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Come July, Hang Up Or Pay Up

By Faith Lim
News Editor

A state law is going into effect on July 1 that bans teenagers under 18 from using cell phones while driving, even with hands-free devices.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger approved the bill in September, believing that a leading cause of traffic accidents is distraction from cell phones.

"Well, it's practically proven that a person can get distracted even by a slight conversation, like when you are driving and talking on the cell phone even with the person in the passenger seat, you are bound to get distracted and forget the exit," says senior Amy Lui.

According to the L.A.

Times, Schwarzenegger said, "This is to eliminate a major distraction for our young, inexperienced drivers and to make our roadways safer for everybody."

Using any other "mobile service device" such as pagers, walkie-talkies, two-way messaging devices, PDAs, and laptops will also be illegal for teens.

The law goes into effect on the same date as another, also signed

by Schwarzenegger, that says adults can only use hands-free cell phones while driving.

"Some would say that there are other distractions in the car like the kids in the back or other



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people or the radio, but limiting the cell phones would be one less distraction and possibly one less accident on the road. I think it would work," Lui said.

However, some teens are

grumbling about the new law. "I think the law will cause more accidents than it prevents, because teens will use cell phones no matter what and if using a cell phone isn't enough of a distraction then using the cell phone while looking out for the cops when driving will be," said senior Tony

Wu.

If anyone violates the law, there will be \$20 fine for the first time and \$50 every time after, but the tickets will not impact the driver's insurance.

The New Guy Steps In At CHS

By Huong Nguyen
Editor In Chief

Tim Guy, with nearly 25 years of experience in school administration, is now Chatsworth High School's new principal and he's hoping to "build on the successes done over the past years of Dr. Davis and turn our school into a safer place."

Guy comes to Chatsworth after 13 years at Kennedy High School where he served as an assistant



Photo by Clarion Staff

principal. He was one of seven candidates considered during the selection process, which took two and a half months.

"He's very open to new ideas and understands that Chatsworth High School is like a family, that we have certain ways of doing things," said Mr. Levine, a member of the selection committee. "He also has the same goals and is very nice and seems approachable."

Guy replaces Davis who was promoted to director of high school programs for the district. During his time here, Davis helped increase test scores 15 points to bring our school past the 700 mark in state ratings.

Regarding test scores, Guy has high hopes for Chatsworth. He intends on bringing the school's API score up to 800.

In his first days at CHS, Guy said he has received a warm welcome including receiving flowers from a junior. The school "is a lot like Kennedy," he added. The people here are "very open and relaxed" and there is "very little animosity," Guy said.

Holiday Hints And Memories

The Best Gifts Ever Received

By Lena Riemer
Staff Writer

Christmas is coming soon and everyone is about to buy gifts for family and friends. It is not always easy to find the perfect gift for everyone, but almost all of us have our own, favorite Christmas gift, which we still remember years after we got them.

According to junior Nayeli Sanchez, the best gifts she ever got were her dog Balto and her chihuahua Rubi. "Balto was a gift from my aunt eight years ago and on Christmas two years ago I found Rubi on the street, hiding under bushes and I just kept him," she said.

Junior Holly Weaver got her favorite gift from Santa. "He brought me a bike. It was a big surprise and the best gift I ever got," she said.

Junior Holly Azami got her best Christmas gift when she was little. "My parents gave my sister and me a play kitchen. I was really excited because I wanted it for the longest time. It was wrapped in a giant box and it couldn't even fit under the

tree so it was next to it," she said.

French teacher Mrs. Tarcea also remembers her favorite gift. "It was a French perfume from Lancome. My husband gave it to me," she said.

And if you don't have a personal favorite gift, maybe Santa will bring it to you this year.

Gifts To Give For \$25 And Under

By Clarion Staff

According to the TV commercials, we should all be giving our loved ones new cars, sparkling diamonds and \$300 cell phones for Christmas. But teen budgets don't stretch that far. So we've compiled a list of fun and thoughtful gifts you can give for under \$25.

