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CHINO HIGH SCHOOL

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Cowboy Corral Sparks Lots of Freshman Interest

By Evelyn Alva and Deja Hernandez

This year, Cowboy Corral was hosted on February 25th from 5-7 pm. Incoming freshmen and current students were able to get some insight on all the extracurricular activities and AP classes that Chino High has to offer!

Many clubs, extracurriculars, and classes were introduced at this year's Cowboy Corral. These amazing activities were hosted in both the MPR and the gym. Clubs brought props, food, art, and more to draw students' attention to their table.

Students were able to freely walk around the school and talk to people who currently take part in these activities.

Also, there were food trucks in the center plaza with delicious food such as tacos and funnel cake. This event was an exciting opportunity for next year's freshmen to get a preview of their new school.

Cebrina Hernandez, 8th grader at Magnolia Junior High said, "I was interested in Journalism be-

cause I think it would be interesting to write articles because writing is something I love to do."

Melanie Rojas 8th grader at Woodcrest Junior High said "I was most interested in detective club because it seems like, I would genuinely enjoy being a part of it"

These incoming freshmen got the chance to see many performers such as dance, cheer, theater, and folklorico which introduced them to what their high school experience could look like.



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Deadly Mid-air Collision in Washington D.C Causes Uproar

By Emilia Morbitzer

Sixty-Seven individuals were found dead at the Potomac River, Reagan's Washington National Airport, on the night of Wednesday, January 29th, 2025. This deadly collision was caused by a midair collision between two aircrafts; one of which was a military-operated helicopter. The aircrafts involved were a Bombardier CRJ700, known as American Airlines Flight No. 5342 and an Army Sikorsky H-60.

There were 60 passengers and 4 crew members aboard the Bombardier, while 3 soldiers aboard the Sikorsky H-60. The Army Helicopter belonged to Fort Belvoir, located in Virginia, and was taking training flights at Runway 33. During this collision, they were understaffed at the runway, which only held one out of two air traffic control workers needed on a runway. As these training flights were taking place, it was moments before the Bombardier was supposed to land, and the air traffic control workers present at the Airport had asked if they could shift over to a shorter runway.

The pilot aboard agreed to this request and could be seen shifting the plane's path to the shorter runway. However, barely any moments later, the soldiers aboard the Sikorsky H-60 were asked if they could see the Bombardier, to which they were able to identify it. That was under a minute before the collision. As the air control workers were telling the soldiers aboard the Army aircraft to wait for it to pass, they collided.

The nation, including the government, has responded in a plethora of ways as it was released that the 60 passengers aboard Flight No. 5342 of American Airlines consist-

ed of Olympic Skaters and Educators. The Trump Administration made an official response at the White House on Friday January 31st. 47th President Donald Trump declared that this is a grieving hour in America at the loss of the 67 aboard the two aircrafts. He also said that no matter who is working, they must be the smartest they can be, and he will plan to restore all faith to American Air Travel. Yet he has faulted and blamed the H-60 for flying too high, 325 feet in altitude, yet in the briefing room at the White House, he did not have the evidence to support his original claim.

On the morning of February 2nd, 2025, a Washington, D.C. memorial was being held for the 67 victims involved in the collision while the remains of the crash were still being pulled out and identified in Potomac River. As of February 10th, everyone has been identified.

"Commercial airlines are affected and especially the department of transportation who handles air traffic control. They are tightening up their shifts and regulations. Military personnel is also affected because of the error in flight space and mishandling. I don't think it's going to affect the usage but more of the following protocols and regulations. I don't think any legislation will come out of this. It really is following rules and guidelines that are already in place. This crash was preventable but there was human error in this. Where you are allowed to fly and aware of surroundings is very key, no legislation is going to affect preventative measures. The only



Davila discusses what he thinks will happen following the collision in Washington, D.C.

way the economy in my opinion would be affected is by air travel and the demand on the consumer side. I haven't seen a huge dip in the purchases of flight tickets, so I don't foresee any huge changes. Military spending on the government side has always been high, so I don't see any huge changes there as well" said Brendan Davila.

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8th grade AVID middle school students from Magnolia Junior High tour the campus.

Incoming High School AVID Students Welcomed on Campus

Samantha Sandoval

On Wednesday February 19th, middle school students from the district such as Magnolia and Woodcrest came to campus to take a tour of their future high school. This tour was conducted by AVID and senior members.

To start off the day, once middle school students arrived, they were welcomed by AVID and started their tour of the whole campus, visiting the football field, library, and even stopping inside teacher's classrooms.

