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The Doctor Has A New Office

By Clarion Staff

Some day soon, Dr. Davis will leave Chatsworth High School for a new job at district headquarters. You could say things will change a bit for him once that day comes.

For instance, at CHS, Davis oversees a campus with 3,300 students and 135 teachers. In his new job, he will not only be in charge of programs affecting CHS, but also well over 100 other schools with 185,000 additional students.

He will also be responsible for athletes competing in 14 different sports at 94 schools, marching bands, drill teams, robotics clubs, AP programs, graduation requirements, plus all the district's high school principals.

"I'm excited. It's a huge job they're putting me in," said Davis.

Davis will leave for downtown once a new principal is

chosen for CHS. He came here in fall 2005. During his tenure, school-wide testing scores increased by 15 points, just five away from reaching his goal of being a California Distinguished School. He also pushed the school towards small learning communities.

"In some respects, I'm extremely sad because it's hard to leave a school like this because it's a part of me," Davis said. "On the other side, I'm excited because this is a major promotion."

Several teachers said that, in general, Davis had a positive effect on the school.

"We had our disagreements, but he listens and doesn't take things personally," said Mr. Le Vine, a history and government teacher who is also a representative for the teachers' union. "He



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genuinely likes the teachers and students."

English teacher Mr. Siegel said Davis had a good personality, was easy to talk to and was good at remembering students' names.

Students said they appreciated his support and personable manner. "I thought he was very

good. He was good socializing with students without making them uncomfortable," said sophomore Chelsea Caldwell.

"He was a cool guy, we're gonna miss him at football games for sure," said Junior Sharon Tang.

Davis said some of the things he would remember most from Chatsworth High School included watching the band win a city championship for the first time and starting a principal's award and giving it to one special student at graduation.

Davis believes the improvements at Chatsworth over the past couple of years made it possible for him to get his promotion. In particular, he cited increasing English and science test scores, championships won by band and baseball, as well as students' passing rates at AP tests. "We have a lot of positive things going on and not a lot of schools can say that."

API Score Edges Past 700 Mark

By Fanny H. Yoon
Staff Writer

Chatsworth High School's 2007 API score went up from 687 to 704, an increase of 17 points from 2006.

API means Academic Performance Index, which is the state's method of measuring school performance.

Edging above 700 is significant, said Dr. Davis. For example, he met with real estate agents in Porter Ranch a year ago and they told him that once the school rose above 700, CHS would attract top students who might otherwise go elsewhere, such as to private schools.

"It makes our school look better," said Davis. "Now we're only five points away from being a California Distinguished School."

API is also important because it is also part of the AYP, Adequate Yearly Progress, which is the federal government's requirement for the schools to meet certain targets. If the school doesn't meet certain targets, then the school is considered a Program Improvement School and is monitored by the federal government.

According to Ms. Bushner, an assistant principal, if Chatsworth or any other school does not show consecutive years of growth, then the school is put in state-watch list. It is then monitored by the state that the school is going to do certain things to improve the scores.

"Chatsworth was put into state-watch list four years ago," said Ms. Bushner. "We don't want that to happen again."

Many students in Chatsworth don't know the meaning of the API and are not sure of the impact it has on them. But,

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Not All Whiz Kids Are Washing Up

By Belen Espinoza
Features Editor

What would go through your mind if you found out that your boyfriend or girlfriend didn't wash his or her hands after using the restroom, and then held your hand or gave you a hug? According to the American Society of Microbiology, 90 percent of females wash up after using restrooms compared to 75 percent of men.

A study conducted in August 2005 for the ASM by Harris Interactive, a research company, observed 6,336 individuals wash their hands at six pub-



Photo illustration by the Clarion

lic attractions in four major cities. Observers in the public bathrooms secretly and discreetly watched and recorded the number of adults who washed. While recording their observations, the observers were told to pretend to groom (wash their hands, brush their

hair, put on makeup) themselves.

When asked if she believed if the companies survey results were true, senior Lisa Kwan said, "Of course because guys are dirtier, sloppier, and messier."

Senior John Shin says, "Women are cleaner because they are more feminine."

That same month the company took a telephone survey of 1,013 adults. Ninety percent of women and 96 percent of men said they always or usually wash up after using a public restroom.

With the help of fellow staff reporters and students, we were able to conduct a similar study here at CHS. We observed twenty girls and twenty boys in the restrooms at school. Ninety

percent of girls washed up after using the restroom, compared to 75 percent of boys.