- * "Wreck This Journal" (Hot Topic, Amazon.com, around \$12) Encourages writers/ artists to explore their creative side through destruction.
- * Lotion from Bath & Body Works (What kind: Joyful Wishes, \$18)
- * Bring in a picture and Walgreens will put it on a puzzle, calendar, box, coffee mug or teddy bear for under \$25.
- * Gift certificate for Paint a Dream at the Simi Valley Mall Pick a ceramic piece and paint it yourself. Prices vary, but most pieces plus paint are under \$25.
- * Laptop skins to change the look of your computer. Available from Amazon.com for \$10-\$25.
- * Action figures from Accoutrements, available through McPhee.com. Models include Crazy Cat Lady, William Shakespeare, Jesus, Skydiving Sigmund Freud and others. \$5-\$15
- * NBA All-star Life Size Wall Graphic from Gifts.com (in the "Under * \$25" section)
- * Momiji Friendship Dolls from Gifts.com (under the "Under \$25" section)

Embarrassing Holiday Moments

By Belen Espinoza
Features Editor

We all have embarrassing moments and consider them to be the worst possible things to ever happen to us. Some we are able to forget, and others we can't. It's holiday time, and what better way to remember a specific holiday, than with an embarrassing holiday story.

Freshman Carolyn Davis will never forget the day when her traditional holiday pie took a turn for the worse. "On Thanksgiving I was carrying the pecan pie down the stairs, tripped, my face went into the pie, and people still ate it," said Davis.

It is one thing to embarrass yourself, but to be embarrassed by your family sets the standard for embarrassing to a whole different level. "It was at a New Years party, I was dancing with my family and wearing heels, they had a marble floor, my cousin pushed me, and I fell on my but and got a bruise on my thigh," said senior Roujean Khazaie.

Senior Jennifer Pyka shares a similar experience. "It was Thanksgiving, my grandma came out of the kitchen and actually asked my dad who I was."

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CHS Drama Rises At Fall Festival

By Perri Eriksen
Staff writer

At Fall Festival, 2,000 students from different high schools meet each other to battle for acting awards. This year the results were better for Chatsworth than in previous years.

Altogether, CHS brought home four trophies and two honorable mentions in C-festival, and two trophies and five honorable mentions in B-festival.

About 65 schools and about 2,000 students gathered together

for Drama Fall Festival at Reseda and Birmingham high school this year.

After several weeks of after-school rehearsing, CHS drama students were ready for two exciting days. On Oct. 27th, the C-festival for 10th, 11th and 12th graders took place at Reseda High School, and on Nov. 3 the B-festival for 9th graders at Birmingham high school.

"We don't usually do as good in the fall festival as we do in the spring in Shakespeare festival," said drama teacher Mr. McDowell. He was very pleased

and proud with the places the scene's got this year.

Technical theater won one first place for their stage set, fourth place in graphics/publicity, and an honorable mention in costumes and make up. It's a long tradition for Chatsworth to bring home awards in technical theater. "Twenty eight straight festivals we have brought home an award," said Mr. McDowell.

The scene that had the best reason to cheer was "The Devil's Parole," directed by sen-

ior Michael Reardon. It won a second place for open comedy. "Michael as a director did very well cutting it down," McDowell said. Two of the actors in the scene even switched roles just two weeks before the festival.

But the festival wasn't just all fun. There were challenges. For many students this was their very first drama festival. "In B we kept losing actors so we had to recast. At least seven dropped out and had to be changed, and that's always a challenge," McDowell said.

Band And Drill Take Honors

The Chatsworth High School drill team took first place and the band and drill team combined placed second in the Los Angeles Unified School District's field show competition on Saturday.

Also, the band won the sweepstakes award, while drill team placed second, at Sunday's annual Chatsworth holiday parade. Ben Bernal was named best drum major, just as he was Dec. 1 during a competition at Granada Hills High School.

Band also marched to first place and drill took third at the Granada Hills holiday parade.

Undocumented Students Deserve A Chance At College

By Mariel Vazquez
Staff Writer

Ana Gonzales is perhaps an exceptional student. She has good grades and even though she is not in the top of her class, she can compete to get into a good university. The only problem is that Ana is an illegal immigrant.

Like Ana, there are about twenty thousand students that are here illegally and, very much like Ana, they see their dreams fall apart because they feel they can't go to a university. Federal law prohibits undocumented students from receiving federal financial aid, while only a few states will give them state financial aid.

These students feel that all their efforts up through high school have to be thrown away because they won't be able to continue their education.