To end the tour, students headed inside the gym to get ready for the next activity, which was a competition game between other

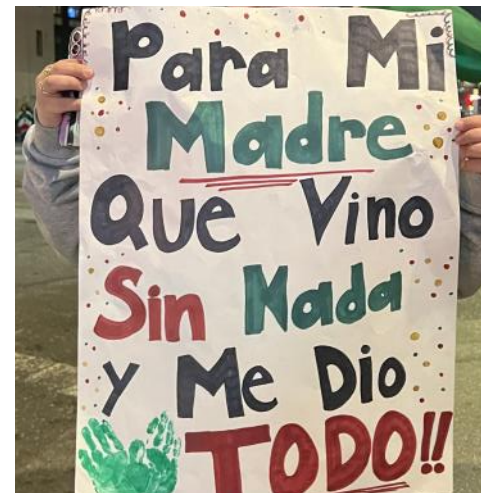
groups where students had to be the first group to stack ten cups using only balloons.

After this, students enjoyed their time by being able to ask AVID seniors tips, advice, and questions about high school that they might wonder when coming in the fall while also enjoying a pizza lunch.

Not only was it a fun experience for these middle school students, but it was also a memorable day for seniors who were able to see their middle school AVID teachers before they graduate high school.

demonstration at all 50 state capitol buildings, known as the 50/501 movement (50 states, 50 protests, 1 day) with protesters marching across the grounds chanting "Dump Elon, Dump Trump" and holding signs with phrases like "Immigrants make America great" and "Dissent is patriotic."

In Los Angeles and San Jose there were adults and students either White, Hispanic, Africans Americans, and Asian who gathered to protest against Immigration. With many taking it to the streets holding up signs and chanting why immigrants make America great.



Although many Hispanic and other immigrants protested against President Trump, there are many that live in fear of ICE. They worry that they may be next, but some have already been arrested and detain. ICE the Immigration and Customs Enforcements is being enforced far more due to the biggest immigration order that President Trump issued.

Even though it has been less than a month since President Trump took office, things may change for the better. Better as in that somehow immigration stops due to the financial debt America is in and stabilizes before it truly starts to hurt us with the raising of taxes and other goods.

Immigrants Fight for Justice

By Jose Meza

Protests against President Donald J Trump and Project 2025 have been happening in places all over America including Washington DC, New York, California, and even Texas. Most protests are being led by either Hispanics, Americans, African Americans, etc. This has been

happening since President Trump was first elected and continuing new his second term.

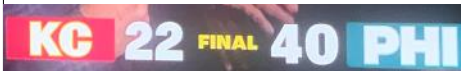
In Texas, many have gathered at the state capitol to protest Presidents Trump's administration policies on immigration. The protest was part of a nationwide

Eagles Dominate Chiefs in Superbowl

By Marc V Hernandez

On February 9th in New Orleans, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles played the biggest football game of the year, which is known as the Superbowl.

Superbowl LIX was a rematch of Superbowl LVII. The Eagles suffered a heartbreaking loss to the Chiefs with a close score of 38-35. This time the Ea-



gles got their revenge by winning 40-22, getting their 2nd Superbowl ring.

"I'm glad that the Eagles won," said Rosemary King. Most people favored the Eagles to win against the Chiefs. Almost all NFL fans dislike the Chiefs and were hoping the Eagles could prevent them from winning three straight Superbowl's.

"I'm really glad the Eagles won," said DeAnna Prescott. The fans of the teams that have been knocked out before or during the postseason didn't want the Chiefs win a third year in a row.

"I was tired of seeing the Chiefs win," said Daniel Cahill. The score difference made every fan feel good to see that the Chiefs are beatable.

Everybody that isn't a Chiefs fan was instantly an Eagles fan for this Superbowl. Every fan believed the Chiefs would get a three-peat based on the regular season and the accusations of cheating. So, seeing the Chiefs lose to the Eagles had to make most of the fanbase of the NFL happy.



The Cowboys play defense against Chino Hills in the first inning of their 1-7 loss.

By Marc V Hernandez

On February 17th, Chino baseball played against Chino Hills High School as the opener for the new season.

The start of the game went well with a tied score of 1-1. When the third inning came around, Chino started to lose momentum. The final score ended up being 7-1 with Chino Hills coming out on top for opening day.

"We could've done better, but we are building block" said coach Angel Jimenez. Coach Angel believes with some more building around the team, they will prove to dominate down the stretch.

"As the season goes, I know that we'll be better" said coach Mike

Esteben. As the head coach, Mike knows the team will wake up down the line with due time. He knows his boys will improve and make a good run.

"I think we're in pretty good shape" said coach Scott Vasquez. Scott knows that the boys are going to perform much better once they find their rhythm. As time passes, he knows that the team will fix their mistakes and learn from them.

Even with a tough loss for the first game at home for baseball, it's only a wakeup call for the team. They haven't gotten much game experience this year, but with due time, they will most definitely go on a magical run and make CIF.

Tough Loss Ends Girls Varsity Basketball Season

By Lizette Ruelas and Samantha Sandoval

The Girls Varsity Basketball team has taken over the Mt. Baldy league with a 10-0 record and has won another first-place title for the fourth year in a row, securing their next move to CIF.

Even with a minimal number of players on the team compared to previous years, the girls adapt to one another to build a strong team using each other's strengths, and to develop team chemistry.

