

# The Clarion

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## Some Say, 'Ho Ho Ho' Others Just Say No

By Trang Nguyen  
Staff Writer

The spirit of Santa Claus will always remain within some of us high school students, but for others, Santa is just an ancient, imaginary, and magical friend.

"I stopped believing in Santa when I was like eight. I recognized my dad's writing in a label [on the present] and when I asked for a bike, I remember one room was locked. When I opened it, I saw the bike that I had asked for. I wasn't shocked and I didn't really care because I got the present anyway," said freshman Veronica Lucatero.

The story of Santa Claus and the North Pole has been one of



Staff photo by Trang Nguyen  
Regge Prince shows her holiday spirit.

the oldest traditions celebrated among us. Little did we know, this tale began from a factual character named Saint Nicholas-

no wonder they call Santa St. Nick. Saint Nick was a generous bishop (religious man) born in a village now known as Turkey. He loved children and helped the unfortunate. That very man, St. Nick, is now portrayed as a jolly, bearded man in red with a bag flowing with toys.

Nevertheless many people here claim they do believe in the spirit of Santa:

"Heck yes! I believe in Santa. I saw someone outside who was not one of my parents and he was like six feet tall," said sophomore Michael Marler.

"I believe in Santa because I have a heart of a child," said ninth grader Karen Diaz.

"I believe he's real but sometimes he gets sick and my

mom fills in," said freshman Shannon Gordon.

"Of course I do [believe in Santa]. He doesn't like my cookies though," said tenth grader Skeye Wells.

"I still do believe in Santa 'cause I'm gullible," said Reggie Prince, a senior.

Others just grew out of it because they found out Santa maybe wasn't really real.

"I knew he wasn't after watching a movie," said freshman Stephanie Sarmiento.

"I stopped believing in him at seven when I saw my parents sneaking presents under the Christmas tree. I was upset but I pretended to believe in him 'til like ten just to get more presents," said freshman Karishma Khatri.

## School Water Sinks Student Taste Buds

By Trang Nguyen  
Staff Member

The funky taste of our school water fountains has repelled some of us from drinking the water again.

"The water tastes bitter," said Theresa Ambwa, ninth grade.

"The water tastes [like] metallic," said Mrs. Velez.

Recent experiments done by a chemistry class have tested the school's tap water for chloride, sulfate, iron, and calcium.

"Well there is no sulfate, iron, or calcium, but our tools aren't as sensitive as tools used in the Department of Water and Power. There is chloride... [which is] not harmful to your body... unless there are large amounts of chloride taken. Why there's a weird taste, we didn't conduct any experiment for that," said Mrs. Sitzman, a chemistry teacher.

There were many comments about the water such as:

"It tastes like soap and smells like sewer," said junior Janae Sullivan.

"The water tastes fine in T building," said freshman Desirae Lupien.

"The water smells like fish in the art room," said Crystal Ng, a senior.

"I love the one near the girls' P.E. locker," said freshman Eddie Reid.

Mr. Gunn, the plant manager, said, "The water comes from the Department of Water and Power. The water gets tested and the water [in the water fountain] gets flushed. We run them every morning for thirty seconds.

Gunn added that the pipes are 40 years old and repairing or replacing them would cost about \$2 million..

Mrs. Rizzotti, from the school improvement office

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## Gifts For Every Budget

### Thrifty Gifts for Less

By Nidia Espino  
Staff Writer

Christmas is coming soon, maybe even sooner than many of us expect. With gas prices being so high for the past few months not everyone has enough money to afford expensive gifts.

If you happen to be in this situation it might be a good idea to go bargain hunting. There are many places where you can get great stuff for less money.

You can go to stores like Ross, TJ Maxx, and Marshalls to get brand name clothing for better prices than at the mall. At Ross you can find Roxy shirts for six or seven dollars when at the mall they vary from about twelve to twenty four dollars.

Also, Old Navy has great stuff for winter and it's very inexpensive. They have sweaters, jackets, gloves, and everything you might need for this cold weather. They have color-

ful scarves for only ten dollars.

