



PROM 2024 HELD AT MUSEUM OF LATIN AMERICAN ARTS

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With great anticipation, 2024 Council held an assembly in the auditorium on March 4 to announce the 2024 Prom theme. Before the reveal, performances from Marching Band, All Male, Cheer and Guitar Geeks kept students entertained. Following a brief video teaser, the 2024 Prom theme was revealed to be A Cinderella Story.

"[The prom theme was] not the worst, but not the best either," senior Ashlin San Andres said. "Although it's very classical, that also makes it very boring."

Tickets were \$110 for the first two weeks, \$120 for the third week and \$140 for the fourth week.

On April 4, the top five Prom Court nominations for the Prom King and Queen were announced to be seniors Xavier Reyes and Nathalie Oregon, Alistair Connelly and Julianna Tapia, Jahan Guevara and Neila Kelly, Justin Estrada and Liana Ramirez as well as Nathan Tolentino and Sunny Tang.

During the week of prom, a spirit week was held to begin the festivi-



A CINDERELLA STORY: Seniors Jia Jia Chen, Joycelyn Nham, Megan Chea, Tiffany Belle Gon and Eva Lay pose in their prom outfits. The prom theme was "A Cinderella Story" and the location was the Museum of Latin American Arts.

Photo Courtesy of: Eva Lay

ties. The dress-up days were Bring it Back Monday, Disney/Pixar Tuesday, Evil Step Sister Wednesday, Dapper Thursday and Prince/Princess Friday.

"It was really fun seeing everyone dressing with the spirit week themes," ju-

nior Wilson Jiang said. "In a way I think it also promoted unity in our campus."

Finally, Prom took place on Saturday, April 13. This year, the dance was held at the Museum of Latin American Arts in Long Beach, California. The col-

or palette for attire was white, silver, pastel blue, pastel pink, pastel yellow and pastel purple.

As the clock struck 7:00 p.m., students began to enter the venue.

The dance was held indoors and outdoors. The walls of the indoor venue were decorated with artwork from the museum. At the photo booth outdoors, students took photos in front of a black backdrop which were then developed into photo strips. Due to the rain, a majority of participants stayed indoors.

The food included salad, pasta, chicken and garlic bread. Cookies, brownies and lemondade were also on offer for those in attendance.

"The quality of food and desserts afterward [was] the highlight of this event for me," said senior Alvin Hu.

As students danced and enjoyed the evening together, the 2024 Prom Queen and King were announced to be Guevara and Kelly.

"Prom was okay but the support from the crowd made it ten times better!" Guevara said.

After a night filled with memories, the dance concluded at 11:00 p.m.

GO MOORS: SPRING SEASON SPORTS UPDATES

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On Feb. 26, the Almont Baseball League began with the Moors in their first match against Schurr. The team ended their season with a record of 12-3 and went to round 3 in CIF.

"I think the season has gone very well," junior Ryan Gomez said. "The final series against Montebello was the best [we] played, [because] we played for much more than just wins."

The badminton team ended their season with a record of 2-8, which placed them 6th overall in Almont League. Cody Duan was league champion in boys singles. Duan and Nicole Chen also placed second in mixed. After their final match against Mark Keppel on May 10, the team ended up CIF Division 3 Champions.

The boys golf team ended their season against Montebello (229-246) with a victory and an overall record of 8-1-3. Josiah Lai placed third in Almont League and qualified for CIF.

On March 14, the softball team won their first game 14-4 against Montebello. They went on to beat San Gabriel 29-0. The team ended their season with a record of 5-14, which placed them fourth in the Almont League.

"Though it was a tough season, the girls worked hard and made it through," junior Maya Arnot said. "Ready to come back better than ever."

On Feb. 27, the swim team dove into deep waters, competing against Monrovia in their first Almont League meet. The team ended their season on April 16 with



GO, FIGHT, WIN: Members of the badminton team huddle up and celebrate a win against Mark Keppel on April 22.

Photo by: Andy Taing

a record of 3-4 for boys and 4-3 for girls.

Boys tennis initiated their league season against San Gabriel on March 7. On March 19, the team had their first league win against Montebello (14-4). They would repeat a victory against Montebello on April 18. In the Almont League, Dylan Luhar placed second for singles in boys tennis. Their season ended with a record of 3-14.

