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Olympic Rings And Other New Things

By Lena Riemer
Staff Writer

The new year has just recently started and there is already a lot planned for 2008.

Probably the most important event for the United States will be the 44th presidential election in November. By the end of the year America will have elected a new leader and it could be the first black or female president in U.S. history.

Junior Carolyn Montes said about the presidential election, "I think there will be a big change for America because of the presidential election. I think Hillary Clinton will win," she said.

Primaries started in the beginning of January in Iowa and New Hampshire and the Californian primaries will be held in February. In comparison to other states, in California only members of the parties will vote for their presidential candidate this year.

2007 finished with a lot of



big movies in December and according to slashfilm.com, Hollywood is going to keep this up in 2008 and will release over 500 films.

The web page also recommends 66 must-see-movies for 2008. There will be films like "Iron Man", which is Jon Favreau's adaptation of the famous comic book character; the second Narnia movie this year, "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian", which is the

follow-up of the Narnia movie released December 2005; and finally, there will also be a new Indiana Jones movie, called "Indiana Jones and the kingdom of the Crystal Skull."

Not only in the movie business, but also in the music section will be big releases in 2008. Radiohead, Metallica, the Offspring and Nicole Scherzinger are planning to bring out their new albums in the beginning of this year and there will even be a new Michael Jackson album called Thriller- 25th Anniversary Edition.

The 50th annual Grammy Awards will be handed out in February at the Staples Center.

With the Olympics in Beijing, China, this year, there will also be a lot going on in the sports section. The games start with a huge celebration on Aug. 8 and end 16 days later. China prepared a huge event and invented five Olympic mascots, the most in Olympic history.

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New Laws Cover Wages, Tanning And Bike Lights

By Mariel Vazquez
Staff writer

New laws that kicked in Jan. 1 will affect teenagers in areas such as education, health, vehicles, and most importantly, work.

One law that will involve school is the emergency cards, which will now have a box where parents will decide if they want their kids' names on the lists provided to military recruiters. Another law requires that additional school counseling services are to be made available for students and parents including a career path and how students can get into a four-year university. Students planning on going to a four year university now get a little help from a law that says publishers and college bookstores will have to disclose the price of the books to the faculty members in universities when they are de-

termining which text to require for their students helping the students save money.

Teenagers from ages 14 to 17 will now have to get parental consent to go into a tanning booth. This law is mostly aimed at preventing skin cancer.

On the roadways, bicyclists must use lights while riding anywhere after dark, including sidewalks, bikeways, or highways, or face a fine. The smog abatement fee will make car owners pay from \$12 to \$20, to help fund alternative fuel development. Registration fees will be raised by three dollars. And the most important one aimed at teen drivers will be the ban on cell phones and other electronic devices beginning July 1.

Got any gift cards with an amount less than \$10? Well a new law requires retailers to redeem any gift card for cash if the amount is less than ten dollars.

Seeing CHS From Both Sides Of The Classroom

By Faith Lim
Staff Writer

All of us know how it feels to be Chatsworth students, and 137 people here on campus know how it feels to be Chatsworth teachers. But 13 have been both Chatsworth students and teachers. Instead of sitting down and listening to the lectures, now they are standing and lecturing. Instead of doing homework, now they are grading papers, and instead of calling their teachers by title, now they are calling their old teachers by their first names.

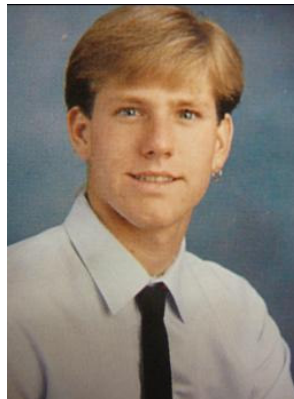
One of the art teachers, Mrs. Donner, graduated in 1970 and came back in 1996. Her life in J-hall started when she was a high school kid. She spent most of her time in J-hall and also had her locker in J-hall. Donner said many things have changed since she left. She remembers classes used to be smaller and



Here are the senior pictures from two former Chatsworth students who now teach here. Find out who they are on page 2.

the campus used to be cleaner. She also remembers that her senior year was the first year to allow the girls to wear pants and the boys to have facial hair. Donner described herself as a solid-C student. "I was a wild child. I spent most of the time in assistant principal's office," she said.

