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## AP of Instruction Brandon Dade Bids Farewell to AHS

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Starting next school year, there will be changes to the AHS administration. The current Assistant Principal (AP) of Instruction, Brandon Dade, has been promoted to the position of principal in two Alhambra Unified School District high schools: Century and Independence.

"I feel I'm ready to be a principal, and [this] is the only opportunity in [the] district. It's a good fit for me and the kids there," Dade said.

Dade has been an administrator at AHS for the past five years. He accepted his new position on April 4 and will begin in the '11-'12 school year.

"I definitely wanted to stay in this district. I won't be on this campus, but I can still help kids from Alhambra. This is going to be a good and unique experience for me. It will provide more opportunity to help students in trouble. I can really help students with

unique needs," Dade said. "It's definitely going to be different from what I'm doing now."

To fill his vacant position, current AP of Guidance Jas Cisneros, who has had previous experience as an elementary school principal, instructional specialist and classroom teacher, will become AP of Instruction.

"[Dade] is going to make a fabulous principal and the kids at Independence and Century High will really benefit [from] him," Cisneros said. "I'm also excited about my new position, because instruction and curriculum is my specialty. But we'll all miss him terribly."

Phuong Nguyen, currently AP of Student Services, will become AP of Guidance.

"I am very excited about the opportunity but will greatly miss AHS," Dade said. "It has been home for me for eight years and it has been a pleasure working with the staff and students here."



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**'STOP CUTS TO EDUCATION'** Over the past two years, AUSD has cut over \$50 million. With \$6-15 million more in cuts expected that will continue to reduce jobs and will result in program reductions, such as fewer AP and elective options, as well as reduced music and arts and sports programs, parents, students, faculty and staff gather at a Town Hall Meeting on May 3 at San Gabriel High School's auditorium to "invest in our children and our community."

## Special Academy Hosts Special Dreams Concert

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Most of us grow up with some kind of dream. Some people might wish to star in their own movies. Others might opt for a different route and wish to become firefighters or doctors when they grow up. Regardless of what the dream is, if there is a will to fulfill it, it can be done. However, for some people who have obstacles to overcome, this can prove difficult.

This is where the Academy of Special Dreams hopes to level the playing field. According to the Special Academy,

"all persons, regardless of their disabilities, should have equal opportunities to express their talents and to be successful in the Arts." This is accomplished through the promotion of awareness to artists in the special needs community.

One of these opportunities of recognition will be available at the first "Vive the Special DREAM Concert 2011," which will be hosted by this nonprofit foundation and the Academy Art Club at AHS. The concert, titled "A Musical Explosion of the Senses," will be held in the AHS auditorium on May 31 from 6-8 p.m.

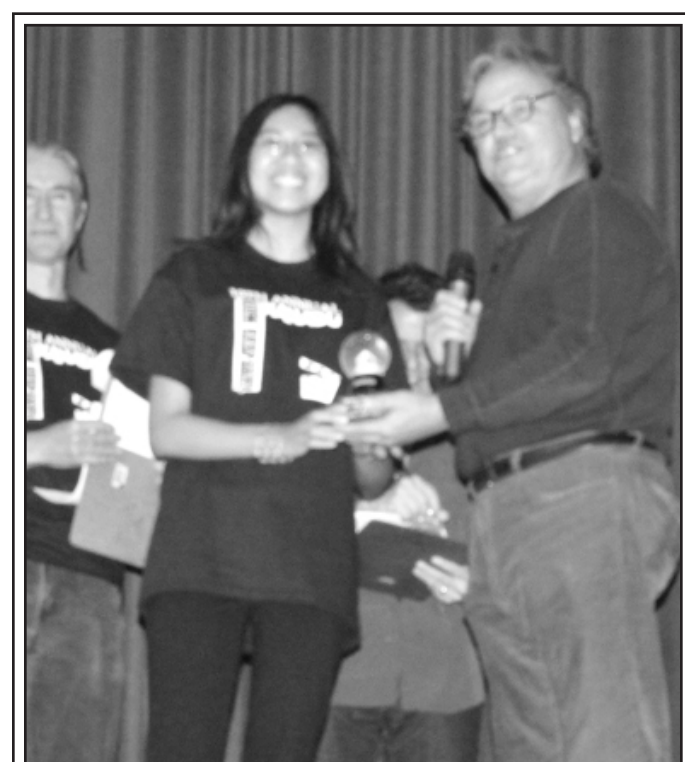
This event will feature live performances of up-and-coming musicians with disabilities who will play a variety of musical numbers, as well as other individuals and musical groups who will play original songs to show their support for the special needs community, such as the Los Angeles rock band Monte Negro.