If you have any teenage girls on your list you can always go to Forever 21. They have cute stuff that most girls seem to like for less. You can find shirts for as low as seven dollars. They also have accessories, underwear, and many more interesting things.

On the other hand, if even these stores are too much for your Christmas budget, you can come up with creative things to make that your family and friends might enjoy.

For example, senior Fatima Barrientos said, "I bake each person's favorite dessert for Christmas dinner and that's their gift from me."

You can always buy a really inexpensive picture frame for as low as two dollars at Wal-Mart or Target, decorate it with handy stuff that most of us already have at home, put a meaningful picture in it and give it to your

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### Nifty Gifts For More

By Trang Nguyen  
Staff Writer

It is repetitively said that the meaning in holiday gifts is what matters most, but perhaps the price tags on the items are what really count to today's teenagers.

From the most recent technology gadgets such as cell phones and iPods, to high-end fashion trends, these splurges will be sure to bring smiles upon every receiver's face during the holidays.

"I want the Xbox 360. It's the tightest most amazing game system. I'd be so happy if I got it, I'd cry. I would value it more than something sentimental because I would actually use it," said senior Jon Weber.

The prices of the Xbox 360, along with other high tech gifts such as the SideKick II can range well in the hundreds but will surely bring satisfaction.

"I'd be extremely happy if I



Staff photo by Trang Nguyen

got an iPod and I would be jumping up and down for joy," said senior Reggie Coffman. We all know that iPods have been the popular mp3 player brand since last year, and apparently, they still are. iPods vary in all different kinds from the latest iPod Nano, starting at about \$200, to the video iPod which costs about \$300.

Among most girls, expensive fashion items are most favorable. "Anything from Abercrombie or Hollister is cute to me and I like it," said junior

## 2005: A Truly Disastrous Year Worldwide

By Peter Tran  
Staff Writer

The second half of 2005 alone seems to have witnessed a number of natural disasters, such as earthquakes, ferocious hurricanes, mudslides, floods, droughts, forest fires, failing crops, and more. As a matter of fact, we have experienced so many different hurricanes this season alone, the National Weather Service has run out of proper names for them. Yet, we have had intense media coverage of some of these, but weaker or almost no reporting of others. For example, nearly everyone knows about Hurri-

cane Katrina and the relief efforts, but not many people are familiar with the various earthquakes, famines, and monsoons.

### 1. Pakistan and Indian Earthquake

October 2005 saw a devastating earthquake in Pakistan, around the Kashmir region, which also impacted bordering regions in India. The BBC reported that Pakistan said 38,000 people died in the quake, 60,000 were injured and 3.3 million were left homeless. At least another 1,400 more people died in Indian-administered Kashmir. The rough, mountainous quake area has made relief operations

extremely difficult.

### 2. Food shortages in West and Southern Africa

Across Southern Africa, some 12 million are, or will be, affected by poor rains and failing crops. Malawi has already declared a national disaster as almost half the population is threatened by food shortages. Some 5 million people need food aid in West Africa due to failing crops, locust infestations, and poverty.

### 3. Typhoons in East Asia

At the end of September a typhoon in Vietnam left thousands of innocents without

sources of income. A few days later, another typhoon in China resulted in hundreds of thousands being evacuated from some areas.

### 4. Devastating Hurricanes affecting Central America and the US

Hurricane Stan's immense devastation in Central America just a few weeks earlier than the Pakistan earthquake was less reported. BBC reported that nearly 800 people were killed and the number has the potential to rise to as many as 2,000 by the end of the year.

Hurricane Wilma, just a few weeks later, battered Mexico. Many feared during the time, that it would make its way towards

Florida and up the east coast of the U.S. Wilma added to one of the stormiest years for the Caribbean region, fueling more discussion about climate change.

Hurricane Katrina, a Category 4 hurricane and one of the most powerful to hit the U.S., devastated the Louisiana and Mississippi coast, landing just east of New Orleans with 140 mph winds. The high winds and massive flooding miles inland left thousands homeless, 2.3 million without electricity, roads and bridges destroyed, and communications inoperable. The death toll has yet to be deter-

## Why Talk When You Can Text?

By **Huong Nguyen**  
Staff Writer

Nowadays, it seems as though text messaging through cell phones has become more popular among teens than both phone calls and instant messaging.

