

# The Clarion

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## Baseball Takes First (And Second And Twelfth)



Clarion Staff Photo

The Chatsworth baseball team celebrated a 2-1 victory over Cleveland High School in the city championship at Dodger Stadium June 2. The team went undefeated in league play and won the championship for the third time in five consecutive trips to the title game. Five days later, senior shortstop Mike Moustakas, who was named the Los Angeles City Section player of the year for the second consecutive year, was chosen second overall in Major League Baseball's amateur draft by the Kansas City Royals. Senior third baseman Matt Dominguez was chosen 12th overall by the Florida Marlins. For more highlights from Chatsworth teams, see page 4.

## 91311 Home To 26 Sex Offenders

By **Huong Nguyen**  
Staff Writer

Perhaps seeing cases of kidnappings and sexual assaults on the news seem far from reality to you, but according to [www.nationalalertregistry.com](http://www.nationalalertregistry.com), there are approximately 26 registered sex offenders living in Chatsworth's 91311 zip code.

That may lead some students to wonder how much of a threat these people pose and what can be done to keep safe.

Although a lot of stories you hear about sexual assaults are committed by random strangers, [www.meganslaw.com](http://www.meganslaw.com) stated that about 80% of sexual crimes involving victims 12 years of age and older are committed by acquaintances of the victim.

In addition, the assumption that force and violence is usually involved in capturing a victim is false. According to the same website, predators usually exercise more discretion to capture a victim such as coaxing and luring so as not to risk causing a scene or drawing attention.

Never eliminate a potential offender due to their appearance because cases have shown that they come in all different types, and social classes and looks can very well be deceiving. On [www.mapsexoffenders.com](http://www.mapsexoffenders.com), pictures show that sex offenders can deviate very far from the creepy man in a black trench coat holding a lollipop waiting for his victims, as many of us have come to imagine.

"It makes me feel unsafe to know that there are so many sex

offenders living in the area. Its actually scary to know that even on campus, I am not safe because there are so many just a couple blocks away," said senior Wissal Homayun.

So how does the number of registered sex offenders in Chatsworth compare to other zip codes? The Canoga Park, West Hills area, 91304, has 32; the

famous 90210 zip has three; and the 93535 zip code that includes part of Lancaster has 159, according to [nationalalertregistry.com](http://nationalalertregistry.com).

Because there are former sex offenders here in Chatsworth, precautions and plans should be developed so you know just exactly what to do if you were

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## How To Defend Against Offenders

By **Belen Espinoza**  
Staff Writer

There is nothing more disturbing than knowing a man or a woman is purposely following you and watching your every move. There have been plenty of times when both boys and girls have been approached by a sexual predator, but what to do leaves much discussion.

Many teens think they know what to do, but have never experienced face-to-face interaction with a predator. Under those circumstances, anything can happen and sometimes what you do or say doesn't always work.

A student should be prepared and have more than one plan or way to defend him or herself if they are placed in this type of environment or situation.

Here are a couple of tips provided by Officer Harding of the LAPD on what people should do if they are approached, and how to avoid potentially dangerous situations.

- Avoid walking or jogging

alone, especially at night. Stay in well-traveled, well-lighted areas.

- Wear clothes and shoes that give you freedom and movement.

- Be careful if anyone in a car or on foot asks you for directions. If you answer, keep your distance.

- If you think you're being followed, change direction and head for open stores, restaurants, theaters, or a lighted house.

- Try to escape, scream. Be rude. Make noise to discourage your attacker from following.

- Talk, stall for time, and assess your options.

- If the sexual predator has a weapon, you may have no choice but to submit. Do whatever it takes to survive.

- If you decide to fight back, you must be quick and effective. Target the eyes or the groin. It is very important to be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times because you never know where a predator might show up.

## CHS Says So Long To Retiring Teachers

By **Jasmine Liu**  
Staff Writer

So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, adieu, adieu, to Mrs. Lazik, Mrs. MacArthur, and Mr. York. With less than two more weeks till goodbye, these teachers are set for retirement.

