

## JROTC Leadership Camp Lake

by Wendy Alvarez

On October 15th, freshmen participants will go on a two day one night camping trip to Lake Perris; this is an opportunity for them to gain knowledge of the program and work on their skills such as how to treat oneself mentally and physically, how to be a leader and learn the ability to think logically and to communicate effectively.
The Leadership Camp prepares them for leadership roles to make them aware of their rights, responsibilities, and privileg es. The program provides many opportunities to benefit the students and community.
During the course of the camp, they will participate in many activities such as marching, hiking, sports, stand guard and land navigation. The main goal of JROTC Leadership Camp is land navigation. The main goal of JROIC Leadership Camp is to gain experiences, know the performances expectations fro
the beginning, engage as active partners in the learning process, learn how to communicate and work as a team to achieve
the same goal.
In the week leading up to the camp, JROTC students could be seen in the earlier hours before school preparing for the experience. Long lines of them were running alongside Nuevo Road for long distances to get into shape and build up endurance.
Upon returning, Cruz Martinez, junior, commented, "(I) met a lot of new people-it was fun."
Jesus Rodriguez, junior, was quite excited, "It was an amazing experience; I had so much fun! My favorite part was Rope Bridge."
For those who don't know and are imagining a bridge several hundred feet up-no. The Rope Bridge is a single rope a few feet off the ground that must be navigated for approximately feet off the ground that must be navigated for approximat around it to cross the distance. Impressive!

Sgt. Alexander Saucedo provided more information on the Rope bridge, "Cadets were taught how to construct a rope bridge to cross obstacles. Knots required to construct the rope bridge were the wire-mans knot and a round turn with two half hitches. All cadets were also required to secure a waist rope to sustain their body weight while crossing the rope bridge."
Andrew Sahagun, senior, shared that he liked it a lotplenty of food and time to connect with the others who went on the trip. He observed that it was easy for those who have experience with camping and training; it was more challeng ing for those who were new to the activities at the camp. Sgt. Saucedo commented further on the experience about, "Sgt. Saucedo commented further on the experience about, and make it through strong to learn how to work with teams."

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## CRIME SCENE: PHS

## by Ashley Ortiz

Anna Garcia was found dead in a crime
scene at Perris High School. She was found in Anieno Ibekwe's classroom. Her body was on the floor next to the door. As soon as you walked into her classroom, you immediately saw the body and what looked like a bloody footprint. Police tape marked out the grue-
some scene. There was plenty of evidence to be found at the crime scene.
You have entered the Principles of Biomedical class.
At presstime, it was unknown if this was a suicide or if it was a homicide. This crime scene was set up by Anieno Ibekwe, the Principles of Biomedical teacher.
"The crime scene allows the students to

## Student Site Council

by Silvina Leon

The year started with the Student Site Council election in what proved to be a tough competition. Aira Tapia, senior had spent over two weeks campaigning for votes. On September 25th, she won the 2016 to 2017 election. Tapia was glad and very appreciative to every single one of her peers for the support and trust they showed her for giving her the chance to be part of the student site council.
As part of the student site council, a repre sentative is required to make important deci-
sions for our school. Not only is it a council of students, but it also includes parents of students who want our school to improve. Every program that is going on in our school is reviewed by this council. Tapia, the staff, and parents ensure that the programs are performing well for the benefit of our students. Tapia's goal in Student Site Council is to graduate with programs performing at a high standard.
Tapia is learning more about how to man age and getting use to bringing changes to
visualize the evidence linked to Anna's death, possible suspects and other potential causes of her death."
Ibekwe's class conducted investigations to find out the cause of Garcia's death. One of the important aspects of the investiation included analyzing the many unmarked pills that were found on the floor next to Garcia. Ibekwe shared, "My goal was to spark curiosity in my students and this goal was achieved."
The students had fun examining the crime scene. "They were excited to embark on the next set of activities over the course of the year to determine the real cause of Anna's death," commented Ibekwe. "They will be conducting more investigations involving the crime scene. The next set of activities build on the evidence collected at the crime scene, for example, one of the pieces of evidence at the crime were unmarked pills, our next lab involves testing the pills along with different drugs to see what kind of medication Anna may have been on at the time of her death." They will be conducting more labs and investigations to find what caused the death of Garcia. If this kind of assignment intrigues you, talk to your counselor and put your name on the list for this fascinating class.
our school. Although she is making changes for us, she believes that Student Site Council will make a change in her. She believes that it will improve her skills in understanding the staff's perspective regarding school programs, something which she currently sees differently. She knows it will improve her collaboration skills as well with frequent interaction with others on the council. It's a new opportunity to understand and consider the impact of program on the whole student body not just an individual-oneself.
Tapia believes that students should strongly consider running for the position next year.

