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89th California State FFA Leadership Conference

by Christian Acosta



The conference offered many opportunities for the 83,000 FFA members who were interested in workshops that will help them acquire leadership skills, communication, and team working techniques. The workshops are designed for the FFA members who are looking towards a brighter future. Perris FFA has traveled to Fresno, California with 27 Perris High students and two of them representing Perris High as State Delegates: Carlos Ruiz, sophomore, and Cecilia Mandujano,

sophomore. “Right when you enter the doors, it is another world seeing amazing beautiful light show that I can never forget,” shared Gabriela Plantillas Santillan, junior. The conference has many concerts and inspirational speakers who might just inspire you and change your life. Listening to the music at the conference helps to create lasting bonds with people you have never met at Perris High. Relaxing in a fancy hotel with someone for five days, eating snacks, or pos-

sibly falling asleep during a workshop because you were dancing nonstop—it could all happen. “It was my first State Conference, but it was great being with other people who are just as passionate as me for the FFA. It was fun being with people who have the same interests because you all have the same energy and can talk about similar things with each other. It was also cool to vote for our new state officers and choose who gets to represent our state,” said Cecilia Mandujano, sophomore. The conference teaches the members how to get out of their comfort zone and transform yourself into being a very confident enthusiastic individual. You will see a gigantic convention center, an enormous crowd of 83,000 members; hopefully, you won’t get lost. You will be fine though since you will be next to the Perris FFA advisors who will lead the chapter to an assigned spot. Entering through the door, you hear music playing quietly. Further in, you will hear the music get louder and louder till you reach the main center area showcasing a light show and a large gathering of FFA members from all over the entire California state . . . all were dancing with the magnificent light show. After all of that, the 2016-17 California State Officers officially opened the conference with a welcome from the 2016-17 California State President who introduced the impressive upcoming events. Perris FFA contributed to everybody’s mood by taking the students to a little coffee shop named Dutch Brothers; that helped them to maintain and stay all hyped up throughout the day. The PHS FFA advisors would take the students to magnificent sites around Fresno, California, such as a mountain location with a crazy amount of snow that ended up turning into a wild snow fight. The last day of the conference, the new California FFA officers of the 2017-18 year were announced. After five days of conference activities, it was time for the PHS FFA students to say



Why You Should Take Them

by Rosalba Diaz

What is so important about taking AP tests and are they really worth it? Advanced Placement exams can help give college credit or help students skip entry-level college courses, depending on the score you receive. The AP exams are scored on a five-point scale. A score of a three or higher is usually considered passing, but as previously stated, it all depends on the college or university you will be officially going to. The number of Perris High students taking AP exams have been increasing over the past couple of years. The 2017 AP exams took place the first and second week of May. Make-ups were given on May 17th through the 19th. Our own Perris High Panthers are exceeding their requirements for receiving college credit. Over 570 tests were ordered for AP testing. English Language and Composition has the most sign-ups with a number of 78 students registered. English Literature and Composition was the second AP subject with 71 students. Following is Spanish Language and Composition with 68 students. We have plenty of excellent Panthers here on campus. Compared to last year, sign-ups for tests has decreased. About 609 tests were ordered last year, almost a difference of 40. To all Panthers! I encourage you to take AP tests. Not only can you see your improvement on the subject, but you can save hundreds of dollars if you pass the test with a 3 or higher. AP exams are more challenging, but they prepare you for college. So go on and take risks! Do not be afraid to try!

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RED NOSE DAY

What is Red Nose Day, you ask? It’s actually a fundraiser which helps many people. The challenge is to purchase a red nose at Walgreens and then wear it on May 25th. In reality, the purchase is actually a donation. And what does your donation do? The money raised supports projects that ensure kids are safe, healthy, educated, and empowered. Red Nose Day funds programs in all 50 states and in some of the poorest communities in Latin America, Asia and Africa. Between now and May 25, schools across America are supporting Red Nose Day. Each and

every one is raising money to save and change the lives of children living in poverty. It’s kids helping kids – is there anything better than that? Schools, celebrities, and communities around the country have come together to show their support for Red Nose Day. Explore, become inspired, and look ahead to next year to start your own fundraiser. For this year. . . go buy a red nose and wear it proudly! How many red noses will we see on campus at PHS?

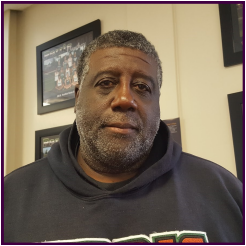


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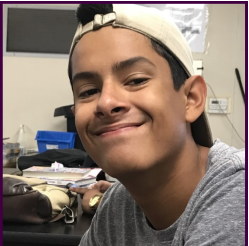
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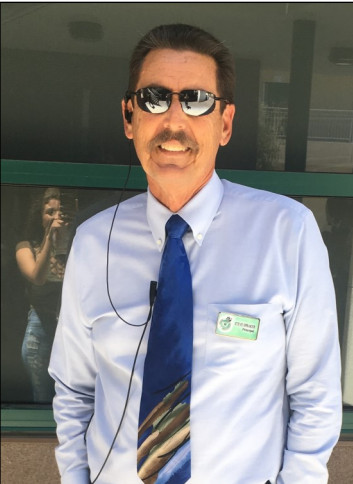


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Interim Principal

by Liz Ramirez

Perris High School has a new principal, but he is only here temporarily - that is Steve Spraker. He was asked to fill in as principal when Nick Hilton, our former principal, was appointed the Director of Human Resources for the Perris Union High School District in March. A few years ago, Steve Spraker retired from the Perris Union High School District. At that time, he had served the district as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. Since he retired, he has worked as a consultant for various school districts working with new principals. Spraker also occasionally filled in as a principal for a few months whenever needed. Last year, he filled in as principal of Pinacate for four months and got to know many of our 9th graders while they were at Pinacate. Spraker is only here till the end of the month. Hilton will be back for graduation and will present our seniors to the Board of Trustees during the graduation ceremony.