Varsity coach Ms. VanEmbricqs who has been coaching for a total

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of 10 years said, "A successful team takes the involvement of everyone. I can have the best strategy but if my players can't execute it, we don't win. So definitely kudos to the players because they have to do it."

Senior Charisma Cano, who has been on varsity for two years said, "My team is preparing for CIF by practicing every day, maintaining a positive mindset, and encouraging each other to give our best effort." She also adds that winning CIF is an accomplishment that the team has always desires, and preparing for their win is important.

The girls made it to the second round of CIF in 2022, were finalists and state qualifying team in 2023 and were quarter finalists in 2024. Although they haven't been able to come out with a southern section championship, the girls' basketball team is optimistic about their chances at CIF this year and look forward to bringing a division title home.

On Thursday February 20th, the girls made it to round three of CIF but sadly lost their game with a close score of 39-41. This loss was a tragedy for the team as they had been undefeated in all of their games this season.



Girls Varsity Basketball celebrating their round 2 win of CIF. Photo courtesy of

Boys Wrestling Dominates with Fourth League Championship

By Carissa Mendoza

Chino Boys Wrestling has gotten yet another achievement in their books, going undefeated this season and securing a 4th League Championship.

Boys Wrestling ended off their season with their last league match against Diamond Ranch in January, winning 61-7, leaving them undefeated with a 4th Championship.

These athletes have worked countless days and hours to achieve this. They have bulked or cut to meet their weight class to compete to their full potential.

"I feel proud of my team's success, I know they work hard in the room all year so it's no surprise that our team has won so many different titles." says Aaron Jimenez, CIF competitor.

These boys are now preparing to compete in yet another CIF but also attempt to snag a 3rd CIF ring to place on their finger. This team is not only stacked with determined

wrestlers, but they also have state ranked wrestlers. State Rankings include; Sophomore Zach Samano: #3, Junior Jonathan Madera: #16, Junior Nate Cauwel: #18, Junior Jorge Hernandez: #40, Junior Nathan Garcia: #41, Senior David

Franco: Honorable Mention.

The boys just finished competing in the Mt. Baldy League finals. Chino Wrestling ended their season with a 4peat, 16 league finalists, and 20 wrestlers who qualified for CIF.



Photo courtesy of Aaron Jimenez

Congratulations to State, Masters Champion and CIF Champions sophomore Natalie Blanco and senior Tilly Kakuk, and State and CIF Champion sophomore Zack Samano on their Wrestling season success.

Boys Spring Onto the Court for their Tennis Season

By Emilia Morbitzer

With nineteen players, five managers, and two coaches, Boys Tennis holds a close-knit community of talented athletes on the courts as their upcoming season begins. Both Varsity and Junior-Varsity players will play on February 18th on home courts for their first game up against West Covina High School.

The Boys Tennis team has been practicing since the end of the fall semester, preparing for a successful season once again. In the past years, they have grown to sweep their competitions, such as coming in first place for the 2024 Mt. Baldy League within CIF. For the past two



Varsity Singles #1 Senior Cecil Howell

weeks, they have been working to test their abilities for varsity tennis. Their schedule of games, both home and away, can be checked on the

Varsity Basketball Teams Celebrate Senior Night

By Jasmine Garavito

On January 31st, the girls' and boys' varsity basketball team celebrated their seniors on senior



Senior Charisma Cano playing against Don Lugo at Girls Varsity Senior Night.

night. The seniors of both the boys' and girls' teams brought their family and friends to be celebrated.

For the boys' basketball team, they were not only celebrating their seniors, but the fact that they had just won the league undefeated, for the first time since 1950. Senior Daniel Murphy says that his teammates, "are really good, and work well together."

Murphy has been a part of the basketball team since his freshman year, but he has been interested in basketball since he was 3 years old. Murphy says, "God helped me through the year, this year has been tough."

athletics calendar at the Chino High website.

Senior Cecil Howell, who is Varsity Singles #1 says, "To me, when it comes to balancing school and tennis, consistency matters more than motivation. I make sure to set those goals and work towards them not in short spurts

For the girls' basketball senior night, Charisma Cano, has been playing basketball all four years of high school, and her senior night reflected the fun she had. Cano played all four quarters of the game. The night was full of family and friends that supported



Senior Daniel Murphey with family at the Boys Varsity Senior Night. Photo curtesy of John Miller.

her through her high school career.

Both the girls' and boys' basketball senior night was a success in applauding the amazing seniors in their involvement in the school's basketball teams.

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It's been reported that all five managers are also tennis athletes, just happening to be from Girls Tennis season back in the fall. Managers include 2025 seniors Miley

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Jarjis, Heidi Avalos, Grace Maldonado, Emma Acevedo, and 2028 Freshman Kelly Quintana. The two coaches are known as Coach Hinkle and Coach Josh. The seniors of the Boys Tennis team include Alejandro Davila, Cecil Howell, Johnson Ngo, Aiden Franco, Joshua Moreno and Ivan Tan.

