a class that they had here, I decided to take it but it was even better when I found out I was given college credits and class credits too. So it was like a no brainer for me".

Since 2016, El Rancho has had 20 students graduate with a General Service Technician certificate. The school still looks for-

ward to expanding the program and getting more students to learn automotive technology, since the auto industry is projected to have a large growth in the next 10 years.

"If you look around our streets in southern California, there's cars everywhere. People have to know how to work on these cars, even though the technology is changing, so is the level of experience that the technicians need," said Gold.

While this program can benefit those wanting to pursue a career in automotive technology, it also can serve well for those who drive or those who will someday.

Not only can technicians gain the skills to work on vehicles or the satisfaction of fixing something, they can also earn a good living doing so. According to Onetonline.org the average starting salary for an entry level technician is \$19.57 an hour which sums up to \$40,710 a year.

That said, the class is a great opportunity for those interested in the automotive field and should not be passed up. The automotive industry is only expected to grow from here and the technology is only becoming more advanced, so the demand for technicians must be met.

"You are going to drive a car or a motorcycle one day, it would be nice if you knew how to maintain it instead of having

to take it to the dealer for maintenance," said junior, Chloe Prieto.

Automotive courses taught at El Rancho, teach topics such as: engine fundamentals, cooling systems, tire systems, and electrical systems. The curriculum is taught through lectures and hands-on work in both the classroom and the garage.

"This is an introductory course that will teach students fundamentals and subsystems of a modern automobile. Here students will learn how to safely use automotive tools and will have the opportunity to perform minor repairs and maintenance on class vehicles or their own family vehicles," said Gold.

"The instructor, he has this energy where if you do pay attention and listen, then you can really learn a lot from him. I feel those are the markings of a good teacher," said junior Mike Aquino about Gold's knowledge and experience.

For students interested in joining the class, be sure to stop by the College and Career Center to grab a Rio Hondo concurrent enrollment form for the spring semester, then get it filled out and signed by a counselor, then have it turned into the College and Career Center.

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Health students learn about parenthood with flour sack babies



A group of students from Mrs. Tapia's health class posing with their flour sack babies

Photo By: Alejandro Melchor

BY ANGIE CAMPOS
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Libra season is thriving at The Ranch! The arrival of hundreds of bundles of joy have joined the Don family.

Mrs. Tapia and Mrs. Maldonado have taken leadership in this year's *Flour Baby Project*. The project is scheduled to last a

week. Health students will carry "flour sack babies" to learn more about the sexual and reproductive health and human growth and development component of the biology course.

The focus of the project is not only centered on preventing teenage pregnancy, but also bringing awareness to students about the responsibilities

that go along with parenthood.

The objective of the project is for students to understand through their own participation, research, and assessments how important preparing themselves for their future is.

For the duration of the project, students will have to carry this baby around as if it were a really living child. Freshmen

Fernando Gonzales and Sergio Hernandez agree, "It's pretty hard to take care of a doll baby."

Along with seeing what it would be like carrying a baby around, students got to learn how much money goes into actually having a baby. Freshman Jennifer Zuniga adds, "A baby needs a lot of money. It cost a lot of money, it's a lot of

work just to carry it around."

The end of the "flour sack babies" doesn't mean goodbye for the parents and child. Once the babies are graded, students have the option to take their babies home to love and cherish. If the students decide not to take their babies home, they can donate their babies so the next set of students can use them for their project.

El Rancho first girls golf team makes history

BY DIEGO GONZALEZ
EL RODEO NEWS STAFF WRITER

For the first time in El Rancho history, an all female golf team has competed in the 2019 Del Rio league, and is set to participate in the CIF playoffs this season. The team got off to an unsettling start with a record of two wins and ten losses, but their hard work on the golf course secured three seniors a spot in the preliminary round of the 2019 playoffs.

A very valuable member of the team, as well as the captain and founder of the first ever Girl's golf team at El Rancho is Julie Garcia, one of two girls who made part of the golf team in the last school year, who now holds various responsibilities on the team.

"Some responsibilities I take on as captain are organizing practices and just making sure to always encourage everyone towards their full potential," says Garcia.

In school years prior, the Don's golf team was categorized by CIF as coed, and only two girls formed part of the team, deemed as a disadvantage to their performance according to Julie Garcia.

Garcia says, "Playing golf on a guys team is a little tougher than girls because the guys tee off about 50 yards farther than the girls which doesn't sound like much, but it makes a huge difference on the course."



The girls golf team before their meet.

Photo By: Coach May

Being their first year as an all female team, one goal for the team's success is to continue to spark the interest of potential girls golf team members, and build a strong foundation for the future of the team.