Our new principal will start this summer. A name is being presented to the PUHSD School Board on Wednesday 5/17/2017. Spraker said that he loves Perris High School. Perris has always been his favorite high school in the Perris Union High School District. He had many friends here and always feels welcomed whenever he's here. After he leaves, Spraker is off on a vacation to four National Parks. Since Spraker is retired, he doesn't know what he will do after. "You never know where I might appear." Students on campus had many positive comments about this new face on campus, many state the same thing, despite the circumstances surrounding their encounter (from Spraker popping into a classroom to see how things are going to explaining the procedure that will follow with a drug dog search). Again, despite the circumstances, the comments are on the same positive vibe. "That's our principal? He's really nice!"

30 DAYS TILL GRADUATION

by Valerie Carrillo

30 Days Till Graduation was an event for seniors celebrating their success on getting ever closer to Graduation Day. It took place

the event kept on going outside in the school parking lot.

Senior, Kimberly Botello was the one who turned on her car sound system which started bumping soundtracks from Grease. Botello said, "A couple of my friends wanted to continue the night after the movie to just let loose and dance; it was random, but we had a good time." Interim Principal, Steve Spraker was there to enjoy a burger and watch seniors enjoy a celebration of their 30 days they have left in high school. He shared, "it was fun, neat, and the burger was great. After it was over, somebody had the music playing in their car stereo. They started dancing in the parking lot it was fun watching them. I'm more than happy that I was able to experience such a neat celebration for seniors."



on the 24th of April at 6:30-9:00 at Perris High School. ASB played the movie Grease on a big screen in front of the STEM Building. To satisfy their appetites, ASB had an In-N-Out truck behind the library handing out burgers and a drink so they could enjoy it throughout the movie. Senior, Jose Fernandez shares his experience from the 30 Days Till Graduation event, he states, "It was fun and exciting I enjoyed myself I liked how there were free In-N-Out burgers however, it was cool how the movie went right with the topic of us seniors graduating." For those seniors who didn't go, you missed out on a dance battle right after the movie—



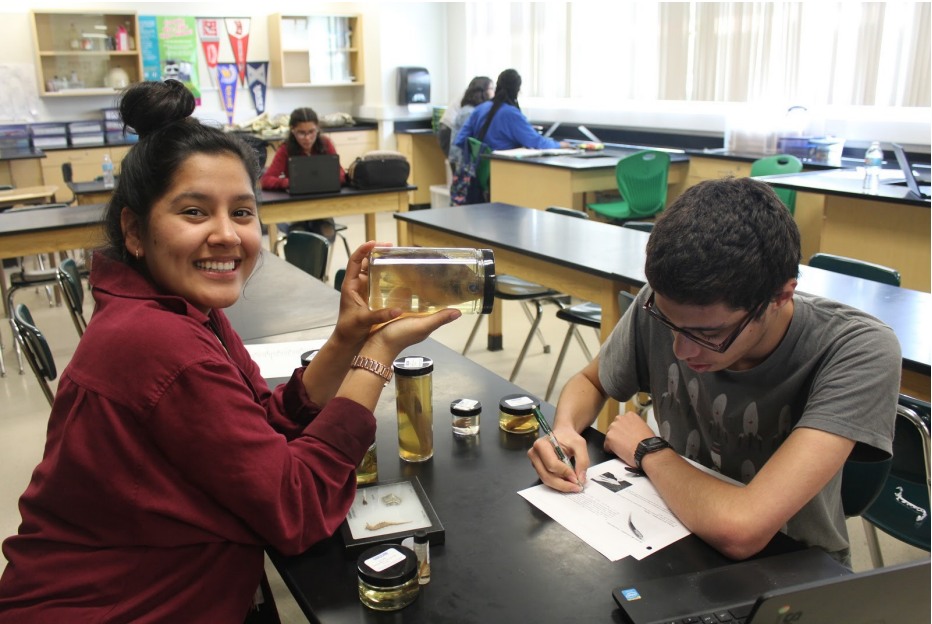
TOTALLY RAD 60's!

by Leigh LaPaille

Jeremy Elliott, history teacher, gives out extra credit to all of his students for dressing formally, WHAT?! Students were able to sit down with Leah Jones, a current student of Elliott's to talk about how this idea came about. "We were talking about watching a movie based on the 60's in class and Elliott mentioned that in his previous years of teaching,

he had offered all of his students extra credit for dressing nicely and more formally, like people in the Sixties did; dresses for the ladies and suits for the gentlemen. So, a student asked if the offer was still on the table and Elliott agreed to offering it again this year," said Jones. Although it's a great opportunity for extra credit, there is one minor problem. The extra credit only counted if the students dressed formally as instructed for two weeks straight. MAMA MIA! As difficult as the task seems, students were still going strong. Unfortunately, not a single young man dressed up, so the ladies dominated at this challenge for extra credit.

Dual Enrollment



by Ashley Ortiz

What is Dual Enrollment? They are classes that allow you to take college courses in high school. These high school classes help you save money on tuition when you get to college. In order for you to take the classes, you have to sign up to be a college student at MSJC. You will concurrently become both a college student and a high school student. You earn both your regular high school credits as well as your college credits at the same time. The program offers classes to anyone who is interested. The classes you will take per semester would replace the classes you take at college. Once you know that you want to be a part of Dual Enrollment, let your counselor know. They will enroll you in the classes you select. The program does have some requirements you must meet. You must have at least a 3.0 GPA and you must take a test. The test will allow you to become a college student. If you

want to take a specific class, you don't need a perfect score on the test. As soon as you take that test, you are now considered a college student no matter how high or how low you scored on the test. That should do it. The classes you selected will be assigned to you and the following school year—you will be a college student at Perris High School. "I knew that surrounding districts were offering college classes for free through the Dual Enrollment program at the high schools by doing this, and I knew it would greatly benefit our students. Going to a four year university straight out of high school is great - but it's not for everyone and that's ok! Taking the Dual Enrollment classes is a wonderful stepping stone to learning about yourself and what you can handle, as well as learning some fun & exciting subjects!" enthused Noelle Ruiz, biology teacher.