"J-Hall used to be smoker's bathroom. It was some tough



building," said Mrs. Coyle, who graduated in 1972. She also hung out in J-hall most of the time. She was on the swim team throughout her high school years.

According to what she said, there was no T-building, no bungalows, and no fences at that time, and the school colors used to be yellow and orange.

Coyle came back to CHS in

1999 to teach calligraphy and photo classes.

Mr. Hayashida, the head football coach, graduated in 1980 and grew up with Dr. Davis, the former principal. They played sports in the same youth organization, West Valley Eagle. He played basketball, football and ran track in high school. In Hayashida's memory, Chatsworth now is same as the Chatsworth twenty years ago. "The school looks exactly the same. Many alumni come back and say that it's the same. I think the school can use face lift and change some of the appearance."

"I came back to get even with the teachers that taught me," said English teacher Mrs. Ramos who graduated in 1986. When she was a student, the school didn't have fences. "It was much easier to go out for lunch and never come back." She played softball for three

years and "got in a lot of trouble for being a class clown."

A recent Chatsworth graduate is Ms. Nowak, a history teacher. She graduated from CHS only five years ago. She always wanted to be a high school teacher and often thought about teaching here at Chatsworth. "Because my mom (a former CHS counselor) was working here, I already knew the behind-the-scenes, and had some of the privileges, like using faculty bathrooms," said Nowak. She hung out in front of the student store with her fellow basketball players when she was a student. "Being a teacher is harder than I thought: lesson planning and making tests, and I have to stay ahead of the kids," she said.

See page 2 for a list of Chatsworth teachers who also went to school here.



Staff Photo by Katherine Falcon

Juniors Justin Palarca, left, and Jonathan Cruz stage a boxing match at the Humanitas Gatsbyville presentation Jan. 18th. Gatsbyville, based on the novel "The Great Gatsby," was open in Chancellor Hall for all students to come see and learn about the trends, traditions, and activities during the 1920's. Booths featured boxers, flapper dancers and a movie house, among many others.

Election 2008

Candidates' Platforms On Education

With the presidential election approaching, the next several editions of the Clarion will feature the front-running candidates' positions on important issues. This month's issue is education.

By Huong Nguyen
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DEMOCRATS

BARACK OBAMA – Believes that we need to help underprivileged and disadvantaged students "reach their full poten-

tial." He plans to create Early Learning Challenge Grants to promote education before kindergarten, expand both summer learning and after school opportunities, reform the No Child Left Behind policy, and recruit professionals from the fields of math and science. He also plans to reduce the dropout rate by "investing in intervention" in middle school. Regarding higher education, he plans to support college outreach programs and simplify the process of applying for financial aid,

encouraging underprivileged students to seek more education after they graduate from high school.

For more information, visit www.barackobama.com

HILLARY CLINTON – Wants to invest \$10 billion to make pre-school available to 4 year olds. In her opinion, the No Child Left Behind program kills passion and creativity and she blames Bush for the poor funding and quality of the program. Clinton plans a \$3,500 tuition

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Would You Please Stop Saying That? Seeing Your Way To A Better Vision Decision

By Perri Eriksen
Staff Writer

When you think about it, most of teenagers' words and phrases these days do not make sense to a lot of people. That's why we asked some students and teachers about which words and phrases they wish people would just stop saying.

"Chill. I hate the word chill. It's just annoying and over-used," said sophomore Danica Cooperstone. She also said that she hates it when guys say "woman." For example: "What's wrong with you, woman?"

Along with "chill" and "woman", Cooperstone and her friend Taylor Devian also had other words that they thought were annoying and overused, such as "dog".