"Since this is the very first year that El Rancho has a girls team our overall goal is to build for years to come," added Garcia.

Although the team is only in their first season together, a factor that is very impor-

tant to the team as a whole is to have a strong relationship and a sense of unity with each other.

Garcia says, "The relationship between all of us is super tight and we have all bonded within the short time we've formed the team."

The strong relationships between teammates has proven to be extremely beneficial to the team, and has taken a large influence in the confidence of each member.

She adds, "The relation-

ship affects the performance of the team in a positive way because we feel comfortable with one another and aren't afraid of making mistakes."

Three of the team's members qualified for the Del Rio League finals held on October 22nd and 23rd, including seniors Julie Garcia, Rosalind Castañeda, and Christina Ramirez. Despite their best efforts, the girls fell short of CIF qualification, but made El Rancho history by

being the first ever females to represent the Dons in the finals of the 2019 Girls Golf season.

After their first year together, the collective group hopes to continue their success in the Del Rio league in years to come, and certainly set the expectation high for the upcoming teams. The team anticipates participation in the 2020 season of the Del Rio League, and after their historic formation, will be part of the list for El Rancho

SPORTS

Dons battle chiefs tomorrow night for CIF playoff spot

BY ALEJANDRO MELCHOR
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Tomorrow night the Dons will take on the Santa Fe Chiefs for their last game of the season. If the boys win, they will be moving on to the first round of the CIF playoffs, something they have been highly anticipating since last season when they made it to the semi-finals but were knocked out by Eisenhower high school.

Pushing through the season, the team was able to pick up 6 wins against Bell Gardens High School, Montebello High School, Garfield High School, Baldwin Park High School, Barstow High School, and Whittier High School; however, they came up short to Northview High School and one of their rivals, La Serna High School.

"Our record right now is 6 and 2," says senior Joseph Lopez, "Our season is pretty solid I think we surprised a lot of people and are proving a lot of people wrong."

Despite their losses, the Dons still have a chance of qualifying for the CIF Championship as they have the second-best record in their league behind La Serna High School.

"Our road to CIF is actually going good, as a team, we work with each other and we communicate on and off the field, I feel like we do have a chance of winning CIF with the players we have, and the underdog mentality we have to just go out and prove everyone wrong, that we are the ranch and that we can do anything we want," said senior Andrew Padilla.

With so much on the line, it is



El Rancho Football facing off against Garfield high school

Photo taken by Alexis Gallegos

only right to have teammates with similar feelings toward the game.

"We had to set the tone this year because last year our team only made it to the semi-finals, so we have a bigger challenge to overcome this season, but this season has actually been very good since we're proving to ourselves that we can do what we have to do if we set our minds to it," said senior Justin Cisneros.

This season it is clear the team wants to make a good run in the league and CIF, but in order to do that they must have a good or almost perfect season to qualify, during the

season; however, the team encountered many challenges.

"Some challenges we had were injuries, we had a lot of injuries this season but we're going to get healed up to be ready to go," said Lopez.

"We had guys not knowing their assignments and people not being focused on the game or getting distracted easily," added Padilla.

Despite these challenges, the team has been able to adapt and improvise to be able to prosper throughout the season

"We've had a lot of injuries but we're using our bye week

to try and heal up to be ready for our last games," said Lopez.

"It's always a next-man-up mentality with us, if someone is injured the next person just plays, steps up and does the job for them," added senior Jorge Lopez.

While the season is almost finished, it is not over yet as they still have two important league games left against Santa Fe High School and California High School.

"For these last games, we've been practicing hard, studying film and just communicating with each other," said Padilla.

"We've been doing our jobs, learning our assign-

ments, studying and getting after them," added Joseph Lopez.

As the season continues, it is unclear as to how it will unfold as the Dons must still face Santa Fe High School so the wait is on to see if the Dons will qualify for the CIF Play-offs.

That said, be sure to go out and support the Dons tomorrow night at Don Memorial Stadium at 7 p.m. as they battle the chiefs. The senior ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. Admission is free for all El Rancho students, staff, and alumni.

Water polo ends league with loss to Cal



Josiah Torres about to score a point against St. Francis

Photo By: Carlos Rojo

BY DIEGO GONZALEZ
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

The El Rancho boys water polo team potentially ended their season in an unexpected manner with a record of zero wins and four losses with their loss against California High School last Tuesday.

The loss narrows the Don's chances of CIF qualification, but they still have a hope at getting the wildcard spot in the 2019 playoff bracket which will be announced on November 2nd.