For Mr. York, he plans on doing two things after he retires. First, he is going to work with student teachers of Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology, and second, he is going to coach baseball, coach summer teams, and work part time for a baseball agent. "The most memorable [thing about CHS] for me was dealing with the gifted and talented students and teaching three AP classes, and helping to improve and establish the School for Advanced Studies," said York.

Teaching for an impressive 38 years, Mrs. MacArthur can't wait until the last day of school. "I've taught for 38 years and that's enough," said Mrs. Mac-

Arthur. She plans on traveling, reading books, and holding babies at the Camp Agen, a child-care center for workers of the Thousand Oaks biotech firm. With her calendar counting down the days until school ends, "I can't wait," said MacArthur.

"For me, it's always been the personal interaction with my students and other classroom teachers that has made this job both meaningful and joyful. It's laughter; it's learning from the students and it's learning about myself through my students. It will be deeply missed," Mrs. Lazik wrote of her experience teaching.

Mrs. Lazik has taken pleasure in being a teacher for many years. "I was lucky to have chosen a career I really enjoyed," said Lazik. She plans to find activities that would make her feel as happy and fulfilled as she does in the classroom. "Teaching for me is like being a serious and comic 'performer' and every show I've done was like doing it for the first time," said Lazik.

## Students Reminisce About What They Will Miss

By **Sally Rivas**  
Staff Writer

Some came in September 2003 and others some time later, but now all seniors are saying goodbye to Chatsworth high school as the class of 2007. They shared memorable times together and now they are telling us what it is they are going to miss the most from CHS.

"I'm going to miss football, dances, [football] practice, friends, and coach Pessin," said Aaron Gomez.

Aleisha Corona said, "My friends, Mr. Shockley, and lunchtime is what I'm going to miss."

How can Chatsworth students forget the football games, pep rallies and many other CHS events many of our seniors participated in?

James Walker said, "I'm going to miss football with these guys because it's my life."

Kylie Wittler said, "Cheer, because that's where I met all of my best friends and it's what shaped my high school life."

Jaxael Rizo who was on the wrestling, football, and track teams, said, "I'm going to miss all my friends, waking up early in the morning and bragging about going to school and then being happy after school, but mainly the sports."

Chatsworth seniors never failed to see their favorite teams play here in CHS and were al-

ways there to cheer for the team and for the senior athletes.

"I'm going to miss 06-07 JV football team and the marching band," said Samantha Wilson.

Chad Slauson said, "I'm going to miss Lourdes Rivas, well the Rivas sisters, mostly my friends, and maybe some teachers. I'm going to miss going to the baseball games."

Seniors will never forget what they went through in their high school life and now they are off to bigger and better places.

"I'm going to miss all my friends and hanging out with them, and all the memories that we shared together," said Yesica Alvarado.

### In This Issue

The movie theater might be the place to go to beat the summer heat. Check out the list of **upcoming releases** on page 2.

Staff writer Corinne Haynes gave a **vegetarian diet** try for a month. She's hooked. Page 3.

**Clubs** shouldn't have to give 50 percent of the money they raise to the school, according to Lauren DeGaine's editorial on page 3.

**Coach Saltzberg** is leaving the classroom and the volleyball court for a career in insurance. Get the details on page 4.

## Sizzling Summer Movies To See

By Jannet Torres  
Staff Writer

The three-digit degree weather often brings out the couch potato in all of us. With no intentions of baskin’ in the sun, you might choose to stay home even if the air conditioner just isn’t cutting it. But, there is one place where you could cool off this summer and still enjoy the rewards of being a sofa spud. Check out this list of upcoming movie releases.

### JUNE

**Evan Almighty-** A sequel to Jim Carey’s “Bruce Almighty,” Evan Baxter (Steve Carell) is appointed by God to build an ark that will hold pairs of many animals to repopulate the world after a massive flood. In theatres June 22.

**A Mighty Heart-** Angelina Jolie returns to the screen as Mariane Pearl, the wife of a journalist who is kidnapped in Pakistan. The movie is based on a true story. In theatres June 22.

### JULY

**Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix-** Harry Potter’s fifth year at the Hogwarts School of

Witchcraft and Wizardry marks the apex of his adolescence with his rebellious attitude and teenage crushes.