English teacher Mrs. Sheinberg once got told to take a chill pill. "I sent one to K78 for that," she said. "And when they address me with Miss and don't know my real name, and they expect me to know their names," Mrs. Sheinberg also said.

Senior Jonathan Martinez and sophomore Edwin Fuentes had a more original phrase that gets on their nerves. "'Oh my god.' It's overused, so many people say that and it gives me an impression of superficiality," Martinez said. He also thinks "whatever" is a word worth forgetting.

Words also mentioned were b****, huh, hella, like, LOL, what and ho.

"When they say 'like' in almost every sentence, and say the 'N word' often," junior Jin

Nah said. He thinks it disturbs the peace in school.

The Internet has become one of the main sources for new words and expressions these days, and the "word" "LOL", which is short for "laugh out loud," is one of them. Other short terms are: lmao (laugh my ass off), idk (I don't know), nvm (never mind), and atm (at the moment).

Teenagers' choice of words, usually create a personality, and there are even some who make up their own words. "Once I was about to say ridiculous, but it came out ridonculous, now I can't stop saying it" said Cooperstone.

This is probably how the trends of certain words start, but in the end they often make people wish they were never invented.

By Fanny H. Yoon
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Glasses and contact lenses are both helpful to people who have bad eyesight, but which is right for you?

According to eyeTopics, which is a website that gives eye-related news and information, contact lenses offer many advantages over glasses, and they also give a better view than glasses; sometimes, glass frames can block one's vision, especially with smaller frame glasses.

Contact lenses also give natural vision unlike glasses. With glasses, objects can appear smaller or larger due to the distance between the glasses and eyes.

"Sometimes, glasses block my view," said senior Vicky Phung. "Glasses are sometimes uncomfortable too. I would like to try on contacts."

Unlike glasses, contact lenses are not usually affected by weather, such as rain or heat and cold.

"I like contacts because it doesn't fog like glasses when I eat noodles," said senior Lisa Kwan. "Also, contacts are more convenient because I don't have to worry about them falling."

But, even if you wear contact lenses, you must have glasses. When you are not wearing contacts, you have to wear glasses and it is safe and comfortable to remove the contacts an hour before you go to sleep.

According to allaboutvision.com, a website where questions about vision can be answered by doctors, it is very important to keep the contact lenses clean because improperly worn contact can lead to blood

vessels growing over the front of your eyes, infections, lid changes, allergies, corneal warping, corneal swelling and possibly even blindness.

Also, there are some times when glasses are needed, such as windy days, because of dry eyes.

According to Kwan, she likes to wear glasses on windy days because glasses keep the dust away from her eyes.

Glasses can also lead to injuries and it is easier to get hurt wearing glasses than contacts. According to researches at Columbus Children's Research Institute, during a two-year period of time, more than 26,000 people were treated in U.S. emergency departments for eye-glasses-related injuries resulted in admission to the hospital.

"My glasses broke when I was playing basketball in 7th grade," said senior Jordan Cui. "I had to change my glasses at least twice a year. When I started wearing contacts in 9th grade, I wear it all the time."

But contact lenses are not always convenient. Contacts can make your eyes dry, hurt your eyes when they tear off and make you wash hands and clean them every time you take them out from your eyes.

And some are just not comfortable wearing contacts. People might not be interested in wearing contacts or some might be afraid of wearing contacts.

"I wouldn't wear glasses if I had bad eyesight," said senior Tommy Wu. "Glasses are easy to put on and it will be hard to wear contacts."

Choosing from glasses and contacts is just an individual choice, depending on your preferences.

USA Takes Some Getting Used To

By Perri Eriksen
Staff Writer

I'm a foreign exchange student, and coming from a tiny country such as Norway, and arriving in America for the first time, is slightly overwhelming. When I knew I was going to the big CA I was overly excited, and tried my best to keep my feet on the ground. You might not think about it, but going to California is a lot of people's dream. For me it came true. I honestly didn't think my country and America would have any differences at all. But I've learned.