Besides this display of musical talents, there will also be an art exhibit in the auditorium lobby featuring artists from both AHS and the Special Academy. In addition, five senior artists featured in the exhibit will be awarded schol-

arships during the show.

A minimum donation of five dollars is requested for the purchase of tickets. The money donated will be used to fund the scholarships such as the ones that will be awarded at this concert.

"[Through this concert, we hope] to increase public awareness, recognition and appreciation of the creative talents of people with disabilities by providing opportunities that encourage, promote and showcase their artistic expressions," Special Academy President and CEO Michael Dergar said.



**MOOR** photo by JOYCE TSUI  
**LIGHTS, CAMERA, XANADU** The 10th Annual Xanadu Film Festival was held on April 29. The event, hosted by Film Society, featured student-made films. AHS junior Maegan Mungcal placed first in the Best Music Video category.

## Atlantic Edwards Theater to be Demolished

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Although the Edwards Theater on Atlantic Boulevard is now known for its discount-priced movie tickets, it was once hailed as one of the first multiplexes in Los Angeles and contains a rich history that dates back over 70 years.

Despite being one of the oldest movie theaters in Alhambra, the Edwards Atlantic has been planned for demolition on July 1.

"With the newer movie theaters nearby, I don't think it

will be missed," senior Marcelo Flores said. "[But] one of my greatest memories [at] the theater is lining up with my family to watch the first Spiderman."

In 1939, James Edwards III purchased the theater on Atlantic Boulevard for \$400, adding to his ownership of several other movie theaters around Monterey Park.

As movies with audio became more and more popular, business thrived, so Edwards bought another property next door in order to expand the

theater.

This cinema on Atlantic Boulevard was then damaged by an earthquake in 1987 and Edwards rebuilt a new structure; this structure became the flagship of his theater franchise.

In 2000, three years after Edwards' death, Edwards Cinema filed for bankruptcy, and their theaters were acquired by the Regal Entertainment Group.

In 2002, when the Edwards Renaissance on Main Street was constructed, more and

more customers flocked to the modern theater and ticket sales plummeted for the Atlantic location.

After July, Alhambra's oldest movie theater will be replaced by a new government office building. The parking structure for the theater, however, will remain.

"It's a little sad that the building will be taken down, but it's very old," senior Jasmine Orozco said. "If the movie theater will be replaced with an office that provides jobs, it [may] actually [be] a good thing."

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### New California Vaccination Law

Beginning in the next fall of the '11-'12 school year, a new immunization law will require all California students entering seventh through twelfth grade to be immunized with a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis) booster shot. Previously, only incoming seventh graders needed records of the shot.

Pertussis, more commonly known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious and potentially deadly respiratory disease that causes violent and uncontrollable coughing.

"One single vaccination shot

does not usually provide a person lifetime protection against the bacteria or virus," AHS Nurse Anita Man said. "A second or third dose may be needed to protect individuals for the longest time possible. A booster dose simply means a follow-up shot of vaccine."

In order to be in compliance with this new law by the next school year, Man urges AHS students to get the Tdap shot as soon as possible.

After receiving the shot, students can bring the record of it to the Health Office during school hours.

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#### AUSD Fundraises for Japan Relief

On March 11, a 9.0 earthquake struck near the east coast of Honshu, Japan. Though this would have been devastating in itself, the subsequent tsunami and nuclear plant meltdowns have rendered this a global tragedy.

In the midst of all this loss, however, there has been a staggering outpour of support and aid from various countries and organizations around the world, including the Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD).

In order to aid relief efforts, AUSD's Board of Education held a district-wide money drive.

Fliers and envelopes were passed out to all third period teachers for students, parents and faculty to show support by donating money.

"It's horrible that this happened to Japan, but we should help out any way that we can," sophomore Mimi Truong said.

The monetary donations, which were collected on April 25, were later presented to the district. Approximately \$1700 was raised.

"No amount is too small," Superintendent Donna Perez said. "I believe that our collective efforts will make a difference to the victims of Japan."

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#### In other news..

Canada ranked **second-happiest country** in the world after **Denmark**

**Average CEO** earns 343 times more money than **typical worker**

**Apple** overtakes **Google** as world's **most valuable brand** at **\$153 billion**

**ISSUE 11 CORRECTION:** The Jisan Research Institute was incorrectly identified as the Jisan Research Group.