Originally known as "SMS messaging," it was first enabled through a Nokia phone in 1994. Lately, text messaging has grown into an extensively successful trend. It has spread through countries universally, including the United States.

"It's cool because you can tell rumors to your friends. Like if someone's talking smack about you, you would know right away," said senior Sarah Orbin.

This high-tech system of communication has grown progressively during the past few years. According to [www.text.it](http://www.text.it), an average of 87 million text messages were sent per day in August of this year. That equals out to over 2.5 billion texts that month. It is an exceptional increase considering that only 79 million texts were sent in a day



Staff photo by Peter Tran

of August the previous year.

"Texting," as it is widely referred to, proves to be highly convenient and much easier than a phone call for teenagers in many ways.

During class, texting is common as students send messages to their peers to confirm plans, cheat on tests, or to just simply say "What's up." Since it is virtually silent, texting is almost undetectable during class time. Lecturing and test taking atmospheres make it impossible to place a quick phone call, and that's exactly when texting comes in most handy.

"It's fast and convenient. Its

just like a regular phone conversation but in class," said senior Danielle Hunt.

This method of communication seems to be preferred by some, even when a phone call seems not so impossible, but rather just a task too hard. Studies conducted by Natalie Robinson from Macquarie University have proven that texting is most frequent during the beginning of youth relationships and during the quarrelsome periods that follow. Some people even break up with their partners through text messages. Perhaps this method is chosen due to lack of courage and fear of rejection or confrontation. No face-to-face scenarios are included so it's just your eyes and fingers doing all the work.

Text messages seem to have replaced many face-to-face or spoken conversations between teens due to their convenience.

Sophomore Joanne Vo exclaimed, "Texting has become a big part of my life, and I do it everyday."

## Turbulent Rocks Battle Of The Bands Like True "Hunks"

By **Katherine Falcon**  
Staff Writer

After winning CHS's Battle of the Bands, Turbulent, a "hunk" band composed of James Byrnes, Charles Deary and John Deary, can now move on to bigger goals.

Turbulent's new EP, "Now It's Your Turn," will be coming out in January. They are getting in touch with some labels, but are not currently signed with any. Turbulent plans to tour California this summer.

"We always enjoy playing at Chatsworth's Battle of the Bands," they said in a thank-you letter to Chatsworth High.

Apparently all three band members have been life-long neighbors who had recently decided to form a band. They play a kind of music that mixes

### School water

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said," [That's] never going to happen. The district doesn't have that kind of money for repair. They have to pay for books and stuff."

"No, I don't drink the school's water. It tastes awful [they] keep them so dirty. I don't feel it's safe," said Julieta Miller.

I suppose some of us will always carry around bottled water to school because of the unsolved mystery of the school's "moldy" water.

## Myspace Is The New Place To Be

By **Heather Azami**  
Staff Writer

In the classrooms, chat rooms, everywhere, there is a lot of talk of a personal web page called Myspace. What is Myspace?

From an online journal, instant messenger between selected "friends," to a place to meet a boyfriend or girlfriend or just someone new, Myspace.com is the place to be.

It has many features to choose from, each to make your site more individual, more you. You can place pictures of yourself, your words, your favorite bands, books, and television shows. This way you will really be an open book. Myspace makes it easier to contact people with your interests and your age group to find the perfect friend or the perfect date.

How does Myspace work?

All you have to do is input your email and pick your own password to sign in. Of course, there's additional information you need to input but most of that is optional. Share as much or as little as you want.

Having trouble with understanding Myspace? "Tom," your first friend on Myspace, can help you with any questions you may have. Your "friends" are people you can contact easily with a click of a button. You can instant message when you're both online.

"You can use Myspace to find old friends and you can use Myspace to make new friends. I love meeting new people, it's cool," said Erick Von-Uy, a freshman.

Curious? Check out all the whispers by logging onto [www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com) and see it for yourself. See what everyone is talking about.