**The Simpsons Movie-** After nearly two decades of television comedy, the Simpsons finally get their own movie. The film is supposed to include many guest characters from every season.

**Hairspray-** The remake of the Ricky Lake’s 1988 musical is about a 1960’s high school outcast that turns into a trendsetter, starring John Travolta, Queen Latifah, Amanda Bynes, and Zac Efron.

**Transformers-** Shia LeBeouf stars in this action-packed film based on the children’s television series. Two clans of robots that can transform into various objects, the Autobots and the Decepticons, are at war with each other.

**I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry-** Two friends learn the true meaning of family in this comedy about Larry saving Chuck’s life and Chuck posing as Larry’s love partner to fight

off suspicious bureaucrats.

### AUGUST

**Rush Hour 3-** Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker are back for a third time to battle the Chinese dynasty of criminals called the Triads.

**Halloween-** Instead of calling it the ninth sequel, think of it as Michael Myers’ unfinished business.

**Bratz-** Based on the children’s dolls, four friends stand together to battle the ups and downs of high school stereotypes.

**Superbad-** All these two high school friends want is to hook up with girls before graduation. While striving to make their dreams come true, they realize that separating from each other after high school proves to be more disappointing than not getting the girls.

**Charlie Bartlett-** A young high school boy goes from being the most popular drug dealer for prescription drugs to becoming practically the school psychiatrist.

## Ways To Get Paid Working Summer Days

By Corinne Haynes  
Staff Writer

As the school year winds down, students are left to wonder, what am I going to do this summer? The perfect solution: a summer job.

Many students are anxious to earn some extra cash or learn how a business works from the inside out.

Some students have had a steady job and will continue to work through the break, while other students are searching for the right place. Sophomore Samantha Sterns works at Angelo’s Italian Restaurant on Devonshire and Mason. “I need to save up money for a car so that’s why I took up the job. I plan on working there throughout the summer because it’s good pay and the owners are friendly,” she said.

Sophomore Karina Kramer has been working at Black An-

gus on Corbin and Nordhoff. She says her main motivation for working during the summer is “to pay off phone bills and keep me busy because I know I’ll have nothing else to do.”

Chatsworth student Kambrie Keith, however, is unemployed at the moment but is expecting to work at Vons on Mason and Devonshire during the summer. “It’s convenient because it’s close, and my sister has connections with the store,” Keith said.

If you plan on working this summer and have yet to find a job, it’s important to put these guidelines into consideration: age and experience required for the job, responsibilities of the job, location, work hours, and pay. Sure fits for teens this summer are amusement parks, shopping stores in the mall, and even children’s summer camps as a counselor or counselor in training.

## Ms. Tyler’s Biblical ‘Paradise’

By Randi Seidel  
Staff Writer

Ms. Tyler, Mr. Potter’s secretary in A10, recently published a book of poetry titled “God’s Paradise.”

This book filled with inspirational Christian poetry is available at Barnes&Noble, as well as Borders bookstores. “God’s Paradise” is also available as an e-book and comes in several different languages.

When asked about what inspired her to write, Tyler responded, “The Lord has really inspired me.” The book features poems that encourage people to make a difference, to be moti-

vated, and to think positively. Tyler will be having a book signing on June 30. from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at Dr. Milligan’s Bookstore, 1425 W. Manchester Ave., Suite C, in Los Angeles.

### Offenders

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ever to be approached. As the school’s Officer Fumarolo puts it, “The thing is, even though it’s kind of scary, if they are willing to reform and are living away from the school it should be alright. They’ve got to live somewhere.”

## CHS Stands Up For Outstanding Achievements

By Sharon Tang And  
Randi Seidel  
Staff Writers

It’s not only sports that get the glory, as other students get their time to shine with the awards they won this semester.

As the year rolled by, many of our extracurricular groups received awards for their achievements. This year, three drama students received the Steven Bell Memorial Theatre Acting Award. Megan Garland, a senior who was also one of the last year’s winners, Sophomore Desirae Lupien and junior Jeremy Zornes accepted their awards for jobs well done in drama. In order for students to get the award they must show improvement in not only acting but in all areas of drama, Lupien explained.

