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RITA'S: LOCAL FLAVOR

By Heath Francis

Matt and I walked into a well decorated Mexican restaurant. The tables were close together, suggesting that it would get crowded in a few hours when dinner came around. And anyone who had been there during dinner would certainly attest to this restaurant's popular-



ity. We were at Rita's, a medium sized joint located in old town that attracts lots of people on the weekends with its busy atmosphere and flavorful food.

Sitting down, we each scoped out the menu to see what we wanted. This proved not to be too hard, as our options were organized and we had been there before. Although I traditionally ordered the mole burrito with san antonio beef, I decided to try something different. Chimichangas are one of my favorite Mexican dishes and I was unfamiliar with Rita's version of the chimi-

changa. For my filling I chose carne asada being that I'm not a big chicken fan. Matt, in his infinite wisdom asked for a Grande Ranchero burrito with tinga filling (shredded chicken soaked in chipotle sauce) and chipotle sauce on top.

The good thing about Mexican restaurants is that they have a free appetizer for you just for walking

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Top Ten Christmas Songs

1. White Christmas - Bing Crosby
2. Rudolph, The Red Nosed Reindeer - Gene Autry
3. Jingle Bell Rock - Bobby Helms
4. The Christmas Song - Nat King Cole
5. Here Comes Santa Claus - Gene Autry
6. Little Drummer Boy - Harry Simeone Choral
7. Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree - Brenda Lee
8. Santa Claus Is Coming To Town - Four Seasons
9. Grandma Got Ran Over By A Reindeer - Elmo & Patsy
10. Blue Christmas - Elvis Presley



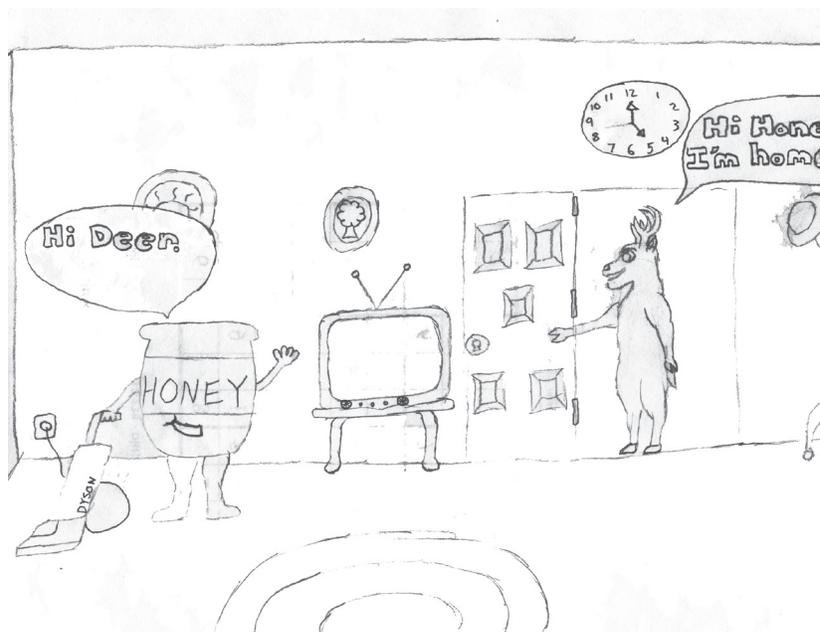
Joke of the Month

Ryker: "What did Batman say to Robin before they got in the car?"

Andrew: "I don't know, what?"

Ryker: "Get in the car!"

Andrew: "HA!"



Grand Theft Auto V Review

By Andrew Cutler & Ryker Avila

Released September 17 a day after National Guacamole Day, (coincidence?) Developed by Rockstar Games, Grand Theft Auto V is one of the most highly anticipated games ever. Grand Theft Auto V has grossed over \$1 billion within just three days of being released! It is the most expensive game ever developed costing over \$275 million to create. Rockstar made the \$275 million back before the game was even released. Broken 7 Guinness World Records, and sold 11.21 million copies in 24 hours! In three weeks has been considered the 12th best-selling game ever.



Set in Los Santos, California (Los Angeles) you play as a young man, named Franklin, trapped in the life of an urban gangster with no future. Soon he stumbles along another main character named Michael. Michael, voiced by actor Ned

Luke, is a retired bank robber who is currently in the witness protection program after making a deal with the FIB. Franklin is the youngest of the three protagonists. He works at a luxury car dealership. Trevor is a former military pilot who did a few bank jobs with Michael back in the day. Michael tries to help Franklin by offering him a role in a bank robbery he was about to take part in. Each main character has his own personality, motivations and skill-set. When you're not controlling them, their lives continue and you may be surprised to see what situations they find themselves in when you switch back.