## New Coaster Sounds Like A Real Scream

By **Virginia Moreno**  
Staff Writer

Sixty-two mph, 170 feet high, 4 inversions, and 3½ minutes long describes the new roller-coaster primed to open next spring at Six Flags to celebrate the park's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Tatsu, which means "dragon" in Japanese, is the name of this red-and-yellow steel dragon roller-coaster where you will be strapped on your stomach and flying at a speed of 12 mph above the average for coasters. That is, after a first drop of 111 feet. Tatsu will also have a capacity of 1,600 riders per hour.

This new roller-coaster at the Six Flags in Valencia, designed by Swiss company Bolliger & Mabillard, is keeping roller-coaster fanatics interested and excited. "The other day I

### Thrifty gifts

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loved one. Target also has scrapbooks for only four dollars. You can put memorable moments on it and that can also be a great Christmas present. Sometimes gifts like this mean more than just the value of money.

read about it and I think this is going to bring more people; it's going to be great," said junior Pablo Salvatierra.

The park's last roller-coaster, Scream, opened in April 2003. "It's time for a new one; about every two years, if you're a theme park, you have to have a major new attraction," said Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp, in the Los Angeles Daily News.

For more information about this new attraction, go to [www.sixflags.com](http://www.sixflags.com).

### Pricey presents

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Nicole Cahn.

"Sentimental things are good but I really want a new pair of Uggs," said junior Kelsey Larson. This "Ugg" she is referring to are a quite popular Australian brand of shoes to wear in cold weather. The price tags on these shoes will blow your wallets, starting from \$74.95 for a pair of slippers at Nordstroms.

The price to pay to bring the joy to teens this year may cost a lot more than an average person can spend. So watch out Santa, you may go broke this year!

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## Pop Tart Clarkson Tops The Pop Charts For 2005

By Andres Villarruel  
Staff Writer

As a year comes to a close, people look back on what was "in" at that certain time, and this year the pop charts have officially stated what the top 10 songs of 2005 are.

The chart shows that the most popular songs in America are of the hip-hop and rock genres. Despite what others may feel about this compilation, the number of loyal fans these artists have easily determine that majority rules.

The songs achieve top ten status through a weekly point system conducted on [www.popradiotop20.com](http://www.popradiotop20.com).

According to the yearly pop charts created by this website, the top 10 songs of 2005, as well as personal opinions made by students and faculty here at Chatsworth High, are as follows:

1. Kelly Clarkson – "Since U Been Gone"  
"I hate this song, and it sucks that its number one. It really

annoys me," said senior Elizabeth Alvarado.

2. Mariah Carey – "We Belong Together"

"Mariah Carey always has great arrangements and producers. Sometimes the production is better than the song," stated Chatsworth High's music teacher, Mr. Williams.

3. Kelly Clarkson – "Behind These Hazel Eyes"  
"I think her music is meaningful and applies to my everyday life," said senior Leon Glass.

4. Green Day – "Boulevard OF Broken Dreams"  
"It's a cool song," said freshmen Bryan Medina.

5. Ciara w/ Missy Elliott – "1, 2 Step"  
"It got played out, but it was a catchy song," stated senior Becca Learner.

6. Lifehouse – "You And Me"  
"I love that song. It's my ring tone," said junior Alana Verdi.

7. Pussycat Dolls w/ Busta Rhymes – "Don't Cha?"  
"It rocks," stated Project Echo and sales teacher, Ms. Youngblood.

8. Mario – "Let Me Love You"

"It's a sweet song to dedicate to your girlfriend," said senior Saul Martinez.

9. Rihanna – "Pon De Replay"  
"It gets you in the mood...to dance," said senior Ericayessenia Navarro.

10. Gwen Stefani – "Hollaback Girl"

"I think Gwen Stefani's 'Hollaback Girl' should've been number one," stated senior Jayson Suarez

There you have it, Chatsworth. The top songs of our day will always be remembered and the top 10 songs of 2005 will now go down in history along with all the top 10 songs of previous years. You can count on new material from these reigning artists to come in the near future.