Senior Nicole Tom placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the USA Junior Olympic Nationals for gymnastics and

earned herself a scholarship to UCLA.

One of the most prestigious scholarship programs in southern California, Milken Scholars Program, presented a \$10,000 scholarship to senior Steven Chua.

Deja Johnson won second place in The United Negro College Fund competition with her essay entitled “Sharing Brings Hope.” Representatives from the United Negro College Fund came to Deja’s English class to present the award. From the almost 200 entries entered, Deja had placed second. Melina Santagati won third for her essay entitled “Es Posible Una Convivencia en Paz?” (Is a Peaceful Coexistence Possible?) in the California Department of Education’s annual Escribo en Español contest.

The CHS News also had their share of awards after attending the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Video

In The Classroom (VIC) Awards. With Mr. Massey leading the news crew, they went home with awards for best school information, producer’s first take and best writing. When asked how he felt receiving these awards, Massey said, “it’s great when you do a project and the time and the hours you put on the project are acknowledged.” He wished to acknowledge director Ryan Gaitan, producer/writer Katie Lundstrom, editor Devon Quick and the rest of the video broadcast staff.

Freshmen Zi Ma, Eric Zisfain, Jonathan Ching, and Derek Lau won the Herff-Jones/LAUSD student ICS Challenge Award for their chemistry game “Elemanium.” The four students each received \$50 gift certificates. Their class, Ms. Richard’s fourth-period ICS, will receive a \$250 gift certificate. Richard donated the \$2,000 she received to the school.

## Stash The Cash And Make It Last

By Jorrel Quirong  
Staff Writer

Saving money is a problem for most people. Instead of stashing away those few dollars that you’ve saved up, you can effectively use your money, and get more for your dollar. Some instances include:

- Bring your own water bottle. It may be a hassle to carry, but it’ll keep you hydrated without spending your own money. If you don’t have any water bottles, grocery stores sell 24 water bottles for around six dollars or less. That’s a quarter compared to the dollar that you spend at

school. You can also reuse those water bottles by filling them up, but be sure to only do it 3 to 4 times because it may become unsafe after that.

- Make your own styles on your clothes. Transfer paper used on t-shirts is easily bought at Office Depot for \$15 for a 20 pack. You create the design you want, print it through Microsoft Paint, and iron it on your t-shirt.

- Making your own breakfast, lunch, and dinner instead of buying fast food can save you so much more money, and can give you more variety. For example, a salad from McDonald’s would cost you \$4.99, and though buy-

ing the separate vegetables for the salads would cost you more—you get five times the amount.

- Supermarket and retail outlets usually hold sales to get rid of their stock. When they do, that is the time to go and buy the things you need. Many retail stores pass out coupons outside of their stores to help people pick out the ones that are on sale. Ads and brochures from newspapers also help on giving good prices for good product.

- Using a bike instead of driving your car when you have to travel for only a block or two saves much needed gas money.

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The opinions expressed in the editorials are those of the individual writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the staff as a whole.

We hold ourselves accountable for the accuracy and fairness of our work. If factual errors are brought to our attention we will correct them in the next edition.



## No More Chicken For This Chick

By Corinne Haynes  
Staff Writer

To be vegetarian or not to be vegetarian? That is my question.

I've always wanted to live the life of a vegetarian. I love animals and the mere thought of eating them makes me a little upset...but not enough to stop eating them. I've finally decided to try becoming a vegetarian and see if it will suit my lifestyle. I'm apprehensive, but hopefully I'll like it.

Vegetarianism is the practice of not consuming the flesh of any animal. There are four main types of vegetarianism but Lacto-ovo and veganism top the list as the most commonly practiced. I have decided to be a lacto-ovo vegetarian, which allows me to eat dairy, eggs, and honey but of course not meat.

In a study done by the National Vegetarian Society, over the past ten years, 59 percent of Americans thought vegetarianism was becoming more popular and 46 percent thought it was becoming more mainstream and acceptable. However, only about 6 percent of the United States population actually call themselves vegetarians.