Christmas Calendar

By Kate Harvey



Go visit Santa at the mall. You can visit from November 29th through December 24th.

Cut down your own Christmas tree. (The whole month of December) You can go to

Eel River farms, Diamond Ranch, and Eel Canyon farms.

Visit Santa in Old Town on December 20th from 12-3, December 21st from 12-3, December 23rd from 12-3, and December 24th from 12-3.

Go see A Christmas star on December 21st at 3pm at Eureka High School.



What Do You Want For Christmas?

By Heather Cutler & Casey Allen

Ben Kortus - "Two front teeth, windshield, and world peace."

Greta Hilfiker - "Puppies and cats and glitter and love."

Tommy Brown - "The best gift someone could ever get: playstation 4. And new under armor half sleeves."

Yvonne - "Braccialini purse."

Most Likely To Be Santa Clause - Heath Francis

Teacher's Holiday Plans

By Andrew Cutler & Ryker Avila

Mrs. Thrap - I'm going to stay home, having Christmas with family.

Ms. Albertson - I will be flying to Orange County to see family.

Mr. Schofield - I might go hiking but most of the time I will be staying home with my family.

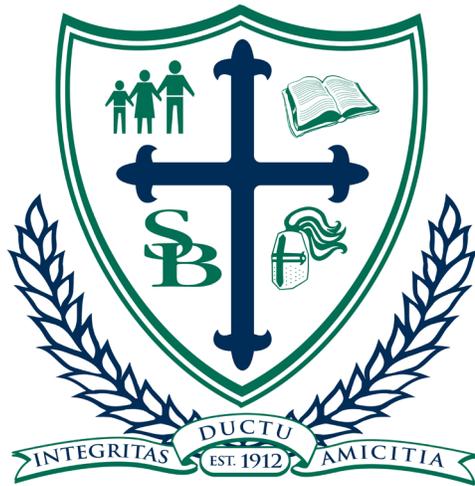
Mr. Brown - My son will be coming home from San Francisco, Christmas dinner with my four granddaughters, and reading my Star Trek novels.

Girl's Varsity Basketball Preview

By Kaden Law

The Lady Crusaders, coming off of a good season last year, are not only looking to make it to NCS this season, but to win a section championship. The Crusaders' head coach, Matt Tomlin has already led the team to two tournament championships in this preseason. This has come with a combination of experience in eight upperclassmen, and young talent in five underclassmen. The Lady Crusaders have one of the strongest and

well-balanced rosters in all of HDN. The 2013-14 season looks very promising for the Lady Crusaders.



ST. BERNARD'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A College Preparatory

Boy's Varsity Basketball Preview

By Heath Francis

The St. Bernards Boys Varsity Basketball team has enough talent to win a Little Four championship this year. It might be a bold statement but I believe it could happen. With a roster stacked full of returning Varsity players, the Crusaders have

already gotten first place in the Potter Valley tournament and they don't plan on stopping there. A mediocre season last year left a bad taste in many of the players' mouths so when the regular season starts in a few weeks expect good things from this team.

Lady Crusaders Varsity Roster:

#10 Betsy Brown
#11 Erika Silvers
#12 Paige Legaz
#15 Morgan Petrusha
#20 Kayla Bonomini
#21 Joslynn Silvers
#22 Shateara Bean
#23 Karly Robertson
#24 Tita Tanuvasa
#32 Becca Parker
#33 Kirbi Campbell
#34 Lauren Geneviro
#42 Reve Tomlin

Boys Varsity Basketball Roster:

#23 Logan Thrap
#21 Houston Knox
#11 Oscar Pimentel
#20 Daniel Kortus
#12 Nolan Stokesberry
#10 Patrick Allen
#22 Noah Davis
#14 Cade McNamara
#3 Nick Evansizer
#15 Chandler Wilson
#5 Steve Jiang
#32 Heath Francis
Carter Johnson*