Although the results of the season did not go the way they

hoped, the Dons kept a positive attitude during the grueling season. Senior Emanuel Rivera said, "The attitude of the team this season has been very strong and focused."

As well as the tough competition of the Del Rio League, the team had tough games lined up in the pre-season, including games against Division 1 water polo programs.

Rivera added, "The toughest game of our season was against South High School in a tournament at Warren. I say this because the game was

very close until the very end."

The vigorous games that the boys played throughout the 2019 season also serve as preparation for the team's potential playoff participation as a wildcard team, which would match the Dons up with a high ranked team in the bracket.

The Dons will surely be waiting with anticipation for the wildcard announcements this coming Saturday, and their season could potentially continue and turn into a CIF run.

Tennis sets their sights on prelims

BY FLOR CALDERON
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The girls' tennis team finished off league with an overall record of 2-6. Ending league with a victory, they continued to prelims facing off against California High School with a win.

Junior captain Sarah Ortega says, "This season went well considering some ups and downs we had along the way, we got what we worked for."

"From when I first started playing to now, I have improved a lot with the help of Coach Galindo and Rickey," adds Ortega. Her expectations for next season are set high, considering it will be her final season.

Senior captain, Natalia Buenrostro, has been on the team for four years. She says, "Pre-

lims will be great, win or loss. It's all about the experience you get and learning what to improve on."

Buenrostro left one final piece of advice to her underclassman saying, "I don't want the team to feel discouraged, I want them to feel good about themselves and help them improve, even when it comes to the smallest mistakes."

Buenrostro hopes to make her last season a memorable one. "My goals for this season were to make this team great and just have fun since it was my last year playing. I just wanted to enjoy what I had left," says Buenrostro.

The team will compete in their next prelims match today, at one PM at the El Rancho tennis courts.



Tennis player serving in a match against Montebello.

Photo By: Carlos Rojo

DISCOVERING DON'S

Carlos Jurado: "The Astronomy Lover"



Carlos Jurado smiles towards his bright future!
Photo by Angie Campos

BY GRECIA HARO-FLORES
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Out of all stars in the galaxy, senior Carlos Jurado definitely shines the brightest! You'd think with his all AP and Honors class schedule and his El Rancho boys' varsity soccer goalie's duties, he wouldn't have time for more; however, that isn't the case for this busy Don.

Aside from these activities, he's also a part of Math club, MESA club, the Downey Astronomy Club.

"There's no specific event that sparked my interest, it just kind of grew on me. I think the most influential experience was a family trip across the desert," Jurado says, "Away from city lights and pollution, I was able to see thousands of stars

and I just wondered what each one of those specks of light meant. I was nine at the time."

Jurado realized his love for astronomy as early as third grade when he began to learn about the planets. Jurado says, "What I love most about astronomy is how self-reflective it is. Astronomy tries to answer the big questions of why are we here and how did we get here."

In the future, he "plans to do research in cosmology, which is the study of the early universe."

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"I want to be a researcher astrophysicist for NASA," says Jurado, "I want to work for NASA because I fell in love with all of their missions and it would feel amazing to be a part of one."

This school year, Jurado became the founder of El Rancho's very first Astronomy club. Not only he is the founder, he's also the president.

"I started the astronomy club with a few of my friends because I wanted a way to express my passion for astronomy and share my knowledge with others," Jurado says, "The goal of astronomy club is to get others to find joy in looking up at the night sky and recognizing constellations and planets."

If you're wondering how to join Astronomy club or simply want to get to know this kind and knowledgeable person, follow him on his Twitter (@carlosj_207) or Instagram (carx207)!

Briana Sanchez: "The Singer"

BY GRECIA HARO-FLORES
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Not many are able to say they have heard an angel sing, unless they have heard junior Briana Sanchez! Sanchez began her passion for music, more specifically singing, when she was a young girl.

Sanchez says, "When I was a little girl, I just always loved to sing and perform so growing up, my love for singing just grew."

"I was always involved with music when I was younger, nothing really inspired me," added Sanchez, "I just grew passionate and loved the feeling of performing so that feeling is what really kept me going."

Sanchez performed in many of her elementary school talent shows. When she was in middle school, she was in Choir and Mariachi. Outside of school, she participated in a musical theatre performance group, and in a vocal Mariachi summer program at Cal State LA. At El Rancho, you could most likely find her performing in Advanced Drama's latest production.

"I am currently learning how to play guitar, learning more vocal techniques, and just having fun with a friend of mine, learning songs here and there," says Sanchez.

Her favorite thing about singing "is [just] being able to share something that [she] loves to do with people."