# Perris FFA Rabbit Team Had Celebrity Judges 

On September 27th, right after school, there were celebrity judges at the Perris High School Agriculture farm! That's right! Ade le, Beyonce, and Miley Cyrus came to our school's farm.
I know - right, you are probably thinking, "Why are huge celebrities are at the school's farm? Especially someone like Miley Cyrus?"
Well not to yank your chains, but they did not even show up. The true celebrities that were here were local celebrities: Darrell Busch, The City of Perris Mayor; Grant Bennett, Perris High School Unified District Superintendent; Mark Synnott, PHS Tech Coach; Judy Miller, PUHSD Safety Co -ordinator and FFA American degree holder; Joseph Williams, Executive Director of Tech; Hector Gonzales, Director of Facilities; Anna Fetzner, Administrative Assistant Business Services; Xochitl Trujillo, Administrative Assistant Human Resources; and the one that hosted the practice competition, Candace Reines, PUHSD Assistant Superintendent.
You are probably wondering "Wow that much people showed up to this type of
ying terms and knowledge about their own rabbit. At the end of the day of the practice competition amazing awards were giving out to the top 3 individuals such as novice, interme diate, and advance. Novice award was given to Junior Elliot Dominguez. Intermediate award was given to junior, Isaura Soto. lastly. Advance award was given to Sophomore Geronimo Reyes. Those amazing prices was shockingly a $\$ 10$ Starbucks gift card and a $\$ 10$ iTunes giftcard.As it resulted, it seemed ike everyone that was participating in this competition had a blast and showed off every
this competition to see if they have been practicing with their rabbits ever since the day they have signed up on August 28 and how their real competition was on October lst at the SoCal Fairgrounds. Just like how hard work pays off after having months stud-

thing!!" The answer is YES! Due to having 18 Rabbit showmanship participants, Candace Reines thought of this brilliant idea to have

## FLOWER BUDDIES

## by Daria Acuna

Many staff members receive weekly flower arrangements because of a special Floral Design program called Flower Buddies. "Having flowers sent to you every Wednesday morning right after you get settled in to work is a happy feeling," said Anne Lopez from the front office.
For the low price payment of only 20 dollars, you can support this program and receive a bonus-a beautiful variety of fresh arrangements for five weeks.
Charlyn McNaul, the Floral teacher, the one who oversees this popular program shared that her students gain quite a bit of helpful knowledge from the program in numerous ways. Her students aquire customer communication skills, learn about pricing, and also have the responsibility of personally delivering the floral arrangement orders.
By receiving your fresh arrangement once a week through a Flower Buddy, you are supporting the program and the students every time you receive your special delivery.


PHS Boxers
by Elizabeth Ramirez


Hey Panthers! Put the gloves on be cause Perris High has a Boxing Club. Francisco Macias, English teacher, is the coach and adviser of the Boxing Club. It will begin in the month of October (no specific date at time of press). The club will be located in front of the Teen Center after school.
The club will help students gain all kinds of skills and learn the correct and proper way to use them in boxing. For example, they will learn the four basic punches such as: jab, cross, hook and upper-cut. They will also learn defense, which is slipping the jab as well as "bob and weave". The students also get a killer workout in.
Macias shared that Boxing Club isn't easy. However, through the rough process, students can learn discipline, respect towards others, as well as mental and physical strength. Students have also gained more confidence in themselves as they develop these skills.
Interested students need to have a signed permission slip. Get one from the Innovative Office.

## A CAUTIONARY TALE: T.H.I.N.K.

by Samantha Waltermir

Taking precaution should be on our mind the second we think about doing something wrong on social media or sharing personal information. The eyes of youth are not like the eyes of the elder. The experience is not even close, the words of wisdom, the print of precaution is just what can help.