*Ineligible until January

NFL PRESEASON PROJECTIONS

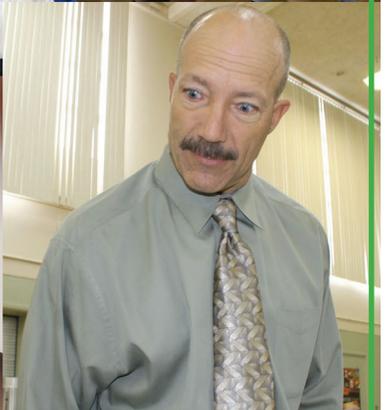
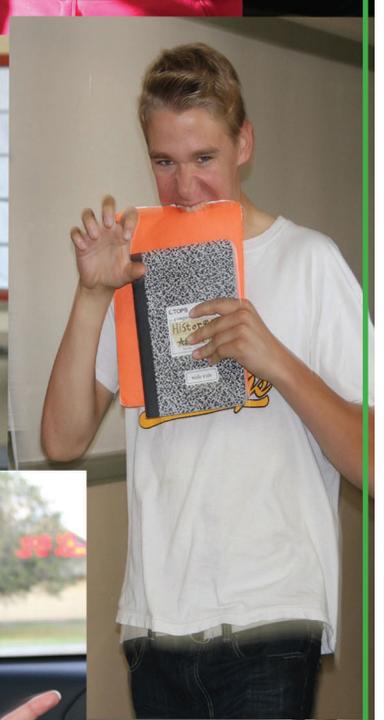
by Kaden Law

AFC	NFC
North: CINCINNATI BENGALS: 12-4 BALTIMORE RAVENS: 10-6 CLEVELAND BROWNS: 8-8 PITTSBURGH STEELERS: 6-10	North: GREEN BAY PACKERS: 12-4 CHICAGO BEARS: 10-6 DETROIT LIONS: 9-7 MINNESOTA VIKINGS: 2-14
South: HOUSTON TEXANS: *11-5 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS: 11-5 TENNESSEE TITANS: 9-7 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS: 1-15	South: ATLANTA FALCONS: 13-3 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS: 12-4 CAROLINA PANTHERS: 6-10 TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS: 4-12
East: NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS: 12-4 MIAMI DOLPHINS: 9-6-1 BUFFALO BILLS: 7-8-1 NEW YORK JETS: 7-9	East: PHILADELPHIA EAGLES: *9-7 DALLAS COWBOYS: 9-7 NEW YORK GIANTS: 7-9 WASHINGTON REDSKINS: 5-11
West: DENVER BRONCOS: 15-1 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS: 11-5 SAN DIEGO CHARGERS: 7-9 OAKLAND RAIDERS: 6-10	West: SEATTLE SEAHAWKS: 13-3 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS: 12-4 ST. LOUIS RAMS: 8-8 ARIZONA CARDINALS: 3-13

*OWNS TIEBREAKER

Merry Christmas

from the Crusader Nation Writers
and Staff!



Rita's: Local Flavor

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in. Their tortilla chips were baked to a crispy perfection, while their two different choices of salsa were also delectable. Snacking on our chips and salsa we passed the time talking while we waited on our orders.

When the food was served we were quite ready to eat. Visually my chimichanga was well prepared. It was golden brown, topped with the traditional lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, and guacamole. Both of our burritos were large but Matt's was the largest of the two, and it was smothered in chipotle sauce. I spread some of the salsa over the burrito and dug in. The carne asada had a delicious sear around it and I could taste the perfect amount of pepper and salt. The flavors mixed together perfectly and I knew this would be my new regular order. As for Matt's experience the one word he used to describe his burrito was "titillating". Nice choice of words Matt.

As for the overall rating of the restaurant I give it four and a half stars. I visit Rita's regularly and don't plan on stopping any time soon because their food is well prepared and flavorful. If you haven't been there before then I would recommend that you do next time you get the chance.

Q & A With Betty Chin

By: Andrew Cutler & Ryker Avila



Q: Are you doing anything special for Christmas?

A: I am giving gifts for the homeless children all around.

Q: What is it like for you this time of year?

A: I get very busy around the holiday. It's a good time for the children so it is hard for the homeless people.

Q: What exactly do you do around the community?

A: I help 500 people or more. I give out clothes and food for all of the homeless people. And I give water so they don't get dehydrated. I love them and care very much for them.

Q: Does it feel different to help people this time of year compared to the rest of the year?

A: They feel more depressed during the holidays. It is also colder so they need more help.

Q: What is your favorite season to help people?

A: Every day is an opportunity to help someone. She loves helping during Christmas time because it is emotional.

Q: What is the one thing you need the most from the community this time of year?

A: I need prayers for all of the homeless. I need other people to understand that it's not always their fault that they are homeless.



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