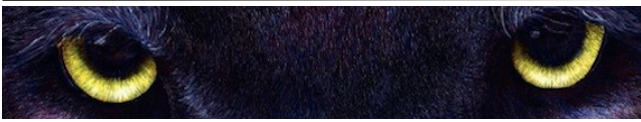


Innovative Spring Break Trip

by Zaria Acuna

Innovative is an after school program that provides students with a variety of clubs that are of interest to students. The program offers multiple opportunities to learn and expand horizons. It provides a safe and comfortable place where students can study and work on assignments after school. Innovative Facilitator, Jalisa Randle, organized different field trips to the UCSD Birch Aquarium, San Diego Zoo and a Laser Tag event all occurring during Spring Break 2017. Site Coordinator, Vianca Arana, says the purpose of these trips was to provide opportunities for students who otherwise would not have a chance to experience a new place. Kuli Tongaofa, senior, described how going to these trips gave him a chance to venture

out. He stated that he enjoyed meeting new people from school on these trips and spending time with friends. As a chaperone, Enrichment Instructor, Joselynn Gonzalez, says being a chaperone on the Spring Break trips was something she really enjoyed because she got to see the faces of students filled with excitement when they visited new places. She also described how it is the greatest feeling to see the reaction of the students. Innovative's Spring Break trips offered many opportunities for enrichment and the joy of exploration.



Through the eyes of a panther...

Old enough to put their life on the line
but not to drink a margarita with lime.

by *Melinda Rose Medina*
Editor in Chief

At the young age of 18, high school students are frequently called upon to sacrifice their lives for their country, but are arrested if caught casually drinking alcohol on a Friday night. In 1942, near the end of WWII, the United States government lowered the drafting age to 18. Yet, in 1984 the National Minimum Drinking Age Act was passed which legally raised the

legal drinking age to 21. Why is it legal to join the military, but illegal to have a drink at the age of 18? Although one might be led to believe that a higher drinking age will rid the country of alcohol related incidents, statistics show that this simply is not the case. Adults from the ages of 26-29 make up the larger percent of drunk driving at 20.7%. This comes to show that the problem does not lay necessarily in the drinking age, but rather the culture revolving around alcohol consumption. If the United States adopted an ideology like that of Europe's underage drinkers, these incidents would decrease dramatically. For example, Europe's youth lives in a culture where under-aged drinking is normal and casual leading to less binge drinking

that can be potentially very dangerous. There is also something to be said about the use of technology by younger people. Younger people are more likely to use ride sharing apps that would allow them to be more responsible alcohol consumers. Therefore, it is evident that it does not matter whether the drinking age is 18, 21, or 100, what really matters is the culture and education that surrounds alcohol consumption. If we, as a society, learn to become more responsible consumers, this will lead to better results than our current system. If the government deems an 18 year old responsible to bear a firearm in the defense of their country, it should also trust them to bear a beer for their enjoyment.

OUR VOICES. . .

13 Reasons Why? More like 13 Reasons Why Not.
So Netflix released a new show, and it's all about High School. And the drama that goes on, the stuff that occurs in the spotlight as well as behind the curtain, well . . . When beginning to watch this show I had mixed feelings, I felt like it had some flaws. For example, in leaving the tapes, it shows that Hannah didn't only kill herself because of what she was going through, but also to hurt the people she believed were to blame for her suicide. So she did it to make a point? SELFISH. On the other hand, I liked the raw and sad reality of high school that the show portrayed. We live in a society that nowadays, teens sometimes have no limits nor filters. The show explains what leaking pictures, starting rumors, betraying friends, and disrespecting people could ultimately lead to. We seem to not even realize that these are all things that have been going on here at PHS for a while now. Yet we still

don't seem to learn from the show, that doing such things can hurt a person and affect them mentally and emotionally. On the other hand, the show also teaches the lesson that suicide is not the solution. Throughout the season, we are constantly questioning if maybe she blew the situation out of proportion. We also learn that although we may feel as though it won't hurt anyone or that it won't matter—in reality, we are only hurting the people that matter most to us. We see the unbearable pain this loss inflicts upon Clay, as well as Hannah's parents. Thus proving that ending our own lives is not the answer. So at the end of the day, I'd give this a 5/5 star rating. It shows and gives perspective from both sides and angles of the story which is quite original if you ask me.
Leigh LaPaille

Littering On School Grounds
Perris High students have made this school look filthy. Students have just thrown their waste on the floor; the trash can

may be only a couple steps away, but they won't use it. I think they should show more respect to the school, the same as they would in their own homes. I know it's not all the students, but for those who do this—you know who you are. KEEP THE SCHOOL CLEAN. This is a high school, not an elementary, I think we're old enough to know where the waste should go. Perris High School has been in the process of remodeling. The new 4000 building that was recently finished hasn't been here very long, yet when I pass through, I see waste in the landscaped areas and stains on the building. The new building is a showcases that our school is growing and that the community wants better things, yet the way we are making it look . . . it reflects badly on us. As students of Perris High School, I think we should take care of our environment and encourage each other to keep it clean. We need to show more Panther Pride.
Liz Ramirez

Another person's junk, is another person's treasure!

*Do you have old items collecting dust
in your attic or garage?*

Are they interesting to look at?