Every day we hear stories about child pornography or accounts on social media about far too many students being harassed, cyber bullied, and threatened. We have heard of the burn book, an application that is dedicated to sharing opinions about-anyone. Instagram has had more than three accounts
made just for shaming specific targets and allowing anyone else to send photos to post. In this same sad state, we've had poronographic videos spread around our own school. Now on Twitter there is an account exposing teenagers and accusing teachers of inappropriate behaviors.
"When you're about to press that button on your phone to send or share an exposing picture, remember to think if your parents would be proud of that picture," stated Student Government teacher, Jose Rodriguez as he gives his students a life lesson on the dangers of social media and taking undesirably explicit pictures.

So what is the law exactly for child pornography? The meaning of the word defined by the federal law is any visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct with a minor (which in the law is under 18 years of age). The punishment includes: fines and sometimes being sentenced to 15 to 30 years in prison.

## Plagiarism <br> by Javier Castaneda

Plagiarism is the practice of using someone else's work as one's own. It is a heated topic amongst high schools and especially in colleges where the consequences for partaking in the act can be severe. Schools take a principled approach when punishing students who take part in plagiarism because it is blatantly dishonest and disrupts one's ability to progress. Some students do not seem to grasp the fact that being guilty of plagiarism can negatively affect their creativity and ability to learn. Plagiarism not only can harm an individual, but also defeats the teaching of self-reliance that all schools attempt to
instill in their students. Self-reliance is not directly taught at schools, but is a trait that one is expected to acquire by the time they graduate high school. It is a critical characteristic that students need to obtain in order to be well off in their lives after they graduate, whether that be graduating from high school or college. Plagiarism prevents its users from fully procuring self-reliance because it teaches to rely on another person's efforts to accomplish tasks
Plagiarising someone else's idea is an offense to the PUHSD board policy for academic integrity which states, "The Govern ing Board believes that academic honesty and personal integrity are fundamental components of a student's education and character development. The Board expects that students will not cheat, lie, plagiarize or commit other acts of academic

Everyone, mainly teenagers and even kids, need to take a meas ure of precaution. Don't take pictures or videos exposing yourself or others. If the action has been taken, DON'T send it to anyone! Remember-what goes on the Internet, stays on the Internet. Cyberspace still holds onto deleted files.

If something like this has happened to you, talk to a trusted eder and report it. In a society where the click of a button can ake on a life of its own-be cautious. Think twice-this is the age we live in now

Before you post THINK ; T= Is it true; $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{Is}$ it helpful; $\mathrm{I}=\mathrm{Is}$ it inspiring; $\mathrm{N}=\mathrm{Is}$ it necessary; $\mathrm{K}=\mathrm{Is}$ it kind
dishonesty."
In accordance to this policy, Thomas Beese, an economics teacher here at Perris High, states that copying keeps students away from "going through the process." Beese is implying that plagiarizing restrains beneficial factors that can be obtained if one were to accomplish a task with their own ideas or in other words, actually "going through the process." These beneficial factors are included on the board's policy for academic integrity: a proper, well-rounded education and the development of one's character as a learner. Nevertheless, plagiarism disparages the intent of school and corrupts one's development as an individual.



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## Make it or Break it <br> by Rosalba Diaz

On Friday, October 21st, we will be supporting our foot ball team for the Friday night game. We will be going up against Heritage High School Patriots!
Our Panthers are off to a great start and we are all proud of them! Cheer will be there encouraging our foot ball team as always! The excitement starts at 7 p.m., so be there to support your Panthers from beginning to the end.
During halftime, your Perris cheerleaders will be going
head-to-head with the Heritage cheerleaders in a Tug of War contest. The winner will take home 200 dollars. However, the other team would not go home empty handed-they will receive 100 dollars. Everybody wins no matter what. And just remember, it is not all about winning, it is about having fun and giving your all!
So come support your school on October 21st and moti vate your cheerleaders during the Tug of War contest. Let's get two wins for the school! Let's go Panthers!