The total team, at 26 people, all collaborate to better themselves in their techniques and push the entire team forward for a successful season and take home the Milk Jug against Don Lugo High School in April later this year.



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Blake Lively Accusations Create Drama with “It Ends With Us” Cast

By Sarah Olguin

All of it started back in January of 2023 when Colleen Hoover announced the casting for the movie. Fans instantly had stuff to say about Blake Lively playing an early 20s Lily Bloom as a woman in her 30s, but that was just the start of the horrible omen of the entire production and advertising of the movie.

Any sort of drama was radio silence until the press tour in the summer. Fans noticed that Justin Baldoni refused to be in any photos with Lively, he defended it by saying he wanted the focus to be on the women of the film, not him.

People started analyzing interviews and blaming all of it on Baldoni. Though, nothing more happened until a few weeks later

where Lively had stated that Baldoni had fat shamed her. In reality, he had a bad back and the “fat shaming” was that he needed to know how much she weighed to see if he could pick her up for the scene.

After two years of back and forth, allegations keep pouring out from insiders. Most recently, Lively has stated that Baldoni had allegedly sexually assaulted her among other things.

Other than those allegations, it is hard to tell where this drama is going besides the fact that the book and movie have a very controversial story line due to the romanticization of heavy topics of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Is the Doncic Trade the Biggest in NBA History?

By Marc Hernandez

On Saturday February 1st, a huge trade of players happened between two NBA teams, superstar guard Luka Doncic from the Dallas Mavericks was traded the Los Angeles Lakers for superstar center Anthony Davis.

This is the biggest trade in NBA history. Both teams benefit so much from this trade, especially the Lakers, who now have one of the best guards in the NBA and is younger in age, Luka Doncic. The Mavericks benefit from this trade as well. Though Antony Davis is a bit on the older side, he is the second-best center in the NBA.

“It is a generational talent that the Lakers received, I believe Luka is going to be the face of the fran-

chise for years to come” said Mr. Davila. He is glad to see the Lakers make such a huge move for the future of the franchise. Having this generational talent will make the future bright for both the team and the fans.

“For the future, Luka and the Lakers win this trade, but for now the Mavericks win this trade because they have all the best defensive players” said senior Rayli

Mendoza. For the present, Mendoza believes the Mavericks win, but for the late future, the Lakers will have won the trade by a long shot.

In the end, both teams benefited a lot from this world shocking trade.

Giving the Lakers a bright future, and the Mavericks the best defense this year.



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Captain America: Not Brave and Not New

By Ivan Pedraza

The new installment to the Marvel Cinematic Universe released on February 14, 2025, picking up after the events of 'The Falcon and the Winter Soldier' on Disney+. The movie received critically low scores by critics and discourse by fans online about the way that this film is taking towards progressing characters.

On its opening night, half of the theater seats were empty and the people that did come were only there because they had hope for the film, with some of them quickly changing their mind and using the movie as background noise to scroll on their phone. This movie is one that will leave split reactions and is something you will just have to see yourself to make a proper judgement of its contents.

The character of Thaddeus Ross is given a large role as a president caught in the middle of a sinister plot for world-domination by mysterious figures that Sam Wilson, the new Captain America, must race to stop before it's too late. Harrison Ford excels in his role as a short-tempered veteran Ross trying to be president while many attempts are made on his life. The performance just feels very in character and noticeably better, despite a recast with Harrison Ford following the death of the original actor, William Hurt, back in March of 2022.

Some of the new characters introduced are lackluster and did not seem to serve any real function to the story other than just being in the background or hyping up the main characters. Much of the movie

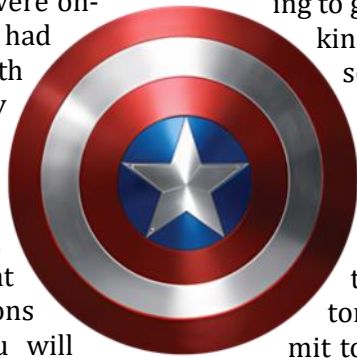
is carried by action scenes and setups for content that will involve bringing in long-awaited characters to the MCU, with many of them being ones that should have been there from the beginning of the franchise.

The story tended to get increasing bland with each minute, fighting hard to keep me engaged by having only the occasional name drop to hype things but failing to get me to maintain any kind of investment or setting up for future movies. It felt like the inclusion of villains who aren't in Captain America's rogues gallery was due to the writers and director being unable to commit to using actual political characters from the comic source material.

Every bit of the new world order plot made it obvious that they tried hard to create a political thriller but were too scared of reactions overseas, instead attempting to have a main theme of "forgiveness on both sides while not forgiving too much." A quick and simple definition of this film would be a simple adventure that tries too hard to be more than it is already.

This is a film that I personally would not recommend as I feel that it did many characters an injustice in their portrayals. It's a mediocre film that succeeds in being something other than boring. If you need something to sit back and relax on without a worry in your heart, then this movie might just be the thing for you.

