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A GRAND HOMECOMING Grand Marshals Laurie and Bob Korpel are honored at the Homecoming Game for their service to the student body and faculty. They are retiring after working for nearly 30 years at AHS.

Lifetime Sentence for Murderers of AHS Student

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On June 18, members of the AHS Class of 2010 crossed the stage and graduated to the next phase of their lives. Samantha Salas should have been one of them.

Two years ago, on the night of Jan. 26, 2008, while walking down Peck Road in Monrovia with two friends, Samantha Salas was shot and killed. As a sophomore at AHS and just sixteen years old, Salas was an innocent bystander and unintended victim of a violent, gang-related crime.

It was 9:15 p.m. when two men walked up to Salas and her two friends and began to shoot, although Salas was not involved or affiliated with gangs.

The friend, though critically injured, survived the attack but is now paralyzed. Salas was pronounced dead at the hospital she was brought to. Police believe that the third member of the group was the target of the attack; however, he escaped without injury.

On Oct. 13, two members of the Duroc Crips gang, Nickelis and Rayshawn Blackwell, were sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole for Salas' murder.

According to Monrovia City's website Michael Carter, the judge who presided over the case, told them, "you gunned down a 16-year-old you weren't going after and had never met, you shot and killed her and paralyzed another young woman," right before sentencing.

Even after the sentencing and emotional words from Salas' mother, Jeannette Chavez, the pair still maintain their innocence and intend on requesting an appeal. Though justice may be served for Salas and her family, it does not take away the pain and loss they must feel.

"Nothing is going to replace her, but hopefully it brings [her family] some closure knowing that some criminals who might've done it again are off the streets," said AHS Principal Brad Walsh.

New Media Project Serving Alhambra

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As brilliant minds come up with new inventions, advancements are also being made in fields of media. Recently, the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism launched a multilingual broadcasting website that focuses exclusively on our city of Alhambra.

This new website, dubbed Alhambra Source, aims to cover news stories happening around the city through a collaborative effort of local contributors, professional journalists, Annenberg college

students and high school reporters. The content on the site is posted in Chinese, English and Spanish and has a variety of active contributors from a diverse group of people. The Alhambra Source functions as a local news magazine, covering broad topics from politics to education and even food and art. Through news stories, photos, and videos, the public can see what is happening around Alhambra.

"It's been very rewarding to watch Alhambra residents from diverse backgrounds interact with the site and use it to address public issues, such as [the] high-speed rail, development on Main Street and emerging local artists," said managing editor Daniela Gerson.

As for high school students, the Alhambra Source currently offers a program called Youth Feed. Its purpose is to train young high

school journalists to learn fundamental skills, while exploring media storytelling about events in Alhambra. So far students have experimented with writing, photography and video as a different form of news reporting.

"The Youth Feed program really gives high school students the opportunity to explore journalism, and teaches them a variety of important [topics]. [Some of these] include writing techniques, photo composition, working on a deadline, and [vital speaking] skills," said junior Elizabeth

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In a Nutshell...

-The Alhambra Source is a new form of news media based solely on the city of Alhambra
-The Source's purpose is to inform the community about current events

Alcoholic Energy Drinks Create a Buzz

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Monster. Red Bull. Rockstar. These brand name energy drinks have become increasingly popular among teenagers and young adults, despite the Food and Drug Administration's warning to consumers about its adverse effects.

But now, with the marketing of caffeinated alcoholic drinks as regular energy drinks, that danger is on the rise. Stories about alcoholic drinks like Four Loko, also known as "blackout in a can," have been

buzzing around in recent news. This fruity malt liquor, sold in states such as California and Washington, is packed with 12 percent alcohol and high levels of caffeine.

That might not be a problem in itself, but the makers are targeting teenagers and young adults. Since they also look like normal cans of soda or energy drinks, students can be misled into believing the drinks are safe.

"The way that these products are advertised is entirely irresponsible and unethical,"

said AHS school nurse Anita Man. "The problem is [...] they don't know they're consuming alcohol and get drunk without noticing."

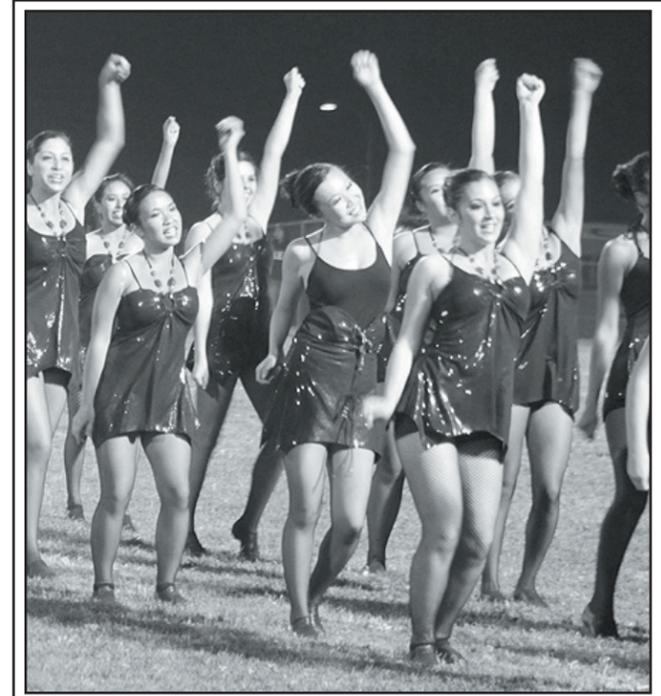
The dangers of consuming alcohol or caffeine are widely known, but there have been few studies about combining the two. In addition to the separate effects of each substance, the stimulation of the caffeine may mask the alcohol's intoxicating effects, which may cause students to drink more or make risky actions.

"Students should be re-

sponsible for what happens to them," said sophomore Ninti King. "[However,] because of the advertising, they cannot always help themselves. It is like when you see something shiny and you want it."

Man also agrees with King about where the blame lies.

"Teenagers have a mentality that they