First of all, Norway is located in North-west of Europe, and is just as high up as Alaska, so yes, it's cold. Not all the time though. Once every nine months we're actually able to wear a thin sweater.

One of the biggest differences is the violence. While America is one of the most violent countries, Norway is the least violent country in the world. But it does not surprise me, seeing how Norway has a population of about 5 million people. That means America has around 298 million more minds able to cause destruction.

Because of that, America is much more strict. It has curfews and rules on what and what not



to do. At the beginning I felt a little stuck, in a way. Not being able to walk where I wanted, do what I wanted when I wanted it, because I was not allowed to go alone. In Norway, public transportation is the most common thing, walking is like a hobby, and coming home at the time of your choosing is part of your everyday life.

We can drink, drive and become adults when we're 18, (but it's no surprise to see a 14 year old walking around with a beer bottle). In America, you can drink when you're 21, drive when you're 16 and become legal when you're 18. It does not make sense to me.

Another big difference is the people. While Norway is little and shy, America stands out like a big confident place. If a stranger came up and talked to you in the middle of the street in Norway, you would hesitate

about the other person's (unbelievably weird) actions. But in America that's completely normal. I can definitely say that it's easier to make friends here than over there.

When it comes to the biggest difference, it has to be the school system. All I can say is that we have 13 years of school, we haven't even heard of the term "school-spirit", and to get good grades is as hard as breaking steel into two halves.

Other things I've noticed when I came here are that, it's dirty, people tend to judge, the food is terrible (what's up with macaroni and cheese?) and it's hard to ignore the hot weather. Despite all of that, I really do love this place. I look at L.A. as a place of opportunities, especially if you're a film enthusiast like me. There is always something to do here.

So far, I've had a lot of fun, meeting and talking to new people everyday. Doing stuff I would probably never experience if I didn't take the chance to come here, such as the Disneyland visit I had that I had been dreaming about as a little girl.

I'm definitely coming back after this year, even if they make me eat macaroni and cheese for a year straight.

CHS Alumni Teachers

1970- Mrs. Donner
1972- Mrs. Coyle
1980- Mr. Hayashida
1982- Mr. Lehr
1986- Mrs. Ramos
1991- Mrs. Krausen

- Had her counseling internship at CHS
- Wanted to be a fashion buyer
- "I didn't like high school, that's why I was absent [often]."

1992- Mr. Cox

- Rowdy student with good grades
- Played football and volleyball
- Hung out next to Chancellor Hall in front of the vending machines. "That's where all the peeps hung out."

1993- Mrs. Aviv

- Was a toll flag captain

1995- Mr. Minassian

- Played soccer

- Voted the most spirited in his senior year.

1997- Mr. Sark

2000- Mr. Press

- Played soccer

- "The dances are way better now."

2000- Mrs. Richard

- Mrs. Ikoma helped her to become a teacher

2002- Mrs. Nowak

Front page pictures: Left, Mrs. Coyle; right, Mr. Cox

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TV Season Strikes Out

By Andrew Park
Staff Writer

Many are wondering why all the TV shows have been repeating the same episodes over and over again. The writers' strike, led by the members of a union called the Writers Guild of America, is keeping writers from their shows. Without writers and scripts, new episodes are nearly impossible to broadcast.

The strike officially started on Nov. 5, when 10,500 members of the Writers Guild of America and some cast and crew members of certain shows picketed outside their studios. The writers started this strike because they believed that they were not being fairly compensated for media attractions that have been going out to the public through multiple media.

These days, popular media devices and software like DVDs, webisodes, Bluray, and especially iTunes are making tons of money from the public buying or downloading movies and shows at cheap prices. Studios have not been paying their writers much for most of the work they have been involved in besides TV broadcasts. Mr.

Massey, the new media teacher at Chatsworth High School, says, "I think what the writers are saying now (is) 'We're going to participate in those profits.'"

Massey supports the writers in their cause and believes that they should be included in the new media.

An article in the Los Angeles Times, by staff writers Richard Verrier and Meg James, says, "The Internet had lured away younger viewers and advertisers from television while threatening to make movie studios more vulnerable to piracy and to gut their lucrative DVD business, which had recently peaked."