Are they from another decade?

PHS Photography Class and Club is looking for donations for props and costumes. Lamps, Statues, Desk Ornaments, . . . anything interesting!

**Please bring items to 4204
or call 951-657-2171 extension 21355 and we'll pick it up.**

Touring a UC

by *Kaily Albarran*

On April 28, juniors and seniors were taken to visit UC Riverside—to have an encounter with the campus; to see how it looks and discuss the courses offered. Juniors in AVID that took an interest in actually attending that campus were permitted to tour the campus. As for seniors, if they went on tour it was because they've chosen to attend in the fall. Not many students in high school are sure about which college to attend, but some know exactly where they'd like to go. Arami Monarrez is one of the few who knows exactly where she wants to attend college. Monarrez shared, "I decided to attend UCR because of the diversity throughout the school. I was really interested in their Psychology and Medical programs. What



helped me make my final decision about attending UCR was the help that would be provided to me

SURVIVAL 101

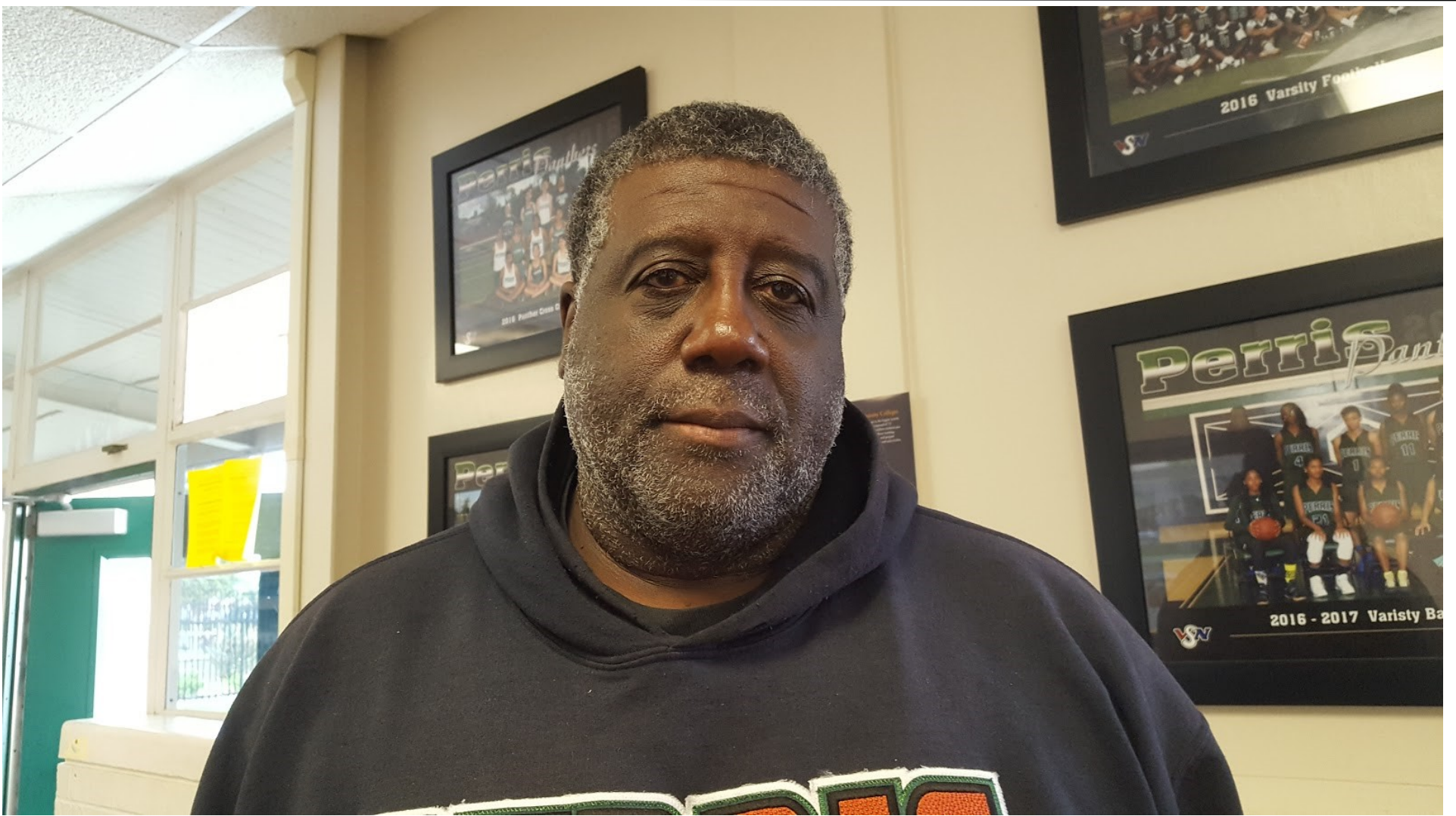
by *Liz Ramirez*



Survival 101 is an after school seminar on Wednesdays in 8209. This seminar was started because some students went to Robert Long, history teacher, and asked him to "teach" them things that they feel they didn't learn in high school that

would be critical to life after high school graduation. At the first meeting, Long had thirty students tell him what they thought were important to know. Based on their comments, he created a seminar series that covered topics ranging from

banking, college, taxes, to budgeting. Long took the idea to Nick Hilton, principal, and he loved it. Long ran the seminar under the administrative side of the school and not as an actual club, which is why it isn't associated with ASB. It's for seniors only because they are the first to leave and would need to have access to this information the quickest. They are also more mature in the sense that they are facing more pressing realities about life after school to keep the attendance at a controllable rate. Knowing that most of the issues revolve around economic issues, college, and access to credit these topics are covered primarily in their senior year in actual courses they are taking like in Economics, Government, Senior AVID, etc. Long believes the students who came to him, enjoyed it and found value in it. Hilton had been considering turning it into an actual semester long elective, but with his promotion to the PUHSD District Office, that plan has been sidelined for now. One of the big flaws Long noticed is that even though many students claim they want to know these things, they don't show up to the seminars. He averaged six students in the first semester and about four second semester. Long is unsure if this program will continue next year.