She gains inspiration from artists Alicia Keys, Kelly

Clarkson, and Adele. Sanchez says, "The reason why they inspire me is because they are [all] powerful singers and performers that fit me and my style of music."

In the future, Sanchez hopes she'll have the opportunity to do what they do, work and perform her own songs, or go into musical theatre. "When I grow up, I want to be involved in the music or theatre field as much as possible, whether it be as a musician or an actress, just want to be involved," says Sanchez.

Perhaps in the future, you'll be seeing this ray of sunshine accepting an award for her phenomenal singing or even on Broadway! For now, you could find her singing on her Instagram account, @briana_vocals.



Talented, Briana Sanchez gleams with passion for music.
Photo by Angie Campos

Melody Borroyo: "The Creator"

BY GRECIA HARO-FLORES
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER



Melody Borroyo, aspiring animator, shows her Halloween spirit.
Photo by Angie Campos

Senior Melody Borroyo has been drawing ever since she was able to hold a pencil. It wasn't until around fourth grade when began to take art seriously.

"All the cartoons I watched growing up really inspired me to start drawing," says Borroyo, "Cartoons are such a big part of my childhood and they've shaped me into the person/artist I am today."

"I love that I'm able to express myself in so many different ways; there's no limit on what I'm able to create," adds Borroyo. She is able to draw anything from her favorite cartoons such as Pink Panther and Garfield, to her very own original character, Booboo Flee the butterfly.

"I like to work with copic

markers but they're a bit pricey, so I usually stick with cheap materials such as crayola markers," says Borroyo. She likes to keep it simple saying, "I also like to work digitally, but I'm most comfortable with a pencil and paper."

Borroyo is currently enrolled in AP Art, where she is able to express herself artistically and practice her art skills. At first, she was "on the fence about taking this class," but she is glad she did because it became one of her favorite classes.

She enjoys the freedom art comes with, "In most of my classes I have to take notes and do worksheets, but in AP Art I'm able to do what I love most with little to no limits."

After high school, she plans on attending Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles

and majoring in animation. Her goal is to become an animator and producer, eventually creating her own animated series.

"Cartoons have such a special place in my heart, so being able to create a show that would resonate and potentially inspire a whole new generation is such a beautiful concept to me," said Borroyo.

You can find her creations on her Instagram or Twitter, both under the username, @boobooFlee. Keep an eye on your nearest tv in the upcoming years, you might spot some of her creations.

ENTERTAINMENT

Send in the Clown: *The Joker*

BY ROBERT RIOS
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Director Todd Phillips's controversial film *Joker* was released worldwide on October 4th. The film is facing backlash from critics who are saying that the film glorifies rebellious behavior and are fearful of an attack taking place, similar to the shooting on the premiere showing of *The Dark Knight Rises* in Aurora, Colorado.

When asked during a post screening Q&A at the New York Film Festival about the controversy surrounding his film, Phillips said, "I mean, it's a complicated movie and I've said it before, I think it's OK that it's complicated, but I didn't imagine the level of discourse that it's sort of reached in the world, honestly. I think it's interesting. I think it's OK that it sparks conversations and that there are debates around it. My mantra's always been, the film is the statement. It's great to talk about it, but it's much more helpful if you've seen it."

In a time where comic book movies are one of the biggest films today, Todd



Phillips's *Joker* is a comic book movie that is very different from the big eventful CGI spectacles we all know today. The film strips it all down and feels like a handmade movie that allows us to explore the characters in a very intense way.

The *Joker* is based on the character study of Joaquin Phoenix's character Arthur Fleck who deals with a condition called PBA (Pseudobulbar Affect) and feels that society has abandoned not only him, but people who deal with mental health issues. The film is not trying to glorify a crazed killer, but is instead trying to bring awareness as to what our society

has the potential to create.

The film depicts Gotham city as a broken down city on the brink, and one that Arthur can inhabit and feel that world crumble around him. Joaquin Phoenix's portrayal of Arthur Fleck is one that is very hard for an audience to connect with, but during the duration of the film, you find yourself sympathizing with the character because of how you can see the characters mental state deteriorate as a result of the events going on in his life. *Joker* brings to light the issues that are present today where it feels as if the people who really need help are often isolated and pushed aside and are the

ones blamed for their condition when the problem could be our society pushing these people past their limits.

The "joker" can be anyone who has been beaten down over and over to the point of having nothing left. As children everyone admires the superheroes, as adults the villains become increasingly understandable.

Joker is a cinematic experience for the ages, from the cinematography to the score composed by Hildur Guðnadóttir to the storytelling and the Oscar-worthy performance of Joaquin Phoenix that will definitely, in the words of Heath Ledger, "Put a smile on that face."