So I decided to follow a no-meat regimen for a week and track my reactions towards the lacto-ovo vegetarian diet. The objective was to see the benefits of vegetarianism compared to my normal eating habits and the changes in the way I look and

feel. With these results, I can make a decision to continue the diet or go back to my normal meat-eating ways.

Before beginning the diet, I had pretty good eating habits. I didn't eat much junk food but the occasional burger always sounded appetizing. The only problem was that I felt too full after eating it. After starting the diet, I hopefully will eliminate that feeling.

In the first couple days, it was difficult to see any change in the way I looked and felt. I planned out my meals carefully: Special K cereal with a banana or apple in the morning, a salad or veggie sandwich for lunch, and a vegetable and tofu stir-fry for dinner. I made sure to also consume a lot of water.

One of the main problems associated with vegetarianism is the lack of protein without the consumption of meat. However, I made sure to eat foods like eggs, cheese, yogurt and peanut butter. I also ate a lot of seeds like pumpkin seeds, which surprisingly have 19 grams of protein for each ¼ cup serving.

In the midst of the diet, I started to feel a difference but not necessarily see one. I felt less hungry and full, and still had tons of energy. By the sixth day, I even lost one pound. On the seventh day, I noticed changes in my complexion. I have acne-prone skin. However, without meat I started to see less shine on my face, and it appeared clearer. I also did not



Staff photo by Kishi Smith  
Experimental vegetarian  
Corinne Haynes enjoys a salad.

feel hungry at all because I was eating balanced meals.

Now that my one-week diet has ended, I've noticed some major changes. Though I don't look different (I only lost one pound), I definitely feel different. Going into the diet, I thought I'd be hungry all the time, but I've actually noticed that I'm eating less, and eating less of the "bad" foods like chips and cookies and eating more of the good foods like fruits and vegetables. One reason my consumption of food was less during the diet could be because I ate more fibrous food, which studies have shown creates a feeling of fullness.

Ultimately, I've decided to continue my vegetarian diet. I feel much lighter and healthier without the consumption of meat. I also don't have to feel guilty about eating meat anymore.

## Farewell From The Clarion's Chief

By Candy Wong  
Editor-In-Chief

The first time I picked up a copy of The Clarion, I thought: "Wow, CHS has a newspaper?" However, my delight soon morphed into dismay as I inspected the dozens of typos and grammatical errors infecting multiple articles like gangrene, or measles on a young child. Misplaced modifiers, MIA commas, incomplete parallel structure, and other miscellaneous offenses were merely some errors I unearthed in the paper.

"They should edit more carefully," I told Jannet Torres, my friend and now the Features editor, after busting out my trusty red pen and correcting a forest of faults. She nodded slowly at my excessive editing and suggested I try writing for the paper.

"Well, maybe you could edit for them or something?" she shrugged, as indifferent as Santa towards snow about my spotlight bright, thunderous scrawls. (In the newspaper world, bleeding red ink papers apparently weren't too unusual.)

Fast-forward three years later, when I am no longer the Journalism rookie I once was. No longer do I cower at meeting deadlines or cringe at interviewing strangers; no longer am I as misinformed about the whole process of journalistic brainstorming, brainwashing (kidding!), interviewing, editing, copyediting, and yes—even

layout-ing, which is the means by which one arranges the glori-ousness which is the paper onto Microsoft Publisher before it goes into print.

The Clarion, which has thrived since May of 1963—or around the time the school first opened, has fed the brains of CHS students for years. When I thumb through the pages of each issue of The Clarion, I feel immensely appreciative of a tradition that has spawned decades.

Truthfully, I never expected to get this far—never expected to *finally* become editor-in-chief. This position, though intimidating and sometimes overwhelming, is one I will miss when I head off to college in the fall. But before I turn my back on E-27 (our beloved Journalism room) and before I submit this last story I'll ever write for the school newspaper, I would like to shell out a dollop of swift thank you's.

Thank you, Mr. Lehr, for making these past three years enlightening and quite pun-ful. Thank you, advertisers for contributing to the livelihood of this paper, since the school offers about \$375 per year to keep the papers in print—roughly the amount it costs to print one issue. Thank you, journalism buddies—without you guys, there wouldn't have been as many quirkily kooky headlines. And thank you, finally, to the program itself—it has truly been an unforgettable three years.