## Coffee with Hilton

by Zaria Acuna
Many parents want to know what goes on at their child's high school. For this reason, Nick Hilton, principal and administration host a Cookies $\&$ Coffee with Administration Meeting. The most recent one was held on September 15th at the library on campus; it provided parents with valuable information, answering questions, and simply becoming acquainted with each other
Cynthia Avila-Medina, Administrative Secretary, said that at this meeting, the cookies and coffee were supplied by the Culinary Class. She further explained that Hilton provides parents with news about the school site, any testing like the ACT or SAT, construction going on and anything else new on campus. Some parents find the construction a problem, as it can distract students; they asked when it would be finished but Hector Gonzalez, Director of Facility, stated "They themselves (District administrator) have no idea when they could be done"
This is an issue because people want answers. Although parents might not have all the answers, after coming to this meeting it gives them the opportunity to be involved with events and activities held at the school.

## 2016 SAT Dates

12/3 - Registration Deadline: 11/3 Late Registration Deadline: 11/22

## 2017 SAT Dates

1/21 - Registration Deadline: 12/21/16 Late Registration Deadline: 1/10

3/11 - Registration Deadline: 2/10
Late Registration Deadline: 2/28
5/6 - Registration Deadline: 4/1 Late Registration Deadline: 4/25

6/3-Registration Deadline: 5/9
Late Registration Deadline: 5/24

## 2016 ACT Dates

12/10 - Registration Deadline: 11/4 Late Registration Deadline: 11/5-18 Photo Upload Deadline: 12/2

## 2017 ACT Dates

2/11 - Registration Deadline: 1/13 Late Registration Deadline: 1/14-20 Photo Upload Deadline: 2/3

4/8 - Registration Deadline: 3/3 Late Registration Deadline: 3/4-17 Photo Upload Deadline: 3/31

6/2 - Registration Deadline: 5/5 Late Registration Deadline: 5/6-12 Photo Upload Deadline: 6/2


## Texting Kills

During both lunches on Wednesday, Oc tober 26th, the Army was on campus and joined forces with ASB as they are partici pating in a program called Teen Safe Driving sponsored by a N . Cal nonprofit and Allstate. A group of students gave up their lunch to work a table, ink blot thumbprints as a commitment, and disseminate information such.

Some of the information that was shared included:

- On average, car crashes kill 11 teens per day in the U.S.
- Disturbing statistics from a 2014 report include: More than 3,000 teens die each year in crashes caused by texting while driving.
- Approximately 2,700 teens are killed in drunk driving accidents. More than 50 percent of teens admit to texting while driving.
- Car crashes are the number one killer of teens.
- Just reaching for a phone in a car increases your chances of being in a crash by nine times.
- Texting takes our eyes off the road for an average of five seconds. At 55 mph that's like driving the length of a foot ball field - completely blind.


## BACK TO SCHOOL

by Christian Acosta, Kaily Albarran, \& Ariana Lopez

Awhile ago on August 30th all over the Perris High School campus, your parents came or back to school night, they got to know your teachers and got an opportunity to explore the campus. That night ASB, yearbook, Link Crew, Culinary, and a couple of other clubs came together by volunteering to fundraise money for future events. Some students were helping out by selling: popcorn, chips, cotton candy, slushies and T-shirts. As par ents were walking in at 6:30 p.m, back to school night was getting more hectic. The JROTC cadets were showing off a routine they have been practicing over the summer, they were doing some tricks with their guns. Cheerleaders were also up to something this summer because they put up quite the show with their pompoms and flips. Band was well prepared to go next after the cheerleaders because they hit every note high and proud FFA was up to something because they were very active in giving all their members points for doing things such as: giving out fresh water selling very delicious hot dogs, and handout flyers. Hope you guys enjoyed the back to school night event!


## FIRE IN THE CLASSROOM

by Melinda Medina
All general Chemistry students at Perris High School performed a Flame Test Lab in September in the science classes of the S.T.E.M. building. The goal of the experiment was to determine what elements are found in unknown solutions using the colors of the flame. To do this, the students first identified the flame colors of identified chemicals such as Calcium Chloride, Lithium Chloride, and Strontium Chloride, etc., then compared the colors of their flame to the unidentified solutions. To get the different colors of flame, the students dipped wet nichrome wire into a salt solution and put it into the Bunsen Burner flame which would then become unusual colors such as: green, blue, violet, orange, and red.
But there is more to this lab than just science. To Daniel Ruiz, General Chemistry teacher, there is a deeper meaning to why they do the Flame Test Lab. "The big reason why I like to do the Flame Test is because when students come into Chemistry they have an impression of what Chemistry is going to be about because in the movies they see bubbling beakers, explosion, etc. So when they do this lab it fits the mold and they think, 'This is Chemistry."'