Many of the hit shows like "The Office", "Heroes", and "30 Rock" have ended broadcasting new episodes. Other shows that have ended production include "Desperate Housewives", "Grey's Anatomy", and "Brothers and Sisters". Also, Fox's "24" has postponed its January debut because the lack of writers has only allowed a third of the episodes to be completed.

Although all hope in TV seems to be lost, some late night shows have made a come-

back without the writers. These shows include "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno", "Late Night with Conan O'Brien", "Late Show with David Letterman", "Late, Late Show with Craig Ferguson" and "Jimmy Kimmel Live". Also, Comedy Central's Jon Stewart and Steven Colbert came back with their late night show. While Stewart, Colbert, Leno and O'Brien have come up with their own scripts and sketches, Ferguson and Letterman won back their writers.

The strike seems to be going on forever but attempts to reach a deal have been made. The strikers and studios have met a couple times to try and reach an agreement and some progress has been made. For example, the writers have let go of their demand to double DVD pay and in return the studios have decided to pay the writers for any Internet episodes from scripted shows.

When asked how long the strike would last, in his opinion, Massey says, "I don't think we're (going to) go another five years." According to Massey it's "really about who has more power."

Movie Buffs Will Not Hate '08

By Perri Eriksen
Staff Writer

2007 was indeed a good year for movie releases. Biggies like "The Simpsons Movie", "Superbad" and "I Am Legend" came out, making people's DVD collections a little bit bigger. Now that we finally hit 2008, the question is, will it beat 2007?

As much as many of us hate sequels, we have to admit that it's not a complete year without them. And yes, there will be sequels, weird movies and blockbusters coming up this year, such as "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian," "James Bond 22," and "Harry Potter and The Half Blood Prince," the sixth of seven movies in the series.

First up in January, the much talked about movie "Cloverfield" hit the theaters. It's about a mysterious monster attacking New York, while a group of five is throwing a party. The actors are the ones "filming" it, making it like a documentary of how they are trying to survive. There are different opinions about whether the movie actually lives up to all its hype.

In February, Jack Black is back with another humor filled big screen movie. "Be Kind Rewind" is about a guy destroying every videotape in his friend's video store by accident. They figure out a way of keeping his loyal customer - an old woman with dementia - by remaking whatever movie the customer requested.

March's big movie is probably going to be "10,000 B.C." The movie is about a mammoth

hunter trying to survive through dangerous areas to secure the future of his tribe. It's an epic adventure, and it involves action and prehistoric animals.

In May, one of our beloved sequels is hitting the theatre. The Narnia series continues with another great adventure in "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian". This time, the siblings return to Narnia to help Prince Caspian to his throne where he belongs, but first, they have to conquer an evil king.

In June, "WALL:E," a Disney production, comes out. It's about a robot left alone on Earth doing the same routine every day, but soon discovers what he is really there for. This movie was mentioned as being the "new" "E.T."

Dan Brown's novel, "Angels and Demons," was made into a movie and will come out sometime in 2008. Brown wrote the wildly popular "Da Vinci Code," which was also made into a movie. In "Angels," Robert Langdon is back but this time he works on a murder case. If that isn't enough he also tries to prevent a terrorist act against the Vatican.

And last but not least, Sacha Baron Cohen comes back this time as a character named Bruno, in "Bruno: Delicious Journeys Through America for the Purpose of Making Heterosexual Males Visibly Uncomfortable in the Presence of a Gay Foreigner in a Mesh T-shirt." Does it have a chance to win an Academy award? I doubt it, but if there was an award for longest film title... Definitely.

Fears Are Nothing To Be Afraid Of

By Lena Riemer
Sports Editor

Everyone is scared of something, whether it's dangerous animals, scary movies, fast roller coaster rides or being alone. For example, 10 percent of Chatsworth High School students say they are afraid of different animals, especially spiders and snakes.