"It's sickening, because they don't wash their hands, open the door, and then we open the door too, and germs get passed on," said senior Jordan Cui.

"I think that's nasty, because when guys pee it might get on their hands," said senior Tommy Wu.

We then conducted a survey of twenty boys and girls, and asked whether or not they washed up after using the restroom. Eighty-five percent of girls said that they washed compared to 90 percent of boys.

"More guys should wash their hands. It's a ritual for me to wash mine," said senior John Shin.

Chatsworth Losing Its 'Anti-Christ'

By Caleb Sperling
Staff Writer

The infamous shock rocker Marilyn Manson seems like the type of guy that would live in a deserted haunted mansion out in the middle of Death Valley. What might surprise you is that he lives in a Mediterranean-style villa right here in Chatsworth, at least for now.

Manson has put his gorgeous, 4,500-square-foot house, near Chatsworth and Mason, up for sale. In the three years he's owned the home, he had the garage changed into a recording studio and had a bonus room put in. He is selling it for \$1.1 million.

Manson has been on tour



Photo from <http://www.bergproperties.com>

since early summer and apparently has grown apart from his house, according to the Los Angeles Times.

So what sort of a place does the king of shock rock call home? Well, the same guy who gave us an album entitled "Antichrist Superstar" has a

backyard for golfing and evening strolls. And though you might not expect it, the author of "The Dope Show" and "Fundamentally Loathsome" has a sparkling pool and covered cabana. Additionally, despite having a collection of songs called "Smells Like Children," Manson happens to live close to Germain Street Elementary School.

Back in 1937 the house was owned by actors Barbara Stanwyck and Robert Taylor (your grandparents probably know them) when it was brand new.

Missing Sleep Can Lead To Pimples and Pounds

By Andrew Park
Staff Writer

Without enough sleep, it is inevitable for students to become tired, fall asleep in class, and possibly receive failing grades. Intriguing studies from the National Sleep Foundation have shown that without the regular eight and one-half hours of sleep each night, teens are more prone to pimple and acne problems along with weight gain and caffeine overuse.

With the pressures of studying and getting good grades in high school comes the pressure of looking "fresh" and fit. Sleeping only five to six hours

every night from studying for tests and finishing up last-minute homework assignments can badly affect the way students want to look.

"Even if you have the greatest grades, it'll catch up with you," said school nurse Mrs. Hizon. Hizon recommends at

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Texting Takes The Place of Talking

By **Huong Nguyen**
Staff Writer

In today's world of high-tech cell phones and PDA's, it is no surprise that text messaging, or 'texting' for short, has become a mainstream trend among cell phone users. This raises the question of whether or not texting has replaced old means of communication such as calling or even e-mailing, and if it truly is as convenient as its widely believed to be.

Considering the startling rise in text messages sent each month in America, statistics do prove the theory that text has replaced talk. According to Cell

Signs Co., the number of text messages sent in America has increased by 250 percent in the past two years, resulting in about 18.5 billion text messages sent every month as of December 2006.

"I prefer texting. If you want to tell someone just one thing, then just text them. People talk too much when you just want to get straight to the point," said officer Fumarolo.

While phone companies are raking in profits from this exploding texting business, many people are still not sold. "I'd rather call than text someone. You want to hear their

voice and see how healthy they sound," said senior Rahul Baldwin.

Text messages seem to be the time saving way to communicate but in some occasions, they could just be the opposite. "Why can't they just call and talk? A one minute phone conversation can take 5 minutes texting," said school security aid, Ortiz.

"If you text someone something and they don't reply, you end up sitting there waiting. What if it's an emergency?" said senior Asad Baig.

In addition, many text mes-

sage users have acquired the dangerous habit of texting while driving. Nationwide Mutual Insurance surveyed 18-27 year olds this year and 37 percent admitted to regularly texting behind the wheel. Another study conducted by the University of Utah found that drivers who text are 50 percent more likely to get into an accident.

Despite these downsides, text messaging seems like it will remain a growing trend. "I definitely text a lot more than I talk on the phone, it's just easier especially when you have a Sidekick," said senior Christine Adekayote.

These Jobs Make Yours Look Easy

By **Amy Umama**
Staff Writer

No matter how much you think that you might be making your teachers job the worse they ever had, you're wrong. For some this job is so much better than some of their previous jobs. Some had to deal with employees who took advantage of them, rude customers, and others were bored out of their minds.