If you could get all the gossip on a celebrity, who would you choose to know about? Why?


The Weeknd because he lives in secrecy. David Flores, senior


Klaus Bausch. Why? Because I find him an interesting person and he inspires me to grow my hair out. Javier Castaneda, senior

Oatmeal Cookie with Cranberries and White Chocolate Chips

Shared by Joe Rocha Delgado


INGREDIENTS
$2 / 3$ cup of butter
$2 / 3$ cup of brown sugar
2 eggs
$11 / 2$ cup of oatmeal
$11 / 2$ cup of flour
1 Teaspoon of baking soda
1 Teaspoon of baking
1 cup of cranberries
$2 / 3$ cup of white chocolate chip
PREPARATION
The Oatmeal and flour will be mix together then you add the brown sugar and baking soda and also the white chocolate chips into a big bowl. You start mixing it together and before adding the butter it has to be room temperature. After the butter is room temperature you start adding it into the bowl with all the other ingredients and start adding the two egg's as well. After you have all your ingredients in the bowl start mixing it nice and smooth and gentle for the texture of the cookie because if not the butter will melt Completely and will result and flat cookie. So after mixing all your ingredients you can heat up your oven to 375 degrees and a while you wait you can get a sheet tray and start to roll balls of the cookie dough and shirt placing them on the tray. After the oven gets to 375 degrees the cookies are ; ready to be put in the oven Occasionally it will take 10 to 12 minutes.

Important Panther Dates:
November 11
Veteran's Day Holiday (no school)

November 21-25
Thanksgiving Break (no school)


Panthers Dominate Cathedral City
by Melinda Medina
The Boys' Varsity Water Polo team won against Cathedral City on Thursday, September $8^{\text {th }}$. The Panthers Varsity Water Polo team soared through their third non-conference game of the season with a victory of 11-3. Amazing defense was played by John Larkin, junior, who managed to steal the ball nine times along with Hector Valdez, junior, and Julian Saenz, senior, who both got four steals- 17 collective steals in total.
There was also great offense played by our athletes. With half of the team making at least one

## There is No Bench in Cross Country <br> by John Larkin

Perris High had an amazing first home meet on September 14th when the Boys Cross Country came in 2nd and Girls Cross Country placed 3rd. The top three runners from our Cross Country teams "overall" were Xavier Carranza, junior, coming in at second, Luis Tamayo, senior, fourth overall, and Tanya Loredo, senior, also fourth place.
These runners have shown perseverance and determination throughout the year so far. How do they do it? They run six to ten miles daily, have 5:30 am practice, and work out two times a day three times a week.

Looks like both the Girls and Boys teams are on their way back to another CIF appear ance.
During the Cross Country meet there was a huge dust devil which swept through the course and knocked over many things including the timing system. Though no major damage happened, it was a close one. Despite this, Perris High still pushed through to get in the top three.
Xavier Carranza, junior, said, "I felt so accomplished when I saw that I had beaten my personal best time and that I got second

CROSS-COUN'TRY
FREE MUD SPIATTIER AS I PASS YOU!! 娄

Coach Malcolm Co
rona said, "I knew it was going to be a good race but I didn't ex pect we were going to do so great. Paloma Valley has a great team, but it was nice that we were competitive and will continue to be a top team in the League."
goal, two players, Julian Saenz and Ruben Gonzalez, exceeded everyone by making three goals each. Julian Saenz proved he is a well-rounded player, and won three out of four sprints of the game and had five goal assists.
With so many games left in the season, the Boys' Varsity Water Polo team will continue to improve and win more games for Perris High. "Not only is it great we won, but it was a great game," says Varsity Coach Joseph Valdez. "You guys are learning to work as a team."