"I think (it) is unfair because I (have) been going to school since I was little, and now that I'm about to graduate, (it) is tough to know that I might not be able to go to school because I was simply brought here against my will," said Anna, who's parents brought her to the United States from Mexico before kindergarten. Anna asked that her real name not be used because she doesn't want others to know she is an illegal immigrant.

However, there is hope. A new state law allows even students who are illegal immigrants to apply for financial aid. Now students who came here illegally know they can't be held accountable for their parents' actions.

The only requirements for this to help illegal students is that they must have completed three years of high school or entered the country before they

were 16. Also, they will have to fill out an affidavit stating they have either started the paperwork to become citizens, or they intend to do so as soon as they are eligible. UC's, however, will keep track of the students that they have illegally, according to MALDEF, while private schools don't even ask whether the student is a legal citizen or not.

California is not alone in taking this step. Nine other states have passed similar laws and five others are considering it.

"Undocumented students can go to college and there is financial aid available for them, they just have to look for it," said Alejandro Tinajero, spokesperson for the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, at a recent visit to Chatsworth High School. Tinajero mentioned websites such as latinocollegedollars.com as an excellent source for undocu-

mented students to find financial aid.

Tinajero also said that while undocumented students might not be able to afford a university they can go to a community college for the first two years then transfer once they have saved enough money.

There are many people in the United States who agree that the government shouldn't give illegal immigrants financial aid because they don't pay their fair share of income taxes. However, denying undocumented students financial aid is actually costing the states more money. Why? Education helps increase tax revenue because people with college degrees tend to earn more money and would therefore pay more income tax. Plus, having a population that is better educated tends to reduce spending on welfare, health care

and law enforcement, according to the 1997 report "The New Americans," by the National Research Council. In fact, students who just have a high school diploma consume more in services than they contribute in taxes.

More states should follow California's footsteps and give financial aid to undocumented students, not only because it will help the states' economies in the long run, but because it's the right thing to do. Students who have worked hard to get through high school should not be denied an affordable college education because of their legal status.

Now, with more states giving financial aid to undocumented students, Anna and others like her, can have their dream and not feel like high school has been "time thrown away."

ENTERTAINMENT

Denzel Is Dealing In 'American Gangster'

By Julio Colocho
Staff Writer

The new drama/thriller movie "American Gangster," starting Denzel Washington, is about a man eager to get money and start his own drug-selling business.

In 1970, an African American named Frank Lucas (Washington) was born in North Carolina. There he lived with a large family. His family was not wealthy. Frank started as a driver for a famous drug dealer in the 60's. Frank drove his boss around for 15 years. Frank saw a lot of things that shocked him, yet learned how to get money the easy way. After his boss died he took over, and started his own business. Later on he was known for his famous drug dealing business.

The name of his powerful drug was blue magic. This blue magic, also known as heroin,

was imported from Bangkok.

The undercover cop who investigates Lucas is Richie Roberts (Russell Crowe). Lucas' wife, played by Eva Mendez, plays a role half way through the movie. The rest of the characters in the movie were Lucas' family, brothers, cousins, and mother.

This movie was rated a thriller. "American Gangster" was based on a true story. It was named the number one movie worldwide. "American Gangster was worth every penny," said freshman Mark Fierro.

Some teenagers that watched the movie said this movie compares to "Scarface." The reason is because both main characters played the same role, said freshman Oscar Villa.

Freshman Vanessa Barrientos described "American Gangster" as a great film about how a drug dealer got so much power over New York and lost it all.

If Only Britney Would 'Blackout'

By Natalie Gavidia
Staff Writer

Britney Spears' innovative CD "Blackout" doesn't really pack the punch needed to overcome the faux dance beats, robotic studio-enhanced vocals, and worst of all, the ghostly background singers.

Her sales have dropped over the years, from her first CD, selling 14 million, to her last greatest hits CD, which sold 2 million.

So in the midst of all of her drama, with her custody battle, substance abuse allegations and the sloppy dance moves on stage, does anyone expect her to actually move forward on her career? Of course not. The most interesting thing about this CD is that it sounds like an improvement compared to her other records. The sad thing about this though, must be how hard she tries to impress us when her personal life is always in the media. However, she seems to get all the little boys and girls jolted about her crazed beats in this new album. This is like another chapter in the Britney Spears

Story, a rough chapter.