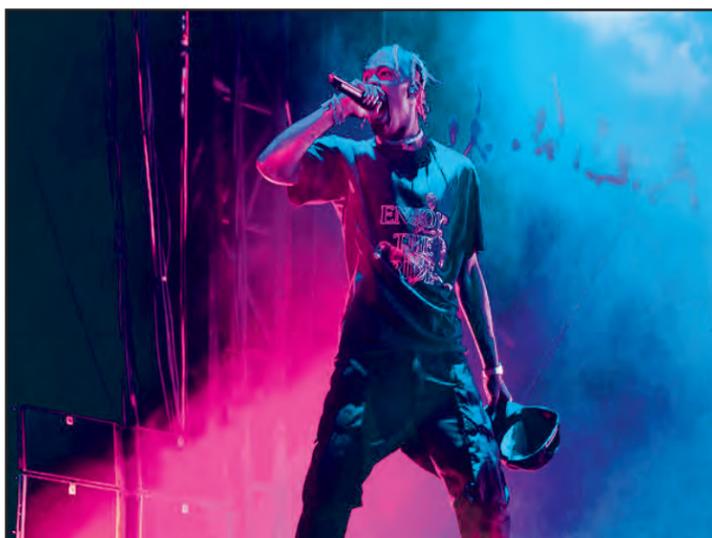
Take a trip to *Astroworld* with Travis Scott

BY ALEXIS GALLEGOS
EL RODEO STAFF WRITER

Grammy-Nominee Travis Scott continues to add to his discography with new and upbeat music. On the 30th of September, Scott hinted the release of his new single set to appear on his upcoming EP, *Highest In The Room*, on most of his social media platforms.

While the single was featured and teased in his former partner Kylie Jenner's makeup commercial for *Kylie Cosmetics*, the rapper waited until the fourth of October to release his first single of 2019.

Scott's single immediately reached #1 on various charts, including Rolling Stone, Apple Music, Spotify, and Global. The release of the "Highest In The Room" music video premiered the same day as the song, increasing the number of Youtube views to 27 million and counting. This is yet another successful music video for the young rapper.



Rapper, Travis Scott, performs for his fans.

Merchandise also accompanied Scott's *Highest In The Room* release. Various limited-edition products were released including tie-dye shirts and discs. With such a big fan-base, the rapper's merchandise sold out within a couple of hours.

Before his first single release of 2019, Scott premiered his first documentary, *Look Mom I Can Fly*, on August 28, 2019. The

movie was a success as fans were very interested in seeing what the background of Travis Scott's life, rather than hearing it through just lyrics.

The documentary displays a series of events that occurred after the release of Scott's *Astroworld*. Some scenes include how the rapper and his crew put the album together and behind the scenes of sold-out concerts.

Look Mom I Can Fly

My Hero Academia



BY ARACELI CORREA
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The long-awaited fourth season of the popular anime, *My Hero Academia*, premiered this earlier this month. The anime is set in a universe where people have special superpowers, known as their quirks, and use them to fight the evils in their world.

The main character, Izuka Midoriya, has always admired heroes and has always dreamt of becoming one himself. However, Midoriya was born without a quirk, until on one instance in the show his idol, All Might, gave him his powers. The rest of the series follows Midoriya's life in his new high school for heroes, as he discovers who he is and what he hopes to be, as a hero.

After the end of the third season in 2018 many fans were left in a huge cliffhanger after the dramatic battle between the Heroes and League of Villains. As the pro-heroes fight their last battles, the safety of the world now depends on Midoriya and the rest of his hero classmates.

The first episode of season 4 has no particular storyline, but rather was more of a filler episode recapping what had happened in the previous seasons. This left many of the fans upset because they expected the introduction of the new characters that were portrayed in the trailer.

Although the episode can easily be skipped over we get to meet the journalist, Taneo Tokuda, and the episode is rather entertaining. It also reassures Midoriya's goals as the inheritor of All Might's power, one-for-all.

The next few episodes of the season has finally started to develop the storyline as we are introduced to one of the newest villains Kai Chiaski, Overhaul, the leader of a yakuza (a crime syndicate) who wants to expand the groups of villains.

There is also a mysterious character who appears in the credits, a girl with horns and with curly blue hair. Although there is no specific details on her role in the anime, many fans are excited to see her contribution to the plot.

As we await the remaining episodes of the season many fans have high expectations. If you haven't started the show or the new season, I highly recommend it being that this new season of *My Hero Academia* looks promising and seems to have some interesting aspects to the plot.