## School Should Keep Hands Off Student-Raised Money

By Lauren DeGaîne  
Staff Writer

After weeks of preparation, International Day comes. Waiting for the lunch bell to ring, you make sure that everything is in order, everyone is standing at the ready waiting for the stampede of hungry students to rush your table. And when the bell signaling the end of lunch rings, you close your cash box and take it to the student store, where they will count your money and put it into an account for your club's use. Well, half of the money that is.

The 50 percent of income that comes from fundraisers like international day that is taken out of the pockets of hard-working organizations is used for athletics, confections, and payroll. And sure, it's a good cause. Giving back to your learning community is a noble effort, but let's face the facts.

So far this year, the school has received a little over \$1,700 from club-run fundraisers, and spent over \$341,000. Francis Maylad, Chatsworth High

School's Financial Manager, says that the revenue from snacks, drinks and lunch fees, commissions from ring and vending machine sales, donations, and interest income is not enough, and they are already overdrawn about \$3000. But the revenue from fund raisers contributes a meek .5 percent. That number is so small that it doesn't seem likely it will put a dent in the school's payments. Whereas individual clubs could undoubtedly use that other 50 percent of the money they earned for individual events, t-shirts, competitions, and other purposes. For a school of about 3,200, \$1700 is insubstantial, but for a group of about 30 kids, it goes a long way.

Maylad thinks a better way to raise money is a school-wide fundraiser, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the budget. This type of fund-raiser would be beneficial for the school, but also for the clubs, as the money that they worked hard to raise would no longer be cut in half.

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## Spring Teams Call It A Season

By Kishi Smith  
and Desiree Ramirez  
Staff Writers

The water is calm, the dust has settled on the track, the balls, bats and gloves have been put away. Spring sports brought one championship, a couple of near misses, and trips to the finals for a few athletes.

The varsity **baseball** players are champions once more. Nick Devian and Mike Moustakas scored a run apiece to lead Chatsworth 2-1 over Cleveland High in the championship game at Dodger Stadium. The boys finished with a total of 74 home runs this season, one away from the record. Kasey Toven a starting sophomore said, "The field was just perfect to play on and the win on that turf made it even better. To me, though, the best part of the game was the dog-pile after we won; it's something I will never forget."

**Softball** this year went 20-4 in an amazing turn-around from last year. Although they did not win the championship like expected, Coach Vicki Althsule still felt "It was a very successful season." But a surprise to the team came when all three coaches, Vicki Althsule, Liz

Lara, and Mike Ross said they would not be returning next season due to personal reasons. Although new coaches will be coming, the team will still be strong as none are graduating and the majority are returning. "We expect next year to be just as strong as this year, if not stronger," varsity catcher Deianna Russell stated "So again we strive for the championship. Although sadly the coaches are not returning, we look forward to learning more from the coaches to come."

The spring season was a rewarding struggle for the boys of the Chatsworth varsity **volleyball** team. They started playoffs strong, defeating University in the first round and Grant in the quarterfinals but the semi-final game against Taft took them out of the playoffs. "We didn't get as far as we thought we would," said Rodante Saballa, senior and starting setter, "but we played hard, so we're not upset. That's a tough team to beat."

This year was very good for **swim** as it was the first time in many years that all 30 swimmers were eligible, grade-wise, for competition. The coach, Ms. Yee, states that next year they look for a better team with more

motivation. Mario Guzman a sophomore stated, "It's going to be very sad to lose some of the seniors, but we look forward to getting fresh people on the team next year and going farther in city."

**Track** had a very successful season as two of the girls went to state. Turquoise Williams and Leah Flowers led the team at state with Williams in the top 40 in the triple jump and Flowers in the top 20 in 100 meter hurdles. "It has been the first time in 12 years that we have sent more than one person to city, which is a great accomplishment," said Mr. Lauten. Samantha Carter a season high jumper said "It was a great season for us and I really look forward competing again with everyone next year."