The track team's first meet of the season was against Gabrielino and John Muir on Feb. 22. However, the first league meet at Schurr High

School was canceled due to a storm.

"So far the season has been incredible, and this has been the best season in the past years," junior Jonathan Yu said.

On Feb. 21, the boys volleyball team started their season against Gabrielino. The team won their first preseason game against Workman High School with a score of 3-1.

"It could have gone way better, but next year we will return much stronger," junior Philip Shao said.

Overall, the Moors had a strong spring sports season this year.

SPEECH AND DEBATE UPDATE

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As the end of the school year approaches, many clubs on campus have begun to compete in their last competitions, one of them being Speech and Debate.

Speech and Debate is both a club and class, allowing for students to master public speaking skills while also competing in yearly competitions. Some events include Humorous Interpretation, Congressional Debate and Duo Interpretation.

"Speech and Debate provides more than just speaking skills," senior Alton Zhang said. "It is an experience that promotes further understanding of identity, communication and critical thinking... everyone can find their own tournament."

On April 6, Speech and Debate competed in the Campbell Aloha Classic at Montebello High School. After a long day of competition, many of the competitors emerged victorious including Victoria Bui in Oratorical Interpretation, Ann Vo in Original Advocacy and Zachary Arakawa in Congressional Debate.

On April 13, juniors Devin Zapata and Collin Lei competed in State Champs at Bakersfield College.

"My favorite part [of the tournament] was meeting new people and seeing the level that the other [competitors] in the finals were at," Zapata said.

The Speech and Debate team will take some time out to celebrate their many accomplishments at this year's banquet on Tuesday, May 21.

In Other News

JULIANNA TAPIA
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Detroit children race to collect marshmallows dropped by helicopter - Shortage in Norway results in hoarding eggs from Sweden

New Mexico shoplifter chased by police on horseback - Firefighters in New Jersey save dog trapped in spare tire

Two new groundhog babies Sunny and Shadow born to Punxsutawney Phil - Wooden plank from the movie "Titanic" sells for over \$700,000



JULIANNA TAPIA
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They say you don't know you're in the good ol' days until you're out of them, but when I'm sitting behind the camera, laughing with the anchors, I know I've found them. From eating snacks and filming taste tests, to going on field trips to cover different experiences, there is nothing like being in Newspaper.

I think about where I started and I almost can't believe where I am now—not only as Editor in Chief, but as an overall more outgoing and confident individual. When I clicked the little box with Journalism written next to it in the course catalog, I could have never imagined where I would end up. Even at the beginning, when I would cry after every draft and dread interviews, I wouldn't have foreseen the position I am in now—not the people I met, nor the connections I have made.

Being a part of The Moor Weekly since sophomore year has taught me how to be more confident in myself. I have been able to go to events that I would have never been able to go to otherwise and met so many amazing people.

Thank you to my fellow staff for working with me, the viewers for watching and Ms. Naylor for supporting us.

MORE CHROMEBOOK LOANERS NEEDED

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This semester, some students have had issues with getting loaner Chromebooks from the school. If their Chromebooks are broken or if they forgot their Chromebook and need a loaner, students are supposed to go to the computer room in the morning. However, distributions have been more delayed than usual.

Of course, much of this is due to there being not enough Chromebooks or with the fact that some students have more than one loaner Chromebook checked out to them that have not been returned. Fewer loaner Chromebooks returned to the school means fewer Chromebooks available for checkout.

This issue can be irritating, especially if the wait is a long period of time before having access to a working computer. Some students, therefore, do not have a Chromebook right now even though many teachers assign work online.

In order to correct Chromebook loaning issues, teachers should be provided with a few loaners in case students leave theirs at home. The school's Chromebook loaning issues could be minimized significantly in this way.

“THE LITTLE MERMAID” GOES SWIMMINGLY

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This year's spring musical brought to life a classic Disney movie beloved by many: “The Little Mermaid.”

Although the musical clocked in at almost three hours, the crowd for the closing night on Saturday, April 27 was captivated. There were also many children in attendance for the family-friendly show.

The director of the show was drama teacher Rachel Snow with choreography by Jessica Barone. The student dance captain was senior Abbie Velasquez.

Along with sophomore Jeylin Guerrero as Ariel, in her second year starring in the school musical after her turn in last year's Zombie Prom, there were several standout performers in the large cast.