On this CD, idiotic song names like "Get Naked" and "Break The Ice," go along with ludicrous lyrics such as "won't you warm me up baby? I can make you feel hot, hot, hot." But on "Piece of Me," her woe-is-me attitude becomes absolutely absurd.

"The real failure is in the ridiculous things that the songwriters give her to sing and the uninspired musical backdrops that the producers provide her," said Newsday.com's Glenn Gamboa.

Some people seem to actu-

ally like the idea that this new and sensationally popular princess pop star is making a comeback. Freshman Jehan Wasafi raved about this new hit from Britney, saying "I like it a lot, because she's been gone for so long, she's gotten really good. Yes, it has improved her pop princess status and this CD is worth buying."

Junior Amanda Martinez was also enthusiastic. "I like it. It seems like she is trying to impress us more" and put more emotion into it. "Maybe the bad publicity will go away," she added.

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The Boss And Band Are Back With "The Rising"

By Anthony Suarez
Staff Writer

In 2002 Bruce Springsteen and the E Street band parted ways after the album "The Rising."

By 2005 Springsteen had released two folk albums, "The Ghost of Tom Joad" in 2003, and "Devils and Dust in 2005."

In 2007 Springsteen and the

E Street Band got back together to release a new album titled "Magic."

It includes 11 new songs all written by Springsteen. The album is one of their best albums since "Born in the USA." The lyrics could never be better, as he sings about love, peace, and how cruel America can be, like he mentioned in the song "Born in the USA." In his new

hit single, "Radio Nowhere" he mentions "Dancing down a dark hole, just searching for a world with some soul," which sends a powerful message for those who listen.

It is a great album with some great songs for the road and songs you can just sit back and relax to. I recommend this album to anyone who likes rock music or Springsteen.

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What Are You Thankful For?



"I'm thankful that I have a house to live in and I'm fortunate enough to have things to help me succeed in life," said junior Robert Palette (right). "I'm thankful for my family for being there for me and for my best friend," said junior Jonas Enarsao (left).



"I'm thankful that I met my ex girlfriend and am still talking to her," said junior Jimmy Sanchez.



"I'm thankful that I have a new girlfriend and for NOT talking to my ex anymore," said junior Maurice McFarland.



"I'm thankful that I have people that care about me in my life," said senior Danielle Arnold.

Twix or Twizzler, Which One Are You?

By Lena Riemer
Staff Writer

Christmas is almost here, which means stockings full of candy are on their way. According to one author, the type of candy you prefer can tell something about your personality.

Author Steve Almond describes in his book 'Candyfreak: A Journey through the Chocolate Underbelly of America' what different kinds of candy reveal about your character. Almond is not a therapist. He said he wrote his study based on his own experience as candy lover.

The first candy type is the 3 Musketeers lover. If you are one

of these people, you do, well in groups but are somewhat pompous, according to Almond

The next candy is Almond Joy. If this is your favorite candy, you are a very happy and lucky person.

If you are evasive, slippery and you can't be trusted, then your favorite candy is probably Butterfinger.



Photo from www.howstuffworks.com

The most typical Halloween candy is Candy Corn, and if you really like it, you are probably a purely deluded person.

You love Good & Plenty? Good for you, you have a good character. You are optimistic and have a lot of energy.

Generous souls and those who understand the salty as well as the sweet side of life often like Reese's Peanut butter Cups.

Snickers lovers are said to be people who go with the crowd, who aren't ambitious but dependable.

Are you brittle in social situations? Then your favorite candy is probably Twix.

And if you don't like chocolate at all and prefer Twiz-

zlers, you are truly demented. You are a plastic person living a plastic life.

"I like Reese's Peanut butter Cups and I think that the author is right. "What he says about Reese's lovers is true. I understand the sweet and salty sides of life," said junior Nayely Sanchez

A survey by the Washington Post about people's favorite candy estimated that around 50,000 people voted Reese's Peanut butter Cups first place with 33.9% on first place as one of their favorite candies. Both, Twix and Snickers estimated 14.5% winning second place and Good & Plenty estimated 1.7%, as America's last favorite candy on this list.

Surreal Works Of Dali On Display At LACMA

By Mariel Vazquez
Staff Writer

Imagine stepping into the world of the abnormal and the extraordinary in just one place. Well, you can step into the surrealist world of the renowned Spanish artist Salvador

Dali at the Los Angeles County Museum of Contemporary Art.