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Mouthwashing: An Indie Masterpiece

By Bellissima Becerra

Recently, indie games have become extremely popular, especially in the horror genre. Many of the horror indie games have some sort of lore or backstory that comes with the gameplay, but *Mouthwashing* might just be a true masterpiece in the indie world.

Mouthwashing was released to Steam on September 26th, 2024, and was developed by Wrong Organ. The game is set in space on a freighter spaceship called the Tulpar. The story follows the five crew members on the ship who get stuck in space when an unexpected crash leaves them stranded. Then, they slowly run out of supplies and depend on the supply of Mouthwash they had in the cargo to keep them alive.

The game gained popularity due to horror fans finding the game very appealing with its intriguingly dark and disturbing narrative and interesting low poly art style that contributed to the overall gameplay. The game has impressive levels of writing in which it has no shame in putting in even the most disturbing of topics within the storyline. Not only that, but the music that plays in the background also contributes to the terrifying aesthetic of the game with its haunting soundtrack.

The gameplay is about as haunting as its other features, with scenes that make your stomach churn and moments that do not make you want to move, but it is so compelling, it makes the player feel like they must keep on moving. It is intriguing and fun and keeps you on your toes waiting to see what comes next.

Night of the Musical Masters Takes Center Stage

By Sophia Jimenez

On February 5th, eighteen of the best students from both sides of the music department were in the spotlight proving why they were specially selected to perform on that sacred night. Specifically known as Night of the Masters!

Now what is Night of the Master's, and how does one get to be a part of it? Well, once the second semester of the school year starts, band and choir students finish the second part of their musical finals, to which the grade on that final determines if they get to perform.

Typically, band students arrange or pick a song to practice with their respective instruments and inevitably perform in front of their peers. Choir students go through the same process but execute it vocally. In addition, duets and big group performances are welcome, but only if harmony is present!

These finals are scored out of 50 points, and if they receive a 45, they're eligible for Night of the Masters. The final lineup alternates between choir and band students to keep the performance types balanced. But essentially, only the best of the best performs, and it's their duty to showcase why!

That particular night consisted of eleven performances, of which there were seven soloists and four groups! It truly was a lineup of striking characters, who brought a varying song selection with them.

First up, was an Alto Sax duet consisting of senior Angel Garcia and sophomore Darcy Wang, who performed *Jazz Police*. It was a riveting performance only made possible by hard work and dedication!

The second performance was carried out by junior Angeline

Penaloza, who sung *Don't Rain on My Parade* from the musical *Funny Girl*. To which freshman Desiree Montano said was her favorite! "She had a lot of great energy and overall, she was a great person to watch," said Montano.

Senior Denise Mondragon was the third performer of the night, and she played an Alto Sax rendition of the popular song, *Maneater*. The performance in question contained a backing track of the original song, which further immersed you in the performance and filled what could have been potential empty space. Overall, a very skillfully executed, and wonderful performance!

Fourth on the list was senior and Alto section leader, Ariel Garcia. Who fittingly performed *Part of Your World* from *The Little Mermaid*. A perfect song choice since she had previously played Ariel in the theatre company's *The Little Mermaid Jr!*

Moreover, on the general topic of the audience experience that night, sophomore Ryker Ali said "The performances themselves were very fun to watch. It was awesome seeing my peers up there on the stage performing, because it takes a lot to get there." From practicing, achieving eligibility, and walking toward the stage, it can be said with utmost faith that these star-studded students gave it their all at the end of the day.

Junior Shrii Shah and freshman Qinwen Situ were the fifth on the list for the night. They were the second duet that night, they performed a delightful flute rendition of *Ballora's Waltz!*

Sixth was senior Hendric Ag-

note, who sung *Riptide* by Vance Joy. This marked the first male soloist of the night, and the charming performance delivered was the cherry on top!

The seventh performance happened to be a Clarinet Ensemble consisting of sophomores Kheylah Covarrubias, Jill Kawakami, Diane Xiochitiotzi, Isabella Armenta, and finally freshman Jasmine Xiochitiotzi. The group performed *Liber-tango*, a piece they had been practicing whenever they had the chance.

"I'm always nervous to perform in crowds, but playing with my friends really helped me calm down," said sophomore Xiochitiotzi.



Senior Annalise Ortega & her show-stopping performance on the 5th of February. Photo Courtesy of Evelyn Alva.

"I'm really happy to have people I can depend on to do what I love."

The eighth performance was carried out by senior Annalise Ortega, who sang *Dream a Little Dream*

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of *Me*. She was recovering from sickness prior to the Night of the Master's but still delivered a heartwarming rendition of the song. "It was very fun and very stressful leading up to it, but I'd do it again in a heartbeat," said Ortega.

Senior Edsel Maldonado performed ninth and did a trombone rendition of the piece *Can You Read my Mind* by John Williams.