The Switch: Is It Time? *by Ariana Lopez*

How do you know it's time to move on to new things? How do you know when it's time to switch lanes? To venture forth on a new path? Well students from all over Perris High, Marvin Williams, a security guard, and a now former coach of the Girls Varsity team at Perris High asked himself those very questions when given the option of deciding to go on coaching *but* for the Boys Varsity team next year instead of the Girls. He has been coaching for 34 years! Seven of those years he was an assistant coach for boys basketball. *Not* including the 27 years he served as Head Coach for the Girls Varsity Basketball. Coach Williams has made an incredible impact on the world of Girls Basketball and we wanted to know more about the change -

What is your philosophy of coaching and its relationship to education?
"I want the students to have the ability to move onto the next level. I feel that it's my job to help them realize it's not just about basketball—learning the sport, learning the game, but it's also about having an education. Some have moved on, they've gotten far. I've had 17 Division players come out. Seven Division 2 and 3 players. Three out of those have made it

to the pro's. One of them is in the WNBA, another player is playing overseas. Two are college level coaches, and another one is a sports analysts on fox west sports. "

How do you deal with multiple sport athletes?
"I encourage them to play another sport, I want them to be well rounded athletes, so when the college coaches come knocking . . . they'll know other sports as well. They won't be just basketball players, they'll be skilled individuals."

What is your role off season?
"To make sure my athletes get the proper rest off of basketball and me. When you're a family, your parents make you upset and you make your parents upset. You still love them but you sometimes need some time apart. Also to make sure they are hungry to get back out there, to play the game."

How would you describe your coaching style?
"One way I would describe it is free. When they're out in the court playing I don't want them to look at me when they make a mis-

take, thinking I'm going to kick them out. Mistakes are bound to happen on the court, just like in life. I need them to know that if they make a mistake that it's not over. The game and life goes on. Always remember to have fun, but go hard. Whatever happens—happens."

What made you switch from Girls Basketball to Boys?
"This decision was a very tough decision, just as tough as deciding to come over to the Girls. I was an assistant coach for the Boys for seven years, and now a former head coach for the Girls for 27 years. It's a switch that I feel is right in my heart. I want the girls to see a different philosophy on how to play the game. I wanna help out the Boys just as much as I helped the Girls. If I could get at least one player from the Boys to a Division I status this upcoming year, I know the momentum will keep building. So it all starts with one. "

Do you see yourself as a role model?
"No, I'm not a role model, just a person who is trying to help a student get better. Their parents are role models. My role in all of this is to help them understand the game, and

teach them to the best of my ability."

Describe the organization of a typical practice?
"Well in a regular season, very tough. A lot of running, listening, a lot of yelling words of encouragement, and definitely a lot of hard work. Throughout all the practices and the pre-games, education is talked about. Grades, how the students doing in their classes, if anyone needs any help with anything. Education is a strong point for me."

How do you want to be remembered as a coach?
"The way I want to be remembered is someone who was fair and open-minded, but also someone who wanted to win every game. I want the girls to know that I support them 110% no matter what. As long as they play hard but have fun—I'm happy."

Boys Golf *by Dianna Bella*

This year's golf team has had an extremely competitive season. There is always room for improvement in everything that they do. Each game has shown that their hard work has paid off from beginning to end. The Boys Golf team was made up of five graduating seniors: Fernando Martinez, Juan Callente, Uriel Guerra, Rene Garduno, and Michael Gutierrez who have led the way this year with balance and leadership. The sophomore class has also been putting in plenty of work. They are building towards next year's League Championship.

Garduno and Guerra have qualified for the CIF League Finals tournament.

Garduno said, "It is a great feeling knowing you got recognized at a level like that and knowing you're one of the best in your League just makes it even better."

The event took place May 3rd at Tukwet Canyon Golf course.



Diving Deep

by John Larkin

The Swim team had their last home swim meet on April 28th as well as Senior Night for those who are graduating. Perris High lost seven swimmers this year who helped the team strive to achieve their goals. Melinda Medina, senior, got first place in her event the 100 Freestyle.

“I’m going to miss to getting in the pool with my friends and going to races to compete against other schools,” said Daniel De La Cruz, senior.

The Boys and Girls team faced Lakeside High School where Perris High boys defeated them 88-79, giving them their first League win of the season. Girls were dominate in the first half of the races, but slowly let the lead slip away; they were defeated 100-70. The Boys and Girls won their relays, Girls winning the 200 Medley Relay, Boys winning their 4x50 and 4x100 Freestyle Relays.

The Boys 4x50 Freestyle this year came close to making the CIF qualification time. Unfortunately, they did not make it, missing it against Lakeside by .6 seconds. They had another opportunity on Saturday the 29th going to Mt. Carmel High

School. This time, they were even closer to their time, missed it yet again by the smallest of margins .06 seconds, that’s almost as fast as a blink of an eye. Although not making their time, they placed top three for both the 4x50 and 4x100 relays. Relays including juniors, Hector Valdez, Joey Quiroz, Abraham Prada, and John Larkin.

Valdez said, “It sucks that we did not make it this year; we all really wanted it so bad. We’re all juniors, so next year, we will make it for sure.”