Mr. Masserman, an English teacher, says his worst job was being a gofer for a Hollywood production. For those who don't know what a gofer is, it's a personal assistant who might have instructions to "go for" coffee, water ect. When asked what was the worst thing he had to do, Masserman said "The jerk made me wear a leaf blower and clean his driveway."

Some other teachers, like Ms. Juarez, had some bizarre jobs. Juarez once worked for company called Hemi Care, which sold blood products. "I used to drive huge trucks that would carry the dialysis machines; I would separate red bloods cells from the plasma," says Juarez.

Juarez recalls a moment when she and a co-worker accidentally dropped a bag of blood that exploded on the ground.

Of course there are the teachers that had to do hard labor. Mr. Jay Brigandi, a security aid, says his worst jobs was installing air conditioners in the middle of the summer. Crawling through attics to install the machinery. "You would get hot and itchy; the fibers would get stuck on your arms," he said.

Mr. Pina also had to do hard labor; he was a gofer for a construction company. He recalls that he would get along with everyone, but some of the older workers would poke fun at him.

There are also the jobs that are extremely boring and one can't help but wait until they finally get to go home. Ms. Krausen said her worse job was working as a secretary.

"It was so boring, I was the only one in the office and no there was no one to talk to."

When Ms. Koch was asked what her worst job was there was no hesitation. "It was working at Mervyns in the children department. There were clothes everywhere and the kid's parents were rude," she said.

Koch only stayed at the job for three months. "Working for Mervyns is worse than working for McDonalds," she added.

senior Melissa Chua. "it means that the people who got low scores before, get higher scores and students with higher scores improve. It shows us that the students are improving and putting more effort in their studies."

Age Is No Barrier When Stars Fall

By **Lena Riemer**
Sports Editor

Harrison Ford, Madonna, Ashton Kutcher and Donald Trump are not only celebrities, they all have one thing in common: they are all involved in relationships with a big age difference.

Ashton Kutcher is 15 years younger than wife Demi Moore and the age difference between Donald Trump and his wife, supermodel Melania Trump, is even bigger. Donald Trump is 24 years older than his wife, so he could almost be her father.

It seems to be a trend nowadays that a lot of celebrities have partners who are a lot younger or older than they are and in some relationships, it seems to work.

Kutcher and Moore have been a couple for more than 2 years and finally married in

September this year. Donald Trump and his wife met each other in 1999 and have been married since 2005.

What previously seemed to be unacceptable is not as shocking anymore. But what is the reason for more people choosing a relationship with a big age difference? The website www.relationshiplifetips.com gives an easy conclusion. In general, it is because of physical and sexual attributes.

An old man with a younger wife has greater self-confidence as well as an older woman with a young and attractive husband.

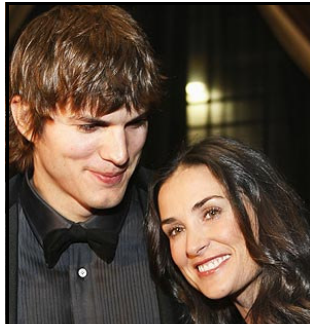


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Another reason is that not all women want children. They do, however, want companionship, and someone to travel and have fun with. Therefore, age does not matter. With a younger husband or boyfriend, they also feel younger themselves.

It is even more common that men have younger partners than women.

According to junior Ricardo Garcia, a woman who has a young and attractive husband "won the Jackpot." In his opinion a relationship with a big age difference is difficult because they grew up in different generations. The younger partner is more materialistic and has different goals in life, whereas the older person may wants children and to settle, which could be a

really big problem in a relationship.

The most important thing in these types of relationship is communication about goals and future plans, because these relationships are only possible if both have the same wishes and ideas about their common future. Otherwise the relationship will be over soon.

To answer the question about the maximum age difference, senior Emily Franklin has the perfect mathematical formula. "You divide your own age by two and add seven. This is the best way to find out if the difference is too big or still socially acceptable."

In her opinion it is not that unusual if a 30 year-old person has a relationship with a 40 year-old person rather than a 16-year-old with a 26-year-old one. She thinks "if both are happy with it, go for it."

Another Stitch By Abercrombie And Fitch

By **Faith Lim**
Staff Writer

Following Abercrombie, Abercrombie & Fitch, Hollister Co., Ruel 925, and Abercrombie Kids, the upcoming brand from Abercrombie & Fitch, called Gilly Hicks, will be released January 2008. Gilly Hicks is the fifth concept of Abercrombie that will sell loungewear and underwear.