The tenth performer on the list was senior, and soprano section leader, Ashley Moreno who sung *The Secret Place* by Phil Wickham.

"I picked that song because I knew it already, and to me it has a good meaning from a relationship with God. That's your getaway time to spend time with him. It just really speaks to you," said Moreno. "I'm sad it's my last year, but it was truly

fun, and I've always loved seeing all the Night of the Masters performances over the years. I'm so



Senior Hendric Agnote performing *Riptide* on February 5th. Photo courtesy of Evelyn Alva

happy that during my last two years at Chino I was able to be on stage."

The eleventh and or final per-

formance was a Sax Ensemble consisting of Angel Garica, Darcy Wang, junior Noah Berghammer, and freshman Jacob Martinez. Who performed *Volcanic Ash*, and you could tell how hard they worked on it. Berghammer relays that the group had been practicing for about two months, "every weekend for about 3 hours, and then we would run the song during lunch on school days."

"It was fun, I enjoyed the group I did it with. We worked hard but also hung out after our practices. We did pretty good during the performance," stated Berghammer.

There's no telling what kind of and more many performances this event will have next year, other than that, we'll be seeing new and familiar faces alike either way. Only time will tell.

Super Bowl Halftime Show Breaks Viewership Records

By Nikayli Watts and Rachelle Alvarez

This year's Superbowl was on Sunday, February 9. The performers at this year's Superbowl were Kendrick Lamar and featured performer SZA.

Lamar's performance was queued by certain phrases Samuel L Jackson would say. One example of this was Jackson saying that the performance was "too ghetto," that was Lamar's cue to play "Humble."

During Lamar's "Not Like Us" performance, he said Drake's name on live national television. Lamar also mentioned how "Some people like to sue" before his performance of "Not Like Us," calling Drake out for his lawsuit to stop Lamar from performing the song during the halftime show.

During a recent interview, Azriella Walker, 11'th shared her thoughts on Lamar's latest performance, expressing her excitement despite not being deeply familiar with his music. She described the show as an improvement over last year's halftime event and particularly praised the

choreography, which she found captivating and well-executed. Walker's appreciation for Lamar's artistry was evident as she reflected on the energy and creativity that made the performance stand out.

When asked if she would have changed anything about the show, Walker responded with a firm no, stating that she believed it was perfect as it was. She emphasized that the overall execution aligned well with Lamar's artistic vision, making any alterations unnecessary. Her confidence in the performance's impact suggested that she found it both entertaining and culturally significant.

Walker also weighed in on the ongoing tension between Kendrick Lamar and Drake, calling the situation "pretty cool." She pointed out that Drake appeared to be emotionally affected by a conflict that he had initiated, highlighting how Lamar's response positioned him as dominant in the rivalry. In her view, Lamar's handling of the situation was a calculated and strategic move that reinforced his influence in the industry.

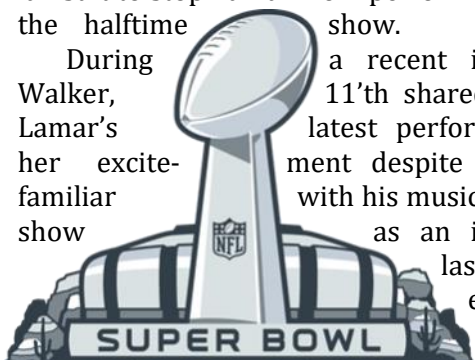


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77th Cavalry Marches at Disney Spreading Their Musical Magic!

By Jazmyne Vasquez

On February 6th, Chino 77th Cavalry Band marched down Main Street of Disneyland playing “A Matter of Red, White and Blue.” The march, conducted by Doug Bowden, brought smiles to people’s faces!

The song “A Matter of Red, White and Blue” was first learned by students during band camp last summer in June and July. This pow-

not the full band but were the ones who came to rehearsals, so we had to just adjust and practice for it.”

“Performing at Disneyland differed from our usual performances because of the energy of the audience that was there. Truly, compared to our normal performances at competitions. We only



77th Cavalry Band Marches around Main Street Disneyland, with the Color Guard leading the way.

erful arrangement of Taps taken place at Disney offers the perfect choice to stop and honor our heroes at home and abroad.

The band in fact used to go to Disney and perform in front of people all the time before the pandemic so certain policies had changed but they reapplied and got accepted to go back!

To prepare for the trip Mr. Bowden said, “Like on the first day of school, we always have a march in place and the Disney group was

had one goal, because Disneyland isn't about winning a medal or getting a first-place trophy. Disneyland is about sharing the gift of music” said senior Hendric Agnote.

The band felt good to be able to march and perform at Disney again. For many the highlight of the trip was having the crowd cheering, watching, filming, and taking pictures. They made up for the times they were not able to go and perform due to being quarantined.



Lamar’s Diss Takes Home Most Awards at Grammys

By Katya Quezada

The 67th Grammys ceremony was broadcasted on February 2, live from Los Angeles' Crypto.com Arena.