Photo by Matt Schmidt, Swim Coach



Track and Field Goes to CIF

by Wendy Alvarez

Track and Field had their last home meet on April 19th; the meet determined if they would go to CIF. With sweat, hot runs, and long practices, both Girls and Boys Track Teams did qualify. These runners have shown determination throughout the year. They have 3:30 p.m. practices, with the running events taking place on a portion of or around a 400-m, 437.2-yd or 440-yd, 402.3-m. Established skills such as running,

jumping for heights and distance, and throwing for distance using implements of standardized design.

The girls are currently in line to take third place in the League finals. Preparation that consists of everyday practice? Learning how to breathe, beating personal records had been worked on throughout the season for the event which took place on May 3rd.

The four athletes that formed one team of sprinters were: Annyiah Pelt, junior, Veronica Rizo, senior, Elva Vera, junior

and Xaela Cuellar, senior; all shared the same goal of reaching toward League champs. The final team results for the Perris Girls was 3rd place and Boys took 5th place.

Rizo said, “My ambition is not only to win CIF but to break school record.”

Cuellar said, “I’m very excited to go to CIF for the second time and my goal is to beat my personal record and qualify for the Master’s Meet.”

Boys Volleyball Team Determined to Win

by Javier Castaneda

Hard work and passion are only two things that demonstrate the degree of dedication the Perris High Boys Volleyball Team has to make it big this year. The eleven man team is made up of devoted players such as Javier Quinones, senior, Jorge Espinosa, junior, and James Santos, junior. While being led by Coach Regaldo, the team believes that they have the chemistry and skill to make it far in CIF.

This powerful squad has been in the making for two years. It consists of mostly juniors and three senior who have been playing

on the same team since 2015. Over the course of these two years, each player has made it a priority to develop the skills that will benefit the success of one of Perris High’s most victorious teams.

“We knew this year was going to be our year,” says junior player, Brandon Gutierrez.

The amount of drive the team has was demonstrated through their endless days of practices since September. With a record of 23-5, the team was set to be triumphant, however, they ultimately lost through no fault of their own.

Field of Dreams

by Chris Gallegos

The Perris Panthers’ Varsity Baseball Team has had a historic season. With playoffs so close in their grasp, they have broken records and achieved milestones through their hard work and dedication under the guidance of their coaches. The Varsity Baseball Team nearly doubled their wins from last year, totalling 13 wins. The last time Varsity Baseball had that many wins was in 2005. That year’s team, under Rich Kleckner’s coaching staff, averaged 12 wins and 12 losses.

The team was led by the only senior, Giovanna Mendoza. Topping out at 90 mph, Mendoza posted an impressive 1.47 ERA and hit .388 Avg on the season. Other notable hitters were, Oscar Rodriguez .391 BA, Raymond

Lopez .353 BA, Chris Gallegos .337 BA, and Eduardo Menchaca .298 BA.

“There may be people that have more talent than you, but there’s no excuse for anyone to work harder than you,” Derek Jeter, MLB professional baseball shortstop.

The importance of this quote is what motivated the team to never give up despite the odds. They might have just missed playoffs this year, but with an entire returning team, who knows what the Varsity Baseball Team is capable of next year. Only time can tell.



Coachella: Do’s and Don’ts

by Ariana Lopez

Coachella - a once in a lifetime experience, where people from all parts of the world come together as one to watch their favorite musicians perform and to enjoy a festival full of games. For some - to make bad decisions...yes bad decisions; but not to fear, for I am here.

One of your classmates, Xavier Montoya, sophomore, was fortunate enough to go to Coachella and he happily shared his experience. So, through his eyes...

“At Coachella everyone has your back. We are all treated equally no matter what beliefs one may have, no matter what you look like, everyone is the same, no matter what. The only time you got a problem is when someone tries to push in front of you when there’s a concert. The thing is, we are all trying to get to the front, we’re all bodies on bodies, we’re just smushed together, so when someone is trying to push through your like ‘Hey! Stay in your place dude, we’re all trying to get through’. There is this one lie that is universal at

Coachella when a concert is about to begin. ‘Excuse me I gotta find my friends.’ All you can really do when you hear that is ‘Hey! Get in line we’re all trying to find our friends!’. Although honestly your perspective changes on the music you listen to. When you listen to music on your phone, you only see the music through your eyes ,but when you’re at a concert, you see and hear the artist’s perspective on that song or album, you feel what they feel. But over all, just get hyped, even if you’re just standing around waiting for your favorite artist, get hyped and stay hyped!”

Now, for prospective Coachella-goers—think of the following as your “success” guide for “How to Coachella”, these simple, yet easy Do’s and Don’ts will help guide you easily through all Coachella Festivals to come.

Do! Try to think opposite of what others think. For example, when thinking of refilling your water bottle at the refilling station and waiting in line. *Don’t. Instead go to the nearest handwashing station, there are fewer lines and a lot less hassle. Plus the water they use for refilling water stations is the same water they use everywhere.*

Don’t! Be the person who pushes their way up to the front just because you want to see your favorite artist. Keep in mind that everyone is there for the same reason, so be re-

spectful of those around you. Enjoy the concerts.

Do! Bring a mask to cover your face. This place is very dusty, so take a bandana or two. You don’t wanna be coughing while trying to talk with people now do you? Your lungs will thank you later.

Don’t! It goes without saying, don’t go without sunscreen. Coachella Valley has some hot temperatures starting from 90 degrees to 100 degrees. Talk about hot right? So take sunscreen. You don’t want those awkward tan lines do you?

Do! Take breaks from walking. This one is important because if you just keep walking from show to show, in the temperatures stated above you will regret it, so find a shady place, just sit and enjoy the view for a couple of minutes, take it in. You’re in Coachella, that alone should just make you look back to what got you there in the first place. Also be careful the night can get very chilly so do take some sweaters, your wallet will thank you later.

Don’t! Put your phone in your back pocket. It’s a bad idea on so many levels. Put your phone in your front pocket or your backpack. Just somewhere safe. You do not want to lose the only thing that makes you findable.