Abercrombie & Fitch is a brand and company that consists of "casual luxury" clothes with East Coast Ivy League Heritage theme for students age 18 through 22. It's a popular brand among teenagers and college students.

"I think this new brand will be popular also, because it's from Abercrombie. Everyone wears it and I am pretty sure they will like Gilly Hicks too," said senior Vanni Gio.

The Chief Executive Officer, Michael Jeffries, intended this new concept to supplement the current four branched. A&F had removed all the female under-

wear from its stores and Hollister Co. started selling personal care items under the title "Betty's Body" to promote the upcoming store.

Gilly Hicks will consist of loungewear. They will sell underwear for women to compete with Victoria's Secret and American Aerie line. They will also be sell-

ing men's underwear, athletic wear, leather goods, and flip-flops.

More than 1000 stores will be opened nation wide and also in Canada and England. However it is not well known by many people since the company has kept silent about this new brand.

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least six to eight hours of sleep every night without the use of caffeine the next morning.

Lack of sleep can lead to sleepiness and carelessness. In order to revive themselves from their sleepy trances, teens turn to caffeine and sugar. The National Sleep Foundation has shown that too much of both can lead to undesired weight gain and serious facial problems.

Hizon believes that school-work should not affect the way that students sleep. She says that the teachers are aware of how long it takes to do the assigned homework so that too much isn't given to interrupt a student's

sleep hours.

When talking about the healthiness a regular amount of sleep can give you, Hizon says, "Health comes first. Without health you can't do anything."

Health teacher Mr. Rooney says, "We teach how teens typically need to sleep to grow and do better in school." Because physical growth occurs during the sleep, the less sleep people get, the less they grow.

"The irony of life is," says Rooney, "when you are young you want to sleep late, but when you are old you want to sleep early."

API Score

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they thought that the increasing score was a good thing.

"I know that the score is higher than last year," said senior Magenta Pinruethai. "I don't think it has a great impact on me but it has a great impact on school because some students will look at the API score and compare it to other schools."

Pinruethai also added, "People who want to go to college would care about the API score but only their individual scores, not the school's score."

"I think it's a good thing that the score went up," said

New Shows Include The Good, The Bad And The Bionic

By Amy Umana
Staff Writer

A dozen new shows have started this fall and some seem extremely entertaining. Others don't even seem worth turning on the TV for.

Aliens in America

One of the new comedies on the CW pokes fun at the cultural issues that go on in America and in its high schools. Justin Tolchuk is 16 and an out-cast in his small Wisconsin School. In an effort to boost his popularity, his mom signs up for a foreign exchange program.

What they expected was an athletic European, what they got was Raja, a 16-year-old Pakistani Muslim. At first the family is not so thrilled at the idea but soon Justin and Raja form an unlikely friendship. Now all they have to do is try to survive high school. It shows how certain groups are treated in a comic way, but some might not see it this way. The show is on Mondays at 8:30 on the CW.

Bionic Woman

Bionic Woman is the remake of the 70's TV show. After a near death experience in a car accident, Jaime Sommers

has only one option to live: have a high tech chip installed in her brain. But the technology does not come cheaply. Jamie finds herself using her new incredible abilities to fight for good. "It's a good show," says sophomore Nikki Vega, "I like how she kicks butt." Not only does she have to kick butt, but she also has to try to take care of her teenage sister. It's hard enough being a woman, it's even harder when you have to protect the world. Bionic Woman is on NBC Wednesdays at 9:00.

Pushing Daisies

This new series is almost a

fairytale filled with mystery and romance. The main character Ned has a special power to bring back the dead with one simple touch. But soon he discovers that if he brings back something from the dead for more than one minute, someone else must die. Ned uses this power to solve crimes and collect the reward money. But one day he finds his childhood love, Chuck, and brings her back to life. The catch is that he cannot touch her at all or she dies. If you want to watch this colorful fairytale it's on ABC at 8:00 on Wednesday

Kid Nation

One of the most controversial shows talked about this season, is Kid Nation. Forty kids ranging from ages 10 to 15 have to try to build a society in ghost town Bonanza City, New Mexico. The kids have to form a government, clothe, and feed themselves. Hopefully it won't turn into "Lord of The Flies." Some say that the show might later damage them as adults and accused the show of child labor. They do however meet with a group of therapists every week to discuss how they feel. You

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Top Five Scary Movies To Watch On Halloween Night

By Anthony Suarez
Staff Writer

All the kids are out trick or treating, you are left at home passing out candy and are bored

out of your mind. Here are some very scary Halloween movies to keep you awake, scared, and entertained on the spookiest night of the year.