The exhibition of Dali's art works, as well as three of his films, will be held until Jan. 6. The exhibition includes works such as his most famous painting, The Persistence of Time, with the melting clocks over the trees; pictures of him and friends, such as Walt Disney; sketches; and personal letters. Other works, like statues and scripts, are also on display.

The entrance is only \$2 if you are under 17 and \$12 if you are 18 and over. Dali's films can be seen in three of the rooms. In the first room is "Un Chien Andalou," a film in which he collaborated with Spanish director Luis Bunuel. In the first scene Bunuel is pictured slicing a



Dali's famous "Exploding Clock"

woman's eye with a straight razor. In the second film "L'age d'or," or The Golden Age, two lovers try hard to be together, only to find

obstacles in their way. This film, which was banned for 50 years in France, is quite a masterpiece and is worth seeing. The third and most memorable is Dali's collaboration with Disney, "Destino," which depicts the quest for love of a mortal girl, and includes a display of the original movie sketches as well as side commentary.

The gift store set up for the exhibition sells Dali's artwork in various sizes as well as some of his films, puppets, T-shirts and books. Prices are reasonable and range from \$1.50 to \$300.

To preorder tickets you can log in to LACMA.org and view the screening schedules.

The exhibition is worth seeing and it will surely leave a lasting impression.

A Picture Show is Worth A Thousand Words

By Katherine Falcon
Editorial Editor

The "Rocky Horror Picture Show" is a place where you can be anything you want to be. Girls go wild, and guys... well, guys enjoy it. This liberating experience is, for many, "an escape from the stress and drama of high school," says junior Elijah Polls.

For those of you who don't know, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is a movie in which the scenes are acted out live, by volunteers, and on screen at the same time. The movie itself is a musical about a transvestite, Dr. Frank-N-Furter (Tim Curry), who is able to capture the essence of life and create a human with "blond hair and a tan," - Rocky (Peter Hinwood). A recently engaged couple, Brad (Barry Bostwick) and Janet (Susan Sarandon), lost and in need of a phone, comes across the brilliant plan of knocking on Dr. Frank-N-Furter's door. The movie revolves around the impact that Dr. Frankie has on the different characters.

The closest place to see the show is the Leammle's Fallbrook 7 (by Sports Chalet) on the first Friday of every month at midnight.

But "the Rocky is much more than a midnight movie," says Senior Joe Anmada. You meet with your friends and walk over to the movie theater where a group of oddly dressed personas await for the opening of the doors. You see all sorts of people. The normal Virgins (those who have never been to the show before), dressed in their normal "movies" attire, look at the rest of the crowd, perplexed, yet trying not to stare at the revealing costumes of the more experienced. Virgins will

get the spotlight moments before the movie begins...

As you are trying to get used to the sights, the doors open and slowly the line disappears. Inside await the cast members. No, not from the actual movie. The cast members are talented, (over 18 years old) brave souls who act out the scenes you see on the big screen on a stage located beneath the screen. This is part of what makes this monthly show special. Again, it's all about the atmosphere.

The eccentricity of this show not only reveals itself in the clothing of the audience and cast members, but also in its audience participation policy. No more "please be quiet" messages before the movie begins. In the Rocky you are encouraged and even expected to speak, shout, scream, sing, dance and throw things.

To outsiders, all Rockygoers may seem like incomprehensible freaks coming from a run to a lingerie shop. As a midnight show, the common phrase, "the freaks come out at night" applies.

Would You Pay A C-Note For Sneakers?

By Julio Colocho
Staff Writer

How much is too much to pay for a pair of shoes? For many students, \$100 is the line between what's affordable and what's not.

According to students at Chatsworth High School, buying a pair of shoes for \$100 isn't a problem. "I would buy them, and I have before, but they have to be one-of-a-kind," said Freshman Jasmine Brown.

Freshman Deshawn Wallace didn't have a problem

spending \$100 on a pair of sneakers. "It was worth it because shoes are very important to me," he said. "I want to keep these shoes for a long time. Maybe in the future the shoes will be worth a lot of money."

Wallace wasn't the only one thinking about the money shoes could be worth in the future.