Beyonce won the most grammy and still holds the record of 35 Grammys. Beyonce won the Grammy “Album of the Year.”

Kendrick Lamar won the record of the year 2025. Lamar has won swept five categories winning the most awards including both song and record of the year for his Drakes diss “Not Like Us.”

Billie Eilish, Kendrick Lamar, Post Malone and Charli XCX received seven nominations this year, while Taylor Swift, Sabrina Carpenter and Chappell Roan earned six nods.

Roan won “Best New Artist” at the 2025 Grammy Awards and used her speech to call for fair pay and conditions in the music industry. The Weeknd, who ended a yearslong boycott of the award show that he once called “corrupt,” delivered a surprise performance.

Drama Club Involvement Supports Theater Productions

By Sophia Jimenez

Without even needing a dedicated class period to anything theater related, you can assist and perform in those very same full-fledged productions here on campus! But if you feel uncertain, strap in as we shine the limelight on this interesting club even more!

Despite offering the opportunity to understand the process of putting together a musical production and the chance to take center stage, the drama club also provides the opportunity to broaden your social circle and learn valuable skills in the department of teamwork.



The theater company performing for the foreign exchange students from China, eager to see more. Photo courtesy of Kayli D. Watts.

Alongside tech and the acting aspects, there are other crucial jobs within the club. Junior, theater tech, and stage manager Rocky Rodriguez stated more in depth these jobs are "making props, helping with costumes, handling heavy tech work-- like lights, sound, and projections."

Club meetings, like their activities, can vary depending on what needs to be done or further clarified. "It's usually scheduled when we have to discuss purchases for costumes or shows, and we also create meetings to update our thespian points," said junior and actor

Gwen Gelabert.

Naturally, different people join for different reasons, and yet the club finds itself suitable for most parties on campus. Some people were invited by a friend, took a shot at something new, or were formally introduced via a theater-based elective. While some joined because of their pure passion for the craft of acting. Da Rocha stated "I believe people should join so they can learn vocal and technical

skills, including sound, lighting, and set design. They can gain leadership abilities too."

The club is currently bustling with all the things there are to do! "Currently the drama club is working on many, many productions like Winnie the Pooh, House at Pooh Corner along with Ghostlight, all by Greg Cummings. We're also working on Les Misérables and Mary Poppins Jr, which is very exciting for our members," said Gelabert.

The Lovely Origin of Valentines Day

By Evelyn Alva

Valentine's Day is celebrated annually on February 14th and is recognized as a day of love and romance. However, its origin is unclear and not fully understood.

The history of Valentines Day is a mix of legend and historical events, blending ancient Roman traditions and medieval romantic ideals. One of the first mentions of Valentine's Day goes back to the ancient roman festival of Lupercalia that was held between February 13 to 15.

This festival was held for Faunus the roman god of agriculture and Romulus and Remus the founders of Rome. At this festival priest would sacrifice animals because they believed it would increase fertility. There was also matchmaking at this festival, where young men and women were randomly paired, which established the connection of the month of February and love.

One of the most believed stories of where Valentine's Day originates from is The Legend of Saint Valentine. In this legend it is said

that around 269 AD Emperor Claudius decided to ban marriages for the young soldiers because he believed that single men made better and more focused fighters. Then a priest by the name of Valentine went behind the emperors back and would secretly perform marriages for the soldiers. When Claudius found out about Valentine's deceitfulness he was arrested and then executed on the 14th.

Today's celebration of Valentine's is said to be popularized by writer Geoffrey Chaucer, an English poet, mostly known for his poem "Parlement of Fouls" published 1382. During this time people would write love letters and poetry which paved the way for today's modern traditions.

Although the exact origin of Valentines Day is still uncertain, the holiday has consistently celebrated love and romance and continues to evolve.

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Part Two: Chino Alumni Take a Walk Down Memory Lane

By Deja Hernandez, Samantha Sandoval, Evelyn Alva



Micheal Surina Class of 2006

"Dances were always fun memories with taking pictures, going to a fun dinner, and hanging out with friends. Big games were always fun to play in like playing chino hills in football in front of 15,000 people on a Friday night for the league title."

Jennifer Lang Class of 2010

"I was thinking about quitting teaching because I had a few rough years, and I thought maybe the thing that I needed was to return to the community that made me who I am. And it was the best decision I have ever made."



Hannah Castaneda Class of 2014

"I had a great chemistry teacher who also inspired me to become a chemistry teacher. It just kind of fell into place that it worked out this way."



Kyle Guillemet Class of 2014

"One of the main reasons that I wanted to come back to teach at chino was because of the relationships I had built with the staff members that were still on campus. Mr Miller was my assistant principle when I was a student and he was always a great administrator, my chemistry teacher Mrs. Wendling (who was one of the reasons I got into teaching) was still here so it just felt right coming back."