When we are scared our muscles get tense, our heart races faster, we start sweating and we get goose bumps. All of us have experienced this whether we admit it or hide it.

Did you know that some people are afraid of cute and innocent things? According to the web page www.imdb.com, Nicole Kidman, for example, has a bizarre fear of butterflies. Her phobia developed when she was a child, "I jump out of planes, but I just don't like the feel of butterflies' bodies," the actress said.

Colleague Johnny Depp also has a strange phobia. He is afraid of people dressed as clowns. Since he has had horrible nightmares of them. He is not the only one who fears people with red noses and funny clothes. Bad boy rapper P. Diddy has a "no clown" clause in his contract and even seven out of 50 Chatsworth High School students are afraid of them.

"They are creepy. I think I am afraid of them because of the

movie 'It' by Steven King," said junior Lilly Hernandez.

There is even an official term for this particular type of fear, which is called coulrophobia.

No one really knows where this fear of clowns comes from, but Doctor Kathryn Cillick published on phobialist.com a possible answer. "It is impossible to gauge a clown's true emotion and that's why people are scared," she said.

While many people are only creeped out by different things like spiders or darkness, for others it is a lot worse. They have nightmares and their daily life is constantly affected by their phobia. Therefore a lot of them try to get rid of their fears and there are different ways to do it. One way is hypnosis. If you choose this therapy, you either look for a hypnotist or you take the cheaper way and buy therapy on CD or an mp3 on the Internet. The web page www.hypnosisdownloads.com, for example, offers for \$12.95 per download, which they claim will either lessen or help you completely overcome your fear.

Another way to get rid of your fear is to take lessons. A lot of theme parks offer classes for people who are scared of roller coaster rides. Participants learn slowly how to deal with their fear. They watch movies of roller coaster rides, learn about the security systems behind the rides, and finally take a ride if

they are brave enough.

To overcome a fear, one needs a lot of training and discipline. If you don't want to see a hypnotist or take lessons, the homepage realsimple.com suggests four steps to handle your fear better:

1. Make a list of your fears and write down what scares you and why.
2. Learn how to relax and calm down. If you know how to relax, it is easier to calm down when confronted by your fear.
3. Imagine yourself confronting your fear. The more you think about it, the less scary it will be for you.
4. If you think you are ready, confront your fear, try to relax and if you made it once, the next time, it will be a lot easier.

Fears are not only negative, they can also be positive. Fears keep us away from dangerous situations. Without fear, we would walk on the street without stopping for an upcoming car or we would never study because we wouldn't be afraid of our parents when we bring home a bad grade.

Furthermore the fear of losing can give us a jolt of adrenaline that helps us to give our best and pursue challenges. Athletes, for example, are afraid of losing a competition and this fear helps them to concentrate and to be more physical. After all, how boring would a horror movie be without goose bumps and a racing heart?

The Coolest New Phones

By Julio Colocho
Staff Writer

According to teenagers at CHS, the three coolest phones out right now are, the iPhone, the Voyager, and the Sidekick Lx.



The phone that got the best ratings was the Apple iPhone. This phone features a touch screen, iTunes, GPS, instant access to YouTube, and much more. This phone is very popular but averages \$400, for just the phone itself. With a plan, the price changes to about \$300 with the mail in rebate, but these prices don't stop people from buying them. "I like the iPhone because it has the fastest Internet," said freshman Scott Harris.



Verizon's best attraction is the new Samsung Voyager, which is priced around \$250. The features on this phone are very similar to the iPhone but the difference is that it opens, has a physical keyboard, and is thicker yet lighter than the iPhone. "This phone is great I'm looking forward to getting this phone," said freshman Caralyn Divis.



The Sidekick Lx is the newest phone available through T-Mobile. This phone is different because it's similar to a portable laptop. Lx, with its midnight blue color, matches the basic features of the Sidekick 3 such as e-mail and a keyboard but it also features an improved camera and is thinner. The price tag on this phone is \$300 "I like the Lx because T-Mobile gets the best reception," said freshman Mark Fierro.