"Shoes that are popular, for example Jordans, can be sold on ebay," said freshman Mark Fierro.

Some Chatsworth students had other ideas.

Freshman Andrew Flanigan said, "Looking good (at) school

is very important because of what other people think about you." However, he didn't think spending \$100 on a pair of shoes was such a good idea. "Shoes are not everything in the world. There are better things to spend money on," he said.

Why spend a C-note on sneakers, instead of on other teen staples such as movies, cd's, or fast food? Freshman Aurora Villegas said, "We are more mature now in high school. We aren't into video games (any) more, or into eating (any) more. We just want to dress nice for other people."

Holiday Moments

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tant dish during the holidays is placed at the center of the table, but for Simone John, the family turkey made its way elsewhere. "Last Christmas eve, my uncle made a turkey, dropped it, and served it to everyone," said John.

Although these embarrassing moments are sometimes things we regret ever happened, we eventually get over them, and sometimes they result as stories we traditionally share during the holidays. They are stories we can laugh about, and they unite our families and friends.

Fall 2007 Sports Roundup

Girls' Golf Takes City Title

By Andrew Park
Staff Writer

At the end of the 2007 season, the girls golf team finished with an almost undefeated record. After the season was over, they played the league, city, and state playoffs.

The team won the league playoffs with a close score of 472-474. When asked if it was something that was expected, Coach Press answered, "Yes, we were the favorite and we played like the favorite."

They also played in the city championship game and won by nine with a score of 461-470.

They defeated the top golfers from different schools such as Van Nuys, El Camino, Venice, and Marshall.

After winning both league and city they went to the SCGA Golf Course in Murrieta for the state regional playoffs. The best six players from the team played and only the five best scores were counted. The top player

was Hannah Jun, with Sylvia Dhimdis, Cristina Pasquariello, and Megan Harkness following. Although the team did not win, they did not come in last. They had the second highest number of strokes in the tournament with a defeat over Van Nuys High School by about 20 strokes.

The last game against Van Nuys High School was an obstacle for the team. Junior Hannah Jun said, "I thought it was hard but it wasn't as hard as I expected."

Press expressed the difficulty of the game by saying, "This tournament, it was like our baseball team going up against the Yankees."

He says that it was a hard course, but every girl finished. Considering all the wins of the season, he believes that they are more prepared now.

"We're going to try to make some waves next year," he said. "We're (going to) surprise some people next year."

Cheerleaders Take Third In Early-Season Competition

By Lena Riemer
Sports Editor

The Chatsworth High School cheerleading team recently participated in a competition at Gladstone High School in West Covena and won third place.

The girls, who won first place in the U.S. National Cheer Competition last year, are satisfied with their achievement.

"With the amount of time that we had to prepare for the

competition, we did really well," said junior Amanda Martinez.

Teammate junior Ashley Johnson agreed, "We got third out of like seven groups. I am proud. We did so well," she said.

All participating groups had to perform to a mix of different songs. The cheerleaders chose "Rockstar" as the theme for this competition.

Coach Rosen-Bishop is pleased with her team and she is

Girls' Tennis Goes Far At Invitational Playoffs

By Andrew Park
Staff Writer

As the girls' tennis team finished up a rough 2007 season, they made up for it by winning at the invitational playoffs. The team won its first invitational match with a score of 6-1 against the Elizabeth Learning Center.

As the top seed in the invitational playoffs, the team advanced to the quarterfinals, which were played on Nov. 7. They won with a close score of 4-3, with all the doubles sweeping their matches.

The semifinals were Nov. 13 and they lost with another close score of 4-3 against Kennedy High School.

"It was close, but we couldn't pull it out," said Coach Bautista. The team had originally beat Kennedy at the beginning of the season, but Bautista says that

they have improved.

When talking about the loss against Kennedy, junior Hannah Nelson said, "It was surprising yet obvious."

After hearing from Bautista that Kennedy had improved, she said, "I kind of expected we weren't going to win."

As for the hopes of next year, Bautista said, "We'll definitely be an improved team next year with all my varsity hopefully returning." The 2007 season was a hard enough battle with a record below .500, but Bautista has faith in his newcomers.

"After losing nine seniors the year before, I knew we'd struggle," says Bautista.

Regarding the newcomers on the team, he says, "We've got a lot of girls learning the ropes." He hopes to make it to playoffs next year also.