**Golf** finished in fourth this year, which was improvement over the previous year. Two star golfers, Dan Dhimdis and Kevin Treiner, will graduate this year. With Mrs. Lapaz no longer the coach due to a promotion to school dean, the new coach will be Mr. Parker, also the current J. V. football coach. Mrs. Lapaz states, "It has been a great season and hopefully they do well next season."

## For Players, These Were The Games To Remember

By Kishi Smith  
Staff Writer

In sports, there is always the "game of the season." Whether it's the come-from-behind victory, or the face-off with an archrival, these are the games the players and fans remember.

Softball's best game this season came at home game against Granada in the first half of the season. It was Tyler Cano's amazing catch at the top of the last inning that saved a run and her walk off home run in the bottom of the inning that won them the game. "As a team this was our best game of the season, but individually what can I say? I think it may have been Tyler's best game of the season as well," said varsity coach Vicki Althsule.

Baseball's best games of the season were both the championship game and their second game versus El Camino Real. Kasey Toven, a sophomore, stated, "(The El Camino game) was our best game as we battled through extra innings to get the well-deserved win."

Girls soccer players won't forget the match against El Camino that ended in a tie. It was Olivia Patterson's corner kick in the second half that Nicole Voets headed beautifully into the back of the net to tie the game. Patterson stated, "We all wanted it and we all wanted it bad. It was sad they had to score

before we did and we only came away with the tie, but it is said to be our best outcome with them in a few years. Next year we plan to beat them."

The varsity soccer boys thought that their best game came against Taft. Being down 2-0 at half time, the boys ended the game in a 5-2 victory. "It was a lot of hard work getting back into the game but we knew we needed the win," said Marvin Mendiola.

Girls volleyball's best games were the championship game and the home game vs. Birmingham High. In the Birmingham game, in the last match, the girls were losing 14-7, but in a thrilling comeback they won 16-14. Shayna Cooperstone said, "It was actually fun coming back and winning the match. Plus, it is always fun to celebrate afterwards."

Girls basketball's game of the season came versus Taft, when they won 57-45 after losing twice to Taft in the regular season. Tessondra Williams said, "It was the first game where we had all our players and we really played as a team. I loved it"

Football's best game actually came during a loss to Chaminade. They were losing 21-0 at one point and battled hard to close the gap to 32-27. Gilbert Acuna stated, "We never gave up. That's what made this our best game."

## So Long, Saltzberg

By Lauren DeGaine  
Staff Writer

After 11 years and four consecutive city championships, Coach Saltzberg will be leaving Chatsworth. Not to worry, though: there's no doubt you'll see him cheering on the boys volleyball team during next year's season.

When asked for an interview, Saltzberg's first reaction was to make sure the story wouldn't take light from the team. "The real story is about them," he said. And that's the philosophy that has made him such a great coach, focusing the team on being respectful "of themselves, the school, and the competition."

But despite the success he's been bringing to the school since he first began coaching in December of '98, the CHS graduate said he's ready for a change. And though a career in insurance may not seem like the most exciting profession, Saltzberg says he's looking forward to it. "It hasn't been a lifelong goal or dream," he laughs, "but I'm excited for a new challenge."

Along with his "handful of unbelievably talented assistant coaches" Margaret Pate, Mike Nash and James Han, Saltzberg has created a program that has held the city title a record four

years in a row. According to the players, part of what makes him a great coach is his ability to teach and relate to all of them; he knows that there are dozens of different personalities on a team and "you have to find a way to get them all motivated."

"We're going to miss him so much because he's our coach and our friend. He makes us work, but we have a lot of fun with him," said junior Andy Ouano "He's really taught me so much about the game and about myself."

But despite what the players claim he's done for them, Saltzberg maintains that he's gained even more. "I'm honored to be a part of their lives. Seeing a guy start as a freshman, not knowing anything about the game, and then seeing him grow to become one of the best players. That's cool."

Next year Jonathan Sheriff will be coming on as head coach of not only the boy's, but the girl's volleyball team as well. He helped as an assistant coach during playoffs this year, and Saltzberg says he's excited for Sheriff to "continue the traditions we've created, and add some of his own." But how will the team fair next season, without the coach they've had for their entire high school career? "Oh, they're going to win it all," Saltzberg predicts.



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