Junior Mia Reyes showed off her singing prowess as Ursula. Her cronies Flotsam, junior Jeffrey Hu, and Jetsam, junior Jocelyn Zepeda, moved so in sync that it seemed like they were really swimming under the sea.

The performance of the song “Under The Sea” was a vibrant, captivating display lead by senior Ben Alo as Sebastian and featuring almost the entire cast on stage.

Sophomore Leo De Dios showcased his acting, dancing, and singing skills as Prince Eric.

One comedic highlight of the show was Chef Louis played by senior Gray Lina. Their rendition of the song “Les Poissons” had the audience laugh-



UNDER THE SEA: Sophomores Jeylin Guerrero (Ariel) and Leo De Dios (Prince Eric) on the set of the spring musical “The Little Mermaid.”

Photo by: Rachel Snow

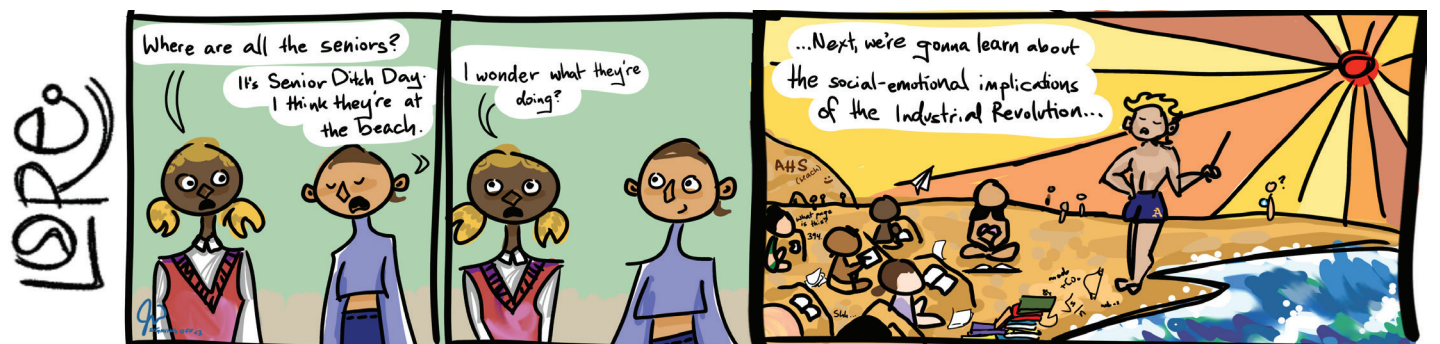
ing out loud. Another highlight was a group of modern dancers who represented water, storms and more. Their lift of prince Eric near the end of Act I was especially impressive.

On the tech side, senior Jess Campos, the lead painter, did an excellent job on the detailed set pieces. senior Natalia Sanchez was the lead carpenter and stage manager. The lead lighting tech was junior Randi Hall, Senior Chloe Avila, and junior Samanta

Gutierrez were the electricians who made sure the lighting cues were on time and added to the atmosphere of the show. They, along with the rest of the cast and crew, did an excellent job.

The entire musical looked high-budget and was truly impressive. The minimal sets did not take away from the actors' performances.

Overall, the musical was a successful production and was hopefully able to bring in some much-needed funding for the arts.



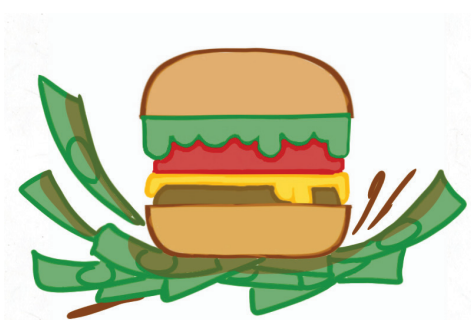
FAST FOOD WAGE HIKE NOT AS BENEFICIAL AS IT SEEMS

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California recently introduced a new bill that increased the fast food minimum wage by four dollars. Starting April 1, fast food workers' minimum wage was raised from the state-wide \$16 to \$20. This new law does not affect restaurants with fewer than 60 locations or those that primarily sell bread, according to KTLA.

In theory, this is a good idea, but the way it is being executed will likely have many negative effects on consumers and employers.