Boys Soccer Trying To Work It Out

By Lena Riemer
Sports Editor

The boys' soccer team won first place in league last year but had a mediocre start in the new season.

Coached by Mr. Minassian, the team won its first game against Cleveland, tied against El Camino and lost their third and fourth games against Birmingham and Taft. This was their first time losing a home game in two years. Their record before his week's games stood at 3-6-7 overall, and 1-2-2 in

league play.

Minassian said the boys are working hard. "We like to see improvement. Every day we are getting better. We have a big group of seniors this year and they are working hard with the underclassmen," he said.

The team's big strengths are goalkeeper Bary Ko and defensive players.

According to Minassian, the team needs improvement in shooting goals. "Shooting more, that's all we need to do. I think we have a good chance," he said earlier this month.

Junior Luis Telson thinks that it is an ok season so far. "Our problem is that we argue too much. We have a lot of disagreements within the team. We really have to improve our communication, but I still hope that we are going to make it to the city playoffs," he said.

Wrestling Carries On With Short-Handed Team

By Caleb Sperling
Staff Writer

With only nine wrestlers instead of the regular 14, and with two star players injured for part of the season, the CHS wrestling team has had to step it up to win meets.

Although Coach Hammond is working with half a team, he still expects a good outcome. He's relying heavily on star wrestler Thomas Cottrell (130), a two-time city champion.

The standouts on the team include sophomore Barsbold Ganbat (135), junior Kane Mizuno (140), sophomore Luis Medel (171), and junior Aaron Berry (189).

At a recent meet at Highland High School, all of the CHS wrestlers that competed earned a medal. Team leader Cottrell did not compete because he was getting too close to the 40-match limit for individual wrestlers and there are very important meets coming up.

For those who don't know how wrestling works, at a tournament there are 14 different weight classes and if one team has a player in a certain weight class but the other team doesn't, the second team automatically forfeits the match as if it were a pin. Coach Hammond hopes to win as many matches as possible to compensate for the forfeits in the weight divisions for which CHS has no wrestlers.

In their most recent dual matches, CHS beat both Granada and Vaughn but lost to Cleveland.

Overall, Hammond has confidence in Cottrell and the rest of his team, especially now that injured wrestlers Robert Gunther and Alex Bondarenko are back.

Girls Soccer Starts Out Well

By Lena Riemer
Sports Editor

The girls' soccer team had a great start in the regular season, with a record of 3-1-1 and not allowing a goal through the first four games.

The early-season highlight came in the second game against El Camino. It was "the game we waited for all year long," said defense player Holly Weaver. El Camino won the city title for the last seven years in a row and Chatsworth wasn't able to beat them for the previous 15 games. According to Weaver, last year's game ended for the Chatsworth High School's team with a "heartbreaker." El Camino beat them and therefore the city playoffs were over for the team.

Teammate Kishi Smith agrees with her teammate Weaver. "We lost always unluckily. The game against El

Camino is the biggest of the season," she said.

This year's season is different. The team practiced hard, and thanks to Corinne Hayes, beat El Camino 1-0.

Weaver said that she couldn't even talk after the game. "I was really excited but we expected that we would win. After the game we all were just shocked. We couldn't believe it."

Coach Altshule said about the game that "the girls started slow, we were so ready to go, but once they calmed down, they played well and next time we will do even better."

During the game against El Camino, player Brianna Edwards sprained her ankle, but might resume playing this week.

Chatsworth played El Camino again Wednesday afternoon, but results weren't available before the Clarion was

printed.

Altshule is satisfied with the season. "We are very successful and the goal of the season is the championships in March. Every game counts because all schools have improved. Previously there were some teams, we knew we would kill them, but now we have to take all of them seriously," she says.

According to Altshule, she has no specific number one player in her team, but goalkeeper Dana Moreno, is according to her, an outstanding player. Moreno did not allow a goal during the first three league games and did a great job, especially during the game against El Camino.

"There is one thing we definitely have to improve, that's our consistency throughout the whole game, but I am sure we will get better on that," Altshule says.