## SAME TEAM, DIFFERENT FIELD

by Valerie Carrillo
Lady Panthers are excited about their new softball field on campus after many years of fighting to get one. The Lady Panthers didn't feel like they were being treated fairly compared to other sports at Perris High. Perris Union High School District heard them out and offered to
build a brand new softball field on campus. The players, coaches, and parents were anxious to find out when this new field would be done.
Director of Facilities, Hector Gonzales stated, "There's a very strong possibility that the new field will be up and running by opening day."
So in the meantime, the Ladies will be prac ticing at Panther Park while the new field is being completed. One of the players was eager to share their thoughts. Senior, Elizabeth Ramirez said, "I'm excited and thrilled, we're going to bust our butts off this season and show them who's boss!"

The Ladies are fully committed to working hard to show their thanks to the coaches, parents, Athletic Director, Kenneth Cohen, and principal, Nicholas Hilton.
Head coach, Jeffrey Pena stated, "I'm really excited that my players will get to play on the field they deserve."
What Pena said is true not just for the players on the softball team, but any other player on any other team. To the players-that field or court is like their second home; it's where all the sweat and blood drips, the place where that player can show their passion and a place where they can escape from the real world.

# STAY OFF THE GREEN 

By Flor Quintana and Yoselin Rocha



The first game of the season was a roller coaster which provided us with a ride of emotions. Our Perris Panthers were set and ready for the game tobegin, They were hyped . . . they had energy and were absolutely ready to show their fans what they are were made of. Amazingly, first quarter they were ahead of the game and scored some touchdowns. While that was going, on the crowded wowed and the bleachers were filled with Panther spirit, everyone was cheering and yelling for their
favorite player it was just amazing to be there experience the Panthers playing. Their opponents Arlington High School were slowly but very slowly catching up and don't get me wrong I did see the fans worrying with their silence up their on the bleachers. I sure do thank PHS Cheer for cheering and cheering to get the panthers in the game again and also to get their fans cheering for them too. Its was amazing how the crowd and the team members themselves were on the edge of
their seats throughout the whole game. PJ Martin really pumped up the crowd with touchdowns and defense skills. Our Panthers won 28-27 against Arlington High School though it didn't come easy our panthers kept fighting and didn't give up and are still undefeated.

SPORTS BULLETIN: BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY QUALIFY FOR CIFSS DIVISIONAL Team Invitational. Next Race: Saturday, Nov. 12th at Riverside City Cross Country Course at 7:45 AM. Both teams took 3rd in the Sunbelt League Finals!!!!!!
PHS athletes placed on the ALL-LEAGUE First team: Girls: Elva Vera, junior, Xaela Cuellar, senior, and Tanya Loredo, senior; Boys: Xavier Carranza, junior, and Julian Lopez, junior.

For the first time since 2002—our Varsity Football team will be advancing to the CIF Playoffs as well! Congratulations Panther Football Team!!!

What was the best part of the season for you and the team?


The best part of the season is when we would bond on the road trips.
Minh Tran, junior
Varsity Tennis Captain


Coach Praises Team by Michael Gutierrez

The Perris Golf Team had a match against Heritage High School on 9/13/16, which wasn't such a success; the team was defeated by a 16 stroke loss. Despite this, team enthusiasm was high as Aaron Nering, coach, and the team cheered each other on.
Briany Padilla, senior, had the lowest score and shot in the 50's. Anahi De Leon Jimenez, senior, improved by 5 strokes. Nering was still quite ex cited for everybody and wasn't disappointed in their scores. The score on 9/13 was 315-299.
Coach Nering recapped the season thus far by stating, "So, our record, as of October 6th is 2
wins $\& 8$ losses. We had our first league victory in four years as we defeated Paloma Valley on Sept. 15th. The team consists of mostly senior girls who have really made large strides in their technique and knowledge of the game. Our matches have all been competitive. We also have three athletes: Brianny Padilla, senior, Yocelyn De Leon Jimenez, senior, and Cynthia Mascorro, senior, on our team who have qualified for League finals because of their outstanding play. Only the top $30 \%$ of the players in the League qualify for League finals. I am very proud of the hard work and accomplishment this season. It has been one of the best seasons for Girls Golf in many years. I salute our players for their hard work! "