Now you’re set! You have all the tips and tricks that you need to know for a successful, enjoyable musical adventure. Enjoy! Good luck and be safe.



PROM DRESS STRESS

by Jo Rocha Delgado

In a place where time is of the essence, frustration takes over and trying to find the dress to say “YES” ss what Perris High School students were dealing just a short time ago because Prom loomed around the corner. Some of them were all covered with their glamorous outfits for prom with time to spare, but for the rest of them, they were stressed to the utmost max highest level to the 10th power to look for the perfect dress for that impeccable and unforgettable night at the Fox Theater.

Finding perfection was not as simple as you might think. Like it’s not an easy “Pick and Wear” for the ladies. To find a dress with its true significance and personality for the last dance for the seniors was no joke, especially because Lady Panthers dress to impress!

“All I gotta say is know what you want to wear because then, you won’t be stressing like I was. NO JOKE!”, lamented Carolina Silva, senior.

Edith Esquivel, another Panther senior, commented, “Not knowing where to start got me to thinking it was such a mess—

being a senior.”

Giselle Rodríguez, pictured below, said, “The part that stressed me out the most was trying to find a dress that fit me, because... let’s be honest—I’m pretty short. I even started in early March to get a head start, but I still ended up STRESSING.”



2017 Yearbook has Videos

by Flor Quintana Castro

You read that right. A book with pictures has videos in it? That’s impossible, it’s just another way to get attention so that we buy the yearbook. No, that is not the case. Have you ever heard of Aurasma? Aurasma turns any object, image, or place into an opportunity for an Aura. Watch everyday things come to life with graphics, animation, video, audio, and 3D content is changing the way that we interact with the world, one Aura at a time. This is the app that lets us connect to a picture and have a pop up video play while you are putting your phone’s camera or tablet over the image. Your 2017 PHS Yearbook will be covering Prom, Grad Night, Senior Night Awards and even Graduation!!! You will get to see yourself walking on the stage and receiving your diploma all in one video connected to a simple picture. Most yearbooks are just mediocre; all that they provide are pictures and descriptions of events, but all year long... we have covered some of the best memories of high school and we are here to bring you the funniest and most memorable videos all through one Aurasma app. To take full advantage of everything that the 2016-2017 Perristo Legacy Yearbook has to offer, and watch our year unfold.



Man on the street

by Daria Acuna

What will you miss the most about being a teenager?



I would miss seeing myself mature throughout my high school years.

Briany Padilla, senior



I would miss my childhood and the people I grew up with.

Akarsh Wadhawan, senior



I would gladly change the school's food. My solution—go out to eat.

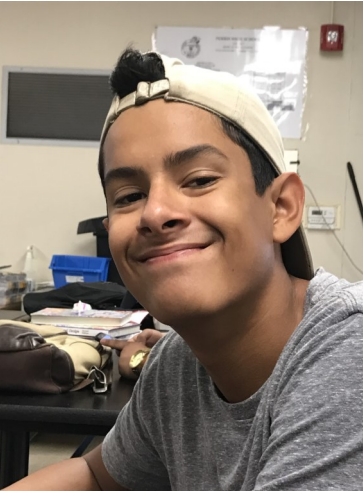
Inez Ayala, junior



I would change the seven periods; my solution would be to get rid of the seventh.

Yosimar Herrera, junior

If you could have been the first person to invent any single thing, what would it be?



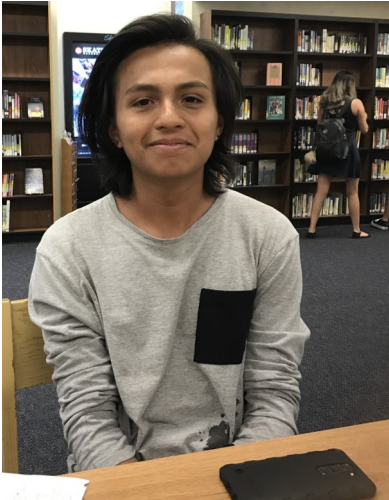
I would invent the first computer so that I could be rich and not have to come to school.

Joshua Orozco, sophomore



I would invent Google so that I could become rich and help the poor.

Monica Ramirez, sophomore



I would jump to my 20's because I don't like school.

Adam Rivera, freshman



I would jump to my senior year of high school and make memories.

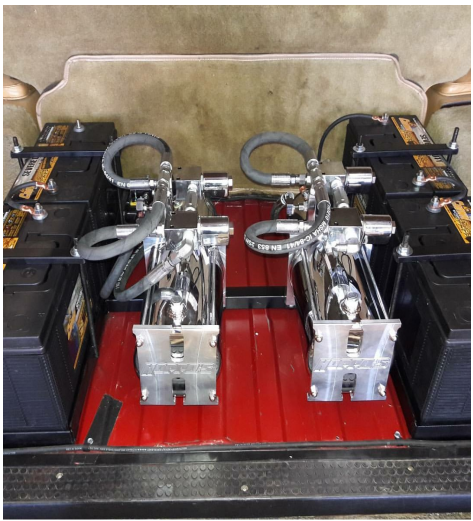
Crystal Garcia, freshman

TRANSPORTATION

by Michael Gutierrez

There are many ways for students to get to school. Some students walk to school, while others ride the school bus or use public transportation. Some prefer riding their bikes or skateboards. A few also have their parents bring them to school. Other students have cars that they drive to school.

In order to park at school, you need a license or a permit issued by the school, which you can obtain through the office. Michael Gutierrez, senior, drives his 1985 Chevy Blazer S10 on hydraulics. Gutierrez recently received his gift in early April when he and his dad purchased it and worked on it as a project car. His dad gave him the car as an early graduation gift. Now he is able to drive it as a means to get to school.