While the wage hike could help reduce income inequality, prices on menu items will need to be increased to compensate fast food restaurants for this wage increase. This in turn impacts consumers since fast food will



now be more expensive for people.

According to NBC Los Angeles, menu prices at some fast food restaurants have gone up as much as 8%. These include Wendy's, Starbucks and Chipotle.

If the prices go up too much, fewer customers will patronize these restaurants which will result in lower profits and even in some employees being fired in order to save on costs.

While fast food is not exactly healthy, it has traditionally been a low-priced option

for people who need a meal on the go.

According to the New York Post, in some McDonalds locations, for example, a McDouble sandwich used to cost \$1.19 in 2014 and now costs \$3.19. A medium fries at McDonalds went up from \$1.59 to \$3.79. While some of this has to do with inflation, the wage hike certainly has an effect. Prices are now so high at some places that people with fewer funds, like high school students, can no longer afford to eat there.

In addition, some fast food restaurants have begun cutting employees' hours in an effort to reduce the amount of money they need to pay. This could mean that, although the employees technically got a raise, they would still be making less money. This new law will only be effective if employers keep the hours the same.

While it is true that fast food employees deserve a raise, this new law is not as beneficial as it seems.

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END OF YEAR EVENTS

As the 2023-2024 school year comes to an end, many special events are taking place. For seniors, this meant attending Prom and preparing for Econ Summit. For Thespians, their spring musical, “The Little Mermaid,” took place in late April. Spring sports teams including softball and boys volleyball also had their final games recently. Other events like March Madness and Teacher Pie Day have also helped the school transition into a fun, memorable close to the year. Let’s take a look back at some of these events.

EMILEE LIEN, Features Editor



April 18-21 was March Madness Rally in the gym at lunch. Softball-baseball defeated football in the dodgeball final. “I was really happy with the outcome because there was a lot of participation from the sports teams, but also the spectators who all seemed really engaged,” junior Class President Tatiana Hernandez said.

Photo: Nicole Jian Caption: Kate Kameshina



The Economic Summit is a big deal every year for seniors. It is a mix of learning and fun. Seniors Peizhen Chen and Megan Phan were spotted working hard on their poster representing Vietnam. “One of the best parts about the Econ Summit is the different categories we are able to compete in,” Chen said.

Photo & Caption: Elizabeth Jara



On March 22, in honor of Pi Day, teachers volunteered to participate in an event dubbed “Pie or Soak a Teacher,” where students paid either four dollars to throw a pie, or three dollars to drench faculty members in water. “Seeing teachers get pied and soaked was so fun,” junior Shiyong Chen said.

Photo & Caption: Anson Chau



On Friday, April 12, an assembly was held in the auditorium as a preview for the spring musical, “The Little Mermaid.” Students got to see three different sneak previews of songs that are in the play. “For someone who doesn’t typically watch plays, I enjoyed the songs and how the actors sang them,” freshman Kaylee Jimenez said.

Photo & Caption: Krystina Gutierrez-Rosales



Juniors and seniors danced the night away at prom which was on April 13 at the Museum of Latin American Art. “It was fun,” senior Anabella Maldonado said. “It rained but I had fun with my friends.”

Photo & Caption: Rebecca Ramirez



On April 16, the volleyball team had their Senior Night against the Montebello Oilers. The game ended with a score of 0-3. At the end of the game, senior members of the team were celebrated for their dedication to the team. “I did enjoy the memories I was able to make with the team,” senior Joshua Wong said.

Photo: Kyra Lau Caption: Krystina Gutierrez-Rosales



During the week of April 8-12, students dressed up for Prom Spirit Week. April 11 was Dapper Thursday, where students would dress in their neatest fashion. Juniors Audrie Valdez and Caryse Guerrero participated. “I am excited and looking forward to spending time with my friends [at prom],” Guerrero said.

Photo & Caption: Kalia Nguyen



The softball team had their Senior Night playing against San Gabriel on Monday April 22, ending the game with the score of 10-0. At the end of the game, the team celebrated their three seniors. “My last home game was really memorable since we mercied San Gabriel on Senior Night,” senior Aleena Ramos said.

Photo & Caption: Yazmyn Juarez



The Senior Decision Day event was on May 1. The event lasted from advisory to the end of lunch. There was food, raffles and other activities. “It feels good to have some chill time as a senior since everything is so busy right now,” senior Derek Wang said.

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