## It Takes A Village To Raise School Grades And Test Scores

By Candy Wong  
Staff Writer

Contrary to popular belief, the phrase "the Village" does not solely pertain to some spine-tingling, bone-chilling, goose bumps-generating, hour-and-forty-eight minutes long horror movie.

"The Village" is a new program brought to CHS by Fluke Flucker, the Cleveland High's Athletic Director, to boost Chatsworth's California Standardized Testing (CST) scores and lure a larger crowd of low-scoring minority students to college.

"We want to refocus the students on their school work and help them understand the importance of the CST. Some kids don't take it seriously--but they shouldn't because there is a cause-and-effect," said Sherri Osbourne, the Parent Coordinator.

Osbourne also had a hand in bringing "the Village" to CHS after seeing how successful it was for Cleveland High School, who raised their CST score by 118 pts and surpassed their 700 mark on their API scores after introducing it in 2001--gaining California Distinguished School status.

"It [CST] doesn't affect your grade, but it does bring the whole group—ethnicity—down when they don't do well. When your school is not high [for school rankings], your diploma diminishes," Osbourne said.

The objective of "The Village" is to improve the academic abilities of approximately 300 African-American students, provide them with the assistance and supplementary support they

need to achieve, and encourage that much-touted by teachers type of thinking--also known as a "college-going culture."

Participants of "The Village" will be able to find an alternative to slacking off and snubbing the stereotypical smarty-pants by taking advantage of resources like documentaries of African-Americans going to Harvard, a staff of teacher-mentors such as Mr. Massey, Mrs. Osbourne, and Mr. Dunbar, and other positive media that promote higher education for blacks.

"We got summoned during homeroom and then later went to Chancellor Hall... Everyone filed in and it was basically all black people. We're all joking around like--'Are we in trouble? Are they going to send us back to Africa?'" said Alexandria Thomas, a junior and one of many students participating in "The Village."

Thomas, who plans to go to UCLA and become a pediatrician, also said, "I think it's a good idea. They're going to have like ten kids to a mentor, or teacher. They gave us papers and explained everything."

"The Village," which got its name through the proverb "it takes a village to raise a child," had its first meeting at the end of November and will have its next meeting sometime in mid to late January.

The administration also plans to provide a similar program for under-performing Latinos later in the school year.

"There's only about 300 black students at the school. So we're going to start out small, first," Osbourne said.

## Honey, They Shrunk The iPod

By Peter Tran  
Staff Writer

Apple recently released a whole new version of the ever so popular iPod. The new edition weighs only 1.5 ounces and is only about 80 cents thick according to PC magazine. Although it's just a slimmer version of its predecessor, it has an incredible interface, a color screen, excellent sound quality, and just plain cool.

Many iPod enthusiasts, including senior Rande Pasilio agree "The nano has gone deeper into mp3 player world and brought something nice and compact that can easily fit into one's pocket", he said.

Speaking of the price, the new iPod nano has two versions. The 2GB version is \$199 and the 4GB version is \$249, but with its brand new capabilities, it should definitely be worth considering

Some of the new capabilities include a flash-based drive, so you don't have to worry about skipping or dead hard drives and Microsoft Outlook/Outlook Express, allowing quick access to contacts and calendars.

The newest feature however, is the slick, new stopwatch, which is ideal for working out. "It can record lap times as well, and then saves them along with a date and time



Staff Photo by Trang Nguyen

stamp. When you go back and view your recorded times, it also shows you your shortest, longest, and average lap in addition to your total time and individual lap times," according to PC Magazine. The iPod nano also boasts a world clock.

For increased security, Apple developers also added a measure called "Screen Lock", a combination lock for which you create a 4-digit code. This allows the user to set the lock, and allows only the use of the Play/Pause button, but nothing else.

Music is clear, with very solid bass and crisp highs. In tests done by PC magazine, the nano actually outperformed the 6GB iPod mini, with a slightly cleaner signal. Apple rates the battery life at 14 hours of con-

tinuous audio playback, and it can fast-charge to 80 percent in 1.5 hours.