1.Halloween

In John Carpenter's "Halloween", masked murderer Michael Myers seeks to kill his Little sister after being in prison for twenty years after killing

another sister on

Halloween night. This is a true classic, it has everything a scary movie should have: a masked murderer, suspense, and violence that will make you cringe.

It's a great movie to watch on Halloween and is still one of the most critically acclaimed horror films of all time.

"By far the best scary movie to watch on Halloween," says junior Cameron Cooper.

2.Dawn of the Dead

A group of survivors from a small town hide out in a mall from zombies that have taken over the whole town. This is a very exciting film and yes there's a lot of blood.

"Its the most exiting zombie movie I have seen," said junior Cameron Cooper.

3. Nightmare on Elm Street

Horror master Wes Craven takes you inside the wonderful world of nightmares by introducing Freddie Kruger, a man who looks for redemption by killing people in their nightmares. It is a great horror film that will keep you from falling

asleep.

"I thought the gore senses in this film were better than Friday the 13th," said junior Jacob Davis.

4.The Amityville Horror

A family moves into a house possessed by an evil spirit. The house gets to the stepfather who acts violent toward the family, then ends up almost killing them. This movie is a surprisingly scary because you don't know when the stepfather is going to snap. "It will keep you up at night," said Cameron Cooper.

5. The Hills Have Eyes

In this unique and disturbing film, a family traveling through New Mexico ends up in the middle of nowhere after their car breaks down. They are watched and hunted by deformed people who have survived atomic bomb testing. The film is very gruesome but very good; there's a lot of great action and horror.

"I have never been more terrified," said junior Elie Elkhoury.

The Used Show Off Their New Stuff

By Perri Eriksen
Staff Writer

On Oct. 8, the widely popular band, The Used, from Orem, Utah, made their way to Anaheim to give the U.S. one last show before going all the way to Australia.

In the little venue, "The Grove Of Anaheim", The Used had a spectacular performance with three opening acts, Josephine Collective, Army Of Me, and the unique band, Street Drum Corps.

The evening started out with Josephine Collective. A band, that was discovered by the same man that discovered The Used, John Feldman. They had a good performance, with lead singers, Dylan Devoe and Alex-

ander Sandate up front presenting the vocals, the way progressive, pop punk is supposed to be followed by an exciting performance by Street Drums Corps.

Finally, The Used hit the stage. With a lot of waiting and anticipation, the lights went down. Among screaming fans and arms reaching the ceiling, the band of four slowly started to play their instruments.

Out of the speakers came a recognizable song, their very first single from the new album. "The Bird and The Worm". It's an experimental song that could easily creep you out if you listen closely to the lyrics.

Once the lead singer Bert McCracken ran out on stage, the venue couldn't possibly get any

louder. While songs from all three albums, hits like 'Taste Of Ink', 'Blue and Yellow' and 'Pretty Handsome Awkward' were playing, people were encouraged to snap their fingers, dance and make a mosh-pit. They even played the b-side 'Pain' to satisfy some of their crazy dedicated fans.

About an hour later, to people's disappointment, the band said goodnight and left the stage a little bit too early. Then as an encore, the band ended the night with the first album's best song 'A Box Full Of Sharp Objects' and humorous 'Wake The Dead'.

Despite the limited time frame, The Used did well, and gave the audience something worth remembering.

Atmosphere Is Worth The Wait

By Huong Nguyen
Staff Writer

At 7:00, on a recent Tuesday night, I was standing in a line behind almost a hundred people, all waiting to see the underground hip hop band Atmosphere perform after a year off the road. As we stepped into the Henry Fonda theatre in Hollywood after what seemed like hours of waiting, a universal sense of anticipation lingered heavily in the air as the DJ played random mixes to kill time.

Much to our disappointment, it would not be for another two and a half hours before Atmosphere would take the stage. During this time, different rappers such as Mac Lethal, Luckyiam of Living Legends, and other artists performed their songs to an antsy audience.

"Even though for a while it seemed like all we were doing

was waiting, I think it was really exciting and I loved the vibe," said sophomore Autumn Snyder.