Photos by Michael Gutierrez

A Glimpse Into the Past

by Samantha Waltermire

Time passes by but history is captured. Clubs and events help create pieces of history that are embedded in the school. Listed below are events and clubs that have passed. The clubs listed are no longer here, as for the years they go back to are unknown.

Clubs

Ski Club: Members would go to Big Bear and Lake Arrowhead to practice in the *powder* shared by Liz Hosteler, a member from the 1990's.

FBLA: Future Business Leaders of America strengthens students to develop a confident character, creates interest in the business enterprise, and teaches aggressive business leadership.

Omega Phi Alpha: a senior club started in 1989 dedicated to leaving their mark and having fun and certainly making it clear with their "YOUTH GONE WILD" motto.

Science Club: Science club provided field trips, local colleges, and got to see science displays and exhibits. It's purpose was to educate and go beyond what is in the normal science class.

Martial Arts: Martial arts was a club teaching students how to defend themselves and develop physical skills.

Asian Club: Asian club is all about experiencing each other's culture and attended events at UCR like "Come and get it!"

Future Homemakers: Promotes a growing appreciation of the joys of homemaking. They worked on community programs and worked

on personal improvement.

Events

2007 Bomb Threat. The school was sent to the football so that a hazardous device team can inspect a bomb which turned to be a false alarm. During the wait a teacher had held up a Mexican flag walking around that had collected students but soon enough the assistant principal from 20017 who is now the 2017 intern principle had seized the flag. To understand the tension of the matter and next events to follow you have to know that the immigration bill of 2007 was passed which formed apprehension between some people. Students frustrated and tired had been on the

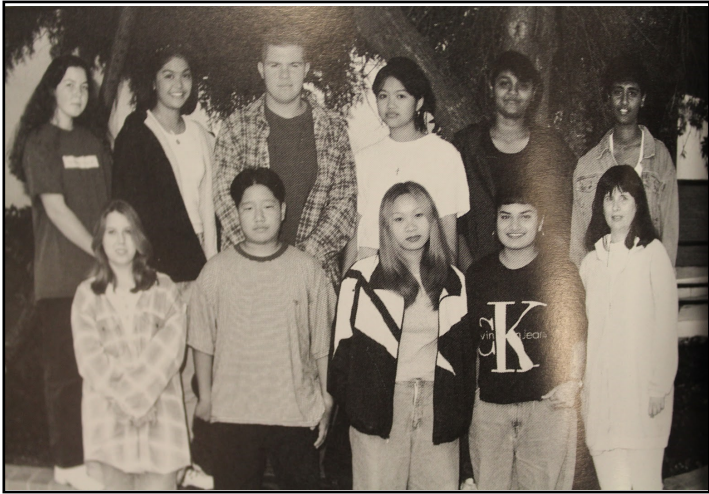
field for more than 3 hours waiting and all of a sudden a small fight begins that had been a source to the chain reaction that led to more fights that were unable to be contained. Students were to be sent back to the classes but it was not an easy job as the riot geared team had arrived to diminish the situation.

From a teacher's recollection, Debbie Georgianna, "I was talking to a student after we had left the football field. We were out on the blacktop near the gymnasium, when I saw a wave of running students, and I knew I had to go to the tether ball post; I hugged the student between the pole and the stampeding herd of students did go around us."

Another teacher, Dina Brusca, " You could see these men lined up from the MPR to the English Department" explained what she witnessed on that day.

2007 Senior Trip Tragedy. Beach trips have

not been allowed before but this was the year the administration allowed it. On the senior beach trip four students decided to take a private vehicle instead of the bus with the others but the students had been drinking and driving recklessly. Fox news has provided the information that the students passed by the bus waving the beer cans as they were racing up to 100 mph when the car swerved off an interstate 15 and hit a tree. The bus had turned around and had a meeting at the gym till 11. Student Anthony O'Neil had big dreams of opening an Italian restaurant but this dream crushed as the students took actions of drinking and driving. Graduation still held that Saturday, as teacher D. Brusca says it was "horrible everyone is their but we just look at those four empty seats, it brought each other closer in a way". This had raised awareness and brought Mothers Against Drunk Driving program to the school for two days.



A DAY WITHOUT IMMIGRANTS

by Samantha Waltermire



February 16, 2017. For some this day meant a day of union but for others it meant a day of hurt. Day Without Immigrants was an event to show the Trump administration how much

immigrants contribute to the nation. This means employees did not show up to work, not buying any items from anywhere, businesses closed down for the day, anything that

involved for the greater of America or an impact on the economic growth. That day, about a quarter of the student had left their seats empty leaving education out the door.

The effect of students not showing up only hurt themselves because they lost a day of free education and a loss of future opportunities. Yes

it's true, the school receives money based upon student attendance - but where that money goes is the important question. The money is distributed into different categories

for spending, including one which funds events and purchases equipment for school, field trips and other necessities.

Student Ashley Ortiz, sophomore, was one of the students who missed school and says "I woke up and I was getting ready for school and then my Dad told me to stop getting ready because I was not going to school because no one is going to go today. I was confused so I decided to go on my computer and saw it was about people supporting immigrants. Now I understood why I didn't go to school, but at the time I thought it was dumb how they were making people skip school. I think it was dumb because schools help immigrants but I still see the other side on how they were just trying to prove a point. What made me upset about the day it self is that there are people who are trying to succeed in life and if they miss one day of school it can hurt them a lot by falling behind in your education. "

Schools help out immigrants by giving free education, offering ELA for Spanish speakers, and tutoring. Teachers too have helped students go through long process of applying to colleges. When students give that up, it does not prove their support it contradicts it by rejecting the better for oneself.

Before engaging in a protest, research and see in what ways the economy around oneself will be affected.

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