Photos are easily accessed quickly via iTunes and can be viewed on the 176-by-132-pixel 1.5-inch. The formats include JPEG, BMP, GIF, TIFF, PSD (Mac only), and PNG. It can do slide shows with music, customizable slide times, and several different transitions.

If there is a downside to the Nano, other than its price, it's the very few accessories available for it. The most notable being the lanyard headphones, the nano Dock, nano armbands, and nano Tubes. Thankfully, the nano retains other iPod models' standard 30-pin dock connector, so it'll work with many existing accessories.

## "The Werewolf's Curse" To Be Performed By CHS Drama

By Brenda Nequis  
Staff Writer

Chatsworth drama students will present a new play called "The Werewolf's Curse" from January 20 to 23 in Chancellor Hall.

The play is written by Billy St. Johnson, based on 1930's-1940's horror films. Its main characters are Harry, Etta and Dr. Einstein, all comical characters.

Harry is played by senior Johnathan Longea, Etta by junior Megan Garland, and Dr. Einstein by junior Shane de la Cruz.

The play is about a young

couple, Harry and Etta, who are on the verge of getting married, but then a fateful event happens to Harry. Harry gets bitten by a werewolf and gets the "Werewolf Curse" to transform into a werewolf at night. Harry and Etta, now desperate to try to find out the answer to his werewolf curse, seek the help of the crazy professor Einstein.

In this play people will be able to have a good laugh, especially when The Monster played by Jonathan Robinson appears.

"It's really cheesy and melodramatic," said junior Jackeline Adad, who plays the fortuneteller in the play.

Pre-sale tickets cost \$5 at

## Have A Retro Western Christmas

By Jannet Torres  
Staff Writer

Cowboys and Cowgirls fashion this holiday season is promising trend setters a "Western Retro" Christmas.

Roundup a classic western wardrobe from the stylish thirties, give it a finishing touch with the Hollywood superstar look, and *voilà* you're all set for a red carpet entrance as the winter season's next big fashion statement.

Also known as Western Haute Couture, this new style is bringing a whole new meaning to the term "retro" that both guys and girls can sport. Apparently, many teenagers on campus have already taken western wear into consideration.

For females, it's all about being cozy and fashionable this winter. That's why manufacturers like Lucchese, and its line of Charlie One Horse mules and boots, are coming up with the latest tactics to fit fashion into western.

Some of the most recent trends in footwear are Lucchese Charlie One Horse Nubuck Moc slip-on heel shoes, UGG Down-town slip on boots, and Steve Madden Spurs.



Junior Jennifer Knox shows off her boots.

"I like the way some of the boots are designed. They aren't old people boots so I'm not embarrassed to wear them in public," said junior Danielle Tavra.

"Having the cowboy boots with the matching hat nowadays is more cool than being president," said junior Kathi Perrella.

Forget those out-of-style blouses grandma loves to give you for Christmas. Instead, think short or long sleeve knit tops, baby doll cami's, cropped velvet jackets, and just about anything retro, denim, or leather.

Accessories such as large chandelier earrings, shabby scarves, leather cowgirl hats, and belts add a bit of western.

Many girls think flowers, rhinestones, laces, animal prints, butterflies, and colors out of the ordinary seem to create a more vivacious look.

Senior Cristina Enriquez has a different perspective on this style. "I don't think they're cute at all. I personally think they're horrendous. Some girls can pull it off, but they're trying to be like Jessica Simpson in Dukes of Hazards," she said.

Guys are expected to wear a more formal look to show off the "Western Retro" fad in places that seem appropriate. A new line of tuxedos is getting extra attention with its western style. Tuxedos made by Lord West provide one of the many classic retro looks such as the satin button notched collar tuxedos with flap pockets and corded yokes. Combined with a belt, cowboy boots, and a leather cowboy hat, western tuxedos are predicted to be at the top list for prom rentals.

When asked if he would ever wear a cowboy tuxedo to prom, senior Jonathan Edwards replied with a big smile on his face. "That'd be cool. I'd love to wear it because it's something different," he said.

## Some Girls Don't Retire Their Summer Attire

By Jaclyn Ferber  
Staff Writer

Have you ever noticed how so many high school girls choose to prance around in mini skirts and tank tops when it is below 60 degrees outside?