Basketball

Boys Struggle With Less Experienced Players

By Anthony Suarez
Staff Writer

The boys' basketball team has struggled this season with an overall record of 7-14, and 2-4 in league play.

"There have been a lot of varsity players who are out with injuries or they just decided they don't want to play anymore for personal reasons, causing the team to get a lot of junior varsity players," said Coach Switalla.

Last season the team had eight wins and only three losses and made it to the playoffs before getting knocked off in the

second round.

The toughest team to beat this season is Taft High School, which is one of the best in the state. In fact, CHS lost to Taft 90-46 last week.

The team's two league wins came against El Camino and Granada Hills.

The top two players the team is counting on are third-year varsity player Ryan Osborn, who is the team's captain and leading scorer, averaging 12.2 points per game, and Kevin Williams, who is the second leading scorer and top rebounder, with 179 so far this season..

Strong Season Puts Girls Basketball In First Place

By Belen Espinoza
Features Editor

So far, this year's girls varsity basketball team has an overall record 17-5, including 6-0 against league opponents, which puts them in first place. But despite her team's achievements, Coach Chevalier feels her team still has a lot to accomplish.

When asked how she felt about this season so far, Chevalier said she has "mixed feelings. We are capable of doing great things; we've had a couple of big wins over some great teams, but we are very inconsis-

tent."

Chevalier thinks her team needs to kick up their "mental toughness."

With any team there is always either a progression or a decline and when asked if her team had made any progression this year since the last, Chevalier said, "Definitely, in terms of the win loss column there's no doubt."

On this year's team a player that stands out and has made a major contribution is "Kim Smith, she is a senior, a guard, and has been the most consistent go-to player," said Chevalier.

Two Chosen To All-City Teams

By Lena Riemer
Sports Editor

Chatsworth High School senior Thomas Franco was named to the first team defensive unit and his teammate, Michael Lo Curto, second team defensive unit.

Every year a group of staff writers from throughout the greater Los Angeles area honor outstanding football players and their stellar performances throughout the year by naming an All-L.A. City Division, an imaginary football team patched together by the best players of the city.

Franco and Lo Curto both have been named to be a part of the Los Angeles City All-Academic team as well.

Former Chatsworth All-City players include James Walker, Chris Cozza, Oliver Patke and Matt Cassell, back-up

quarterback for the New England Patriots.

Coach Hayashida is proud of his players. "As Head Coach it's always nice to see your players recognized for their achievements. Thomas and Michael have worked extremely hard throughout their careers here at Chatsworth High School, and are well deserving of their recognition," he said.

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also come out with a new operating system for mobile phones, the Android.

Junior Nayely Sanchez sees the new year positively. "I think 2008 is going to be a more interesting year than last year. Hopefully it is a better year for every one. There will be a lot of changes this year," she said.

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tax credit to aid college students as well as increase financial aid grants. She also plans to simplify the FAFSA forms to make it easier to apply and allow students to apply for financial aid just by checking a box on their tax return.
www.hillaryclinton.com

REPUBLICANS

MITT ROMNEY – Romney believes that granting teachers, parents, and students freedom is the key. According to his website, "...when parents and kids are free to choose their school, everyone benefits," and plans on promoting charter schools. Romney also proposes a plan to improve No Child Left Behind in several ways, including focusing more on students' individual achievements, rather than evaluating school progress as a whole. He also wants to focus on students' education in math and science in order to

ensure that they will be able to compete in the international marketplace.
www.mittromney.com

JOHN MCCAIN – McCain plans on "Sending education funding directly to classrooms rather than having it siphoned off by federal and state bureaucracies." McCain also believes that students nationwide should be educated on significant virtues such as the importance of telling the truth. He also proposed the Ed-Act bill, which would aid disadvantaged students, allow parents more opportunities to save for their children's college funding and focus on English and other languages to put American students on the same competitive level as those in other countries. He would also give more control to parents, students, and teachers and emphasizes hiring quality teachers.