Kailey Christenson Class of 2018

"My first year back at the school was when the school was rebuilt. It wasn't the school I imagined before. It was a little weird once having the teachers you had and now calling them by their first name and teaching with them. Mr. Miller was my principal at the time, so I still call him Mr. Miller. There was no nervousness though. It felt like the good ole days and everyone's still here that was here when I was here."

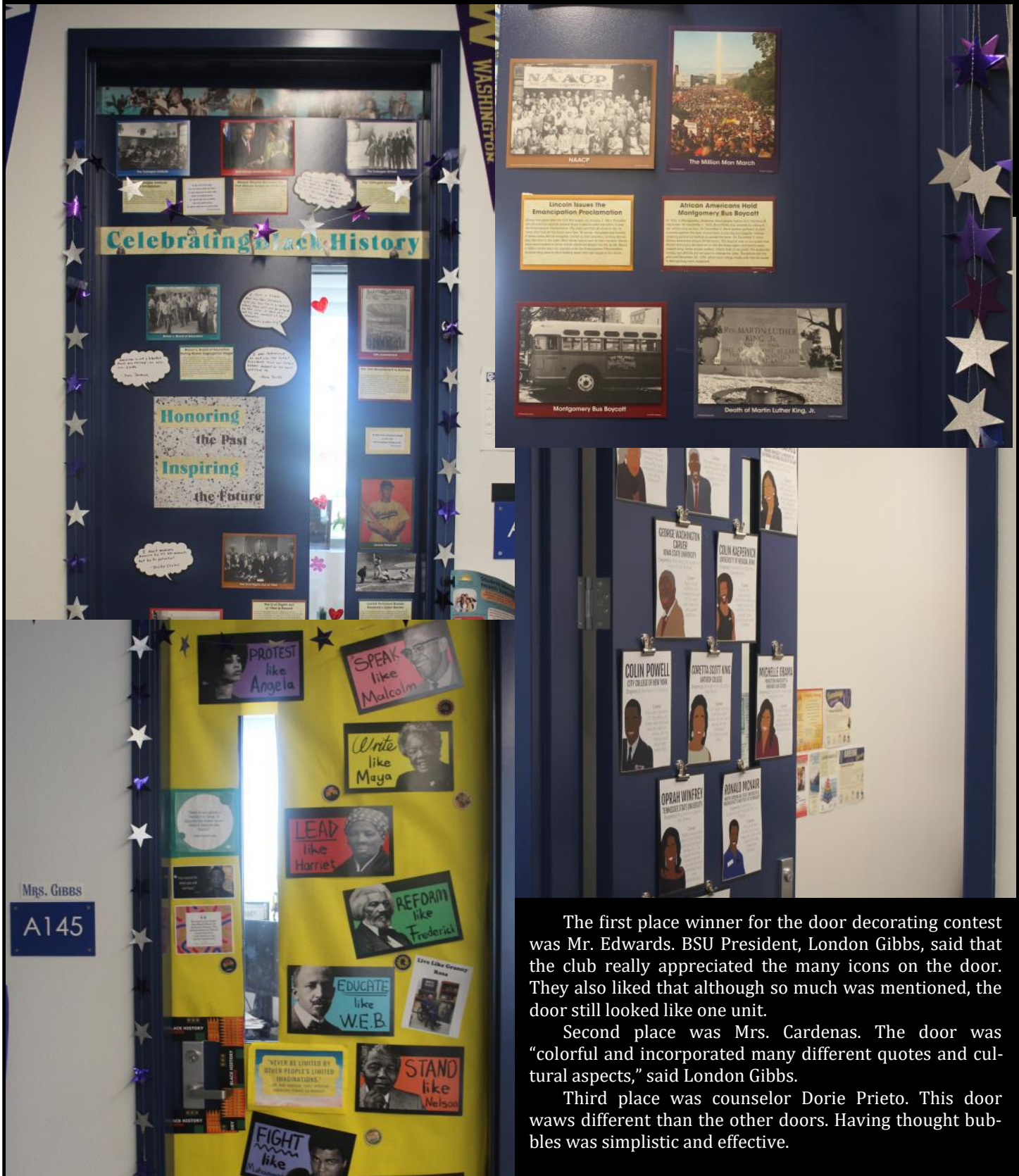


Lindsey Johnson Class of ??

"The familiar faces, the camaraderie with colleagues, and the opportunity to guide students year after year have made this experience truly special. I consider myself lucky to have spent 20 years teaching in a place that has always felt like family."

Staff Honors Black History Month With Door Decorations

By Steven Damian and Evelyn Alva



The first place winner for the door decorating contest was Mr. Edwards. BSU President, London Gibbs, said that the club really appreciated the many icons on the door. They also liked that although so much was mentioned, the door still looked like one unit.

Second place was Mrs. Cardenas. The door was "colorful and incorporated many different quotes and cultural aspects," said London Gibbs.

Third place was counselor Dorie Prieto. This door waws different than the other doors. Having thought bubbles was simplistic and effective.