This is usually the time of year when jackets lined with fur, thermals, Ugg boots, and turtleneck sweaters are actually fashionable. So why are students avoiding the comfort and warmth of winter necessities? Has fashion taken over comfort?

Carol Kim, a senior at CHS, stated that the only reason she wore sandals on a rainy day was because she was running late and was unaware of the weather. She then said that she would never deliberately sacrifice her comfort just to be stylish.

"If you look good and you're uncomfortable, then it's not worth it," she said.

Rasta Naderi, a senior wear-



Staff Photo by Jaclyn Ferber  
One student dressed for a chilly day.

ing a tee shirt and no jacket in rainy weather said, "I want to be comfortable, but at the same time I don't want to look bad."

Junior Lindsay Schurman, on the other hand, feels that her clothes can be fashionable and comfortable at the same time. She stated that sometimes it doesn't matter whether you're comfortable, while other times it doesn't matter if you look good. When asked why she was wearing only a tank top, scarf, and jeans on a cold day, Schurman said, "I really wanted to wear my new earrings so I wore something that matched."

# Sports

## Determined Coach Takes Over Girls' Varsity Basketball Program

By Chris Cunningham  
Staff Writer

April Davenport, the new coach of the Girls Varsity Basketball Team has a philosophy to implement with her team.

"My philosophy is to give freedom to play using their athletic ability with strict discipline," said Coach Davenport. "The best teams are athletic, but with discipline," she said.

Davenport coached at Antelope Valley High School for 7 years. "I came in and rebuilt the program," she said.

By the third year at Antelope Valley, her team won league then made it to quarterfinals two years in a row.

"It's nice coming into an already established program," Davenport said of CHS.

The team made it to the city championship last year but lost to rival Narbonne High School.

"This season is going to be interesting," said senior Eja Wong. "I'm looking to go all the way once again. As long as



Staff photo by Peter Tran

all the girls play their part and give more than 100 percent in practices and games, our fans will see us in the Forum once again," stated Wong.

Wong continues to try and explain her feelings of her new coach but cannot say anything besides, "she is real and I cannot wait 'til our upcoming season."

It seems that Davenport is

the talk of the valley and fans can't wait to see what she does with this team.

"Our loss of last year's "Trinamic Trio" (Alicia Bryant, Krystle Mayes, and Morgan Bennet) was a great loss," said Wong. "But we have our secrets that will soon be revealed and everyone will be in shock to see our new team."

Davenport plans to win league and enter playoffs and will do so with returning stars Cherelle "Bones" Hayes, Luiza Osborne, and Wong.

Junior Sherry Awaghh will also be another great addition to the team. "She is a tremendous player," said Davenport. "She plays on pure athletic ability and is trying to learn the system."

Davenport is excited about the upcoming season, which starts this winter. "If we play our game we should win league and get into playoffs," she said.

## Close-Knit Girls Soccer Team Aims For Success

By Brian Cho  
News Editor

It seems this years girls JV soccer team knows the true meaning of teamwork. Just how close are they? Star player, Laura Martino, a senior who also works at Islands in Porter Ranch said, "I just got our coach a job there."

"What I like about this year's team is that we all get along more so than the previous years," said Coach Sergio Alvarez.

In his third year as head coach, Alvarez aims to beat rivals Granada Hills and EL Camino Real.

"Hopefully, we can beat El Camino for our second year in a row," said Martino.

Even with a first game loss to Harvard-Westlake, the girls still walked off the field in stylish new uniforms and with goals in mind.

"It was a surprise to the JV team from one of our parents," said Alvarez about the uniforms.

"We went from rags to riches," said Martino comparing



their previous uniforms to the newer ones.

Moreover, the team also took a good learning experience from this game.

"We were a little nervous for our first game but I know how good our team can be," said junior Kimberly Martinez.

Martinez is also the founder of the new cheer that's starts off with "Who's House? C-House. Let me see your war face."

By combining hard-work with talent, Alvarez said, "Potentially, I believe we can go really far but win or lose I'll be satisfied. We have a great team." We really support each other."