Finally around 11:30, it was announced that the stage was being handed over to Atmosphere and the crowd went absolutely wild. Waiting for the stage to be set, our feet were getting soar and the room became too stuffy and some girl standing right behind me passed out and collapsed onto the ground because she just couldn't breathe. A couple fights also broke out in the crowd during this intermission, just ruining the mood of the night. After about 20 minutes, the stage was set as "Slug" and his band mates took the stage. Needless to say, they did not disappoint.

Interestingly, he brought with him a suitcase of hats, putting on a different one to accommodate the mood of each song. While singing old favorites such

as "Woman With the Tattooed Hands" and "Sunshine," they also introduced a couple new songs from their upcoming release due within the next couple months.

Since I was standing only inches away from the stage, it was almost overwhelming to be hearing all of these songs filled with insane metaphors and perfectly articulated words. This, I feel, truly added to the overall experience of the excitement that came out of my first hip-hop show.

Since it was a school night, I left at around 1:30a.m, right in the middle of the show. As the crowd was still energized and singing along by that time, it's safe to assume that most Atmosphere fans walked out of that show content. "They put up a really good show and I'd definitely want to go again," Snyder said.

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At The Top Of Their Game

By Andrew Park
Staff Writer

This year the Chatsworth girl's golf team has let the record speak for itself with a 7-1 season. Out of the three Valley league teams, the CHS team is number one.

Coach Press gives credit for the success to the previous coach, Ms. Lapaz. Press says that Ms. Lapaz, "has done a phenomenal job with the girls," and according to the record, he has been doing the same. But without players, a coach has nothing.

Ranked as the top golfer or "all-star" of the team, junior Hannah Jun has kept her top position since freshman year, alternating places with sopho-



Golfer Hannah Jun. Staff photo by Andrew Park

more Cynthia Dhimdis. With great confidence in Jun, Press says, "She rarely makes mistakes and she's also been our top golfer."

"I'm good at knowing my distances and what I need to

do," says Jun. She also has confidence in the rest of the team. Her main focus for the team is, "basically keeping ourselves together and trying not to focus on other teams."

Also, the Dhimdis duo was mentioned as, "an excellent pair." Both sophomores, Cynthia and Sylvia Dhimdis have been on the team since freshman year.

League playoffs began Tuesday. The city playoffs follow on Nov. 6 and the state playoffs on Nov. 11.

New Gym Working Out Well

By Fanny H. Yoon
Staff Writer

Chatsworth High School's old weight room in the gym was replaced with a new fitness center this month.

The fitness center will be open to students, faculty, and to the community after school for use.

According to Gary Rennpferd, our youth services director, the fitness center will probably be open after school two days a week. The exact schedule of available time will be announced soon.

"We are glad to have the fitness center," said Rennpferd. "We should keep it clean, with no damages and in good shape."

Many students are excited to have the fitness center open for them to use after school.

"I don't have time to go to gym," said senior An Nguyen. "It's a good thing that it's open



Students testing out the new fitness center. Staff photo by Fanny H. Yoon

to students to use and we don't have to pay for it. I would definitely go and try it out."

Many people showed up for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, including the sponsors, Sound Body Sound Mind, the LAUSD coordinator of Physical Education, and some of Chatsworth's faculty members.

The Sound Body Sound Mind program is administered and funded by the Cynthia L.

and William E. Simon, Jr. Foundation. With this program, Chatsworth received \$50,000 for state-of-the-art physical fitness equipment and is also provided equipment maintenance, professional development for physical education teachers, and after-school supervision for up to three years.

"I think it will be a good opportunity for students to stay fit and healthy and have fellowship together," said senior John Shin.

TV Shows

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can watch the show for yourself to come up with your opinion on Kid Nation just go to CBS on Mondays at 8:00.

A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila

For those of you who are MTV addicts you have most likely heard about this show. Tila Tequila tries to find love, sound familiar (Flavor of Love, I love New York), the only difference is she is a bisexual. So both men and women are fighting to win Tila's heart, the ultimate battle of the sexes. At the beginning they will not know Tila's secret, but will later meet. While right now it's anyone's game one thing that is for sure is that there will be a whole lot of DRAMA. If this seems interesting to you, it's on Tuesday at 10:00 on MTV.

Caveman

One of the most ridiculous shows on T.V. is Caveman. We have all seen the Geico commercial with cavemen but now they have their own TV show.