Football Finishes 3rd

By Clarion Staff

Chatsworth football finished the regular season with a 6-5 record, including 3-2 against league opponents, before a one-sided loss to Narbonne in the first round of playoffs. The Chancellors finished third in the West Valley league.

"We had a really inexperienced team," said coach Hayashida. "A lot of our players graduated last year and were replaced by juniors."

Even though Hayashida considers this season successful, he said "you always want to do better."

That could happen next year. Hayashida expects 12 experienced varsity players to be back for next year, six each on offense and defense.

V-Ball Makes It To 3rd Round

By Lena Riemer
Staff Writer

Chatsworth High School volleyball girls finished the fall season with seven victories and three losses and therefore made it to the city playoffs.

After a good start in the city playoffs with two victories against Polytechnic and Venice, the girls lost against Taft and ended in seventh place.

Nevertheless, coach Sheriff is pleased with his team. "We did better than expected. I am very satisfied. We have four returning starters next year; I am looking forward to the next season," Sheriff said.

Cross Country Runner Makes It To City Finals

By Lena Riemer
Sports Editor

The last meeting for the cross-country team is over and junior Mason Hayes made it to the city finals.

"It is good that there is a Chatsworth High School person running out there, I am proud to run for my school," Hayes said before the city finals.

She finished the city meeting within a good time, but couldn't make it to the state finals. "The girls were so fast,

unfortunately I didn't make it to the states," she said. It is Mason's second year in cross-country and she is practicing six times a week to get better.

Coach Schnell is proud of her and satisfied with the whole season. "We started out well. The team needs more speed and for next year it would be nice to have an assistant coach," Schnell said. Anyone who is interested in this job can see her in the counseling office.

Hoop Girls Sign Letters Of Intent

By Caleb Sperling
Staff Writer

Senior girls' basketball stars Kimberly Brandon and Erika Menzies recently signed their national letters of intent, indicating which universities they will attend.

Brandon chose Arizona State University and Menzies chose Mercer.

"I feel like a little kid going to Disneyland," said Menzies.

"I think that getting this scholarship is a true blessing," said Brandon.

Although Menzies tried staying in California or at least close (N. Arizona or Mexico St.) She is still happy with going to Georgia for college.

Menzies is very excited to go to Mercer because it is a big



Erika Menzies

Kimberly Brandon

step, but she does also feel nervous about the whole thing happening so quickly.

Brandon was torn between ASU and Berkely, but when she went to ASU she said, "It just clicked."

Brandon's mom was "even more excited than me" as she puts it because her mom believes it is a safer environment.

Brandon feels the same

nervous excitement because it is a big step, but she has never been so far away from her parents and her home.

Both girls are happy to be going to their colleges of choice for all four years. They see

themselves as extremely fortunate to be able to play the game as well as they do.

Kimberly and Erika are very sad to be going to colleges so far away from each other, being the very good friends that they are, but they say that they will try to hang out as much as they can.

There could be times where they will even have to compete against each other.

Can Dodgers Get It Done With Joe Torre In Charge?

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The Los Angeles Dodgers gave the former manager of the New York Yankees, Joe Torre, a \$4 million dollar deal from 2008 to the 2010 season. Before he signed with the Dodgers, Torre refused to manage his 13th consecutive season with the New York Yankees by turning down a \$3 million deal.

RSP teacher Mr. DeWidt said, "I think it's a good move bringing Joe Torre to the Dodgers because they will have more respect for the coach, and have a better chance of bringing in free agents."

Government teacher Mr. Le Vine said, "Joe Torre has a horrible record in the N.L., but the owners are letting him make his own decisions."

His success as a manager came slowly. When he managed three other teams, the New York Mets, the Atlanta Braves, and the St. Louis Cardinals, he had only one playoff appearance.

In 1996, when he went to the New York Yankees, some magic seemed to happen, as the Yankees made 12 playoff appearances, ten ALCS championships, and four out of six World Series championships. Torre is the longest running manager in Yankees history, and has two manager of the year awards.

Junior Cameron Cooper said, "It is the best move the Dodgers have made in years and they will not fail with Torre as the manager."

Mr. DeWidt said, "Dodger fans demand a winner. We will find out if Torre can turn it around in the 2008 season."