Football Battles For 2nd

By Perri Eriksen
Staff Writer

After beating El Camino Real 40-28 in Friday's homecoming game, varsity football is fighting for second place in the league.

The team had a rough start to their season because of injuries and students who could not play for part of the season because they transferred from other schools. With two games left in the regular season, the team is 5-3 and 2-1 in league play.

Coach Hayashida had a lot to say about his new and old players. "It's been tough ups and downs, but we play the way we expect to play," he said. "I don't know if we're as good as last

year, but we have a good mix of kids."

There are a lot of juniors on the team with not as much experience as others. The players who stand out this season, according to Hayashida, are Michael LoCurto, Marcell Wright and Thomas Franco.

"They are seniors from last year with more experience," Hayashida said.

LoCurto scored three touchdowns on pass receptions during the homecoming game. Junior running back Jarrot Bell added three rushing touchdowns.

"A surprise has been number 44, Josh Harmon, in the sense that we knew he was good, but we didn't expect how he is, both offensively and defensively," Hayashida said.

Girls' Volleyball Reaches Playoffs After 7-3 Season

By Lena Riemer
Sports Editor

The girls' varsity volleyball team is playoff-bound after posting a 7-3 record in the regular season, finishing second in the league.

The competition against Taft was, according to some players "the biggest challenge in this season." Coach Sheriff added, "It was a very close game, we almost beat them, but Taft is the best team here."

Overall Sheriff is pleased with the season. "We are doing as expected, I am happy with the progress," he said. The big goal for this year was to make the city playoffs and win.

The team has much potential, they are always training hard and they have also player

Rianna Hill who is 'number one blocker', according to Sheriff.

Even though Sheriff is pleased with his team, he sees that "the girls have to improve their defense speed."

Captain of JV, Sally Rivas is also pleased with their season start "We could have worked harder, but we are doing good, we are all really good friends and that's important."

Junior varsity player Holly Weaver knows what has to be improved in her team to beat Taft next time. "We have a good team but we need to work on our communication."

She also believes in Chatsworth's Varsity team. "I am sure that Varsity can do it if they keep the hard work up. The team became so much more better."

Cross Country Runners Getting Ready For Finals

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The regular season is over for cross country, and coach Schnell is pleased with her team's improvement.

West Valley League finals were set to begin Wednesday, with city finals following on Nov. 6, and then the state finals.

The boys and girls beat Dorsey in their first meet. The boys beat Cleveland in their second competition, and both boys and girls lost their meets against El Camino and Granada Hills. At the meets, the team is separated into two groups because the girls can only compete against girls and the boys against boys.

The last meet against Birmingham was cancelled and won't be made up because the league finals start this week.

"Everyone improved their time against Cleveland and again against El Camino. This is the first time in three years that the team improved their times two times," Schnell said.

Schnell held tryouts this year for the first time, which she believes helped the school field a stronger team. Training at Pierce College also helped the runners become familiar with the course used for meets.

The team's top runners include Sagar Patel, Steven Reyes and Mason Hayes. Schnell said. Hayes is a contender to reach state.

According to Schnell, the thing the runners have had to work on, was their agility. Also, "the team is good in hills but they must improve their speed," she said.

The team practices hard five times a week, from sixth period until 4 p.m. They run six miles a day, except when they have competitions the following day.

Twenty-eight students joined Mrs. Schnell's team, which is less than usual "We have a good team, this year. They are fewer but better," she said.

Caveman shows the struggles of three cavemen in the present day and how they are to be stereotyped as a dumb or stupid species. But does anyone really care? If you are a caveman lover or like men with a lot of facial hair, you can tune in Tuesday at 8 on ABC.

Chuck

The show is about a computer nerd named Chuck who works at an electronic store. His life changes when he opens an email that transfers top-secret documents into his brain. Now he has to be watched over by two secret agents who will try to keep him out of harm's way. Chuck is forced into leading a

double life as a normal geek by day and a crucial agent for the government by night. The show is an action comedy. Watch it on Monday at 8:00 on NBC.

Reaper

Most parents would never even think about their kids having to do something with the devil. For Sam, however, his parents sold his soul to the devil before he was even born. On his twenty-first birthday he finds out that he now has to bring escaped souls back to hell. Satan himself came to deliver the news. Can you imagine what it's like to have the devil as your boss? Slowly Sam starts to enjoy being the reaper. Reaper is on the CW at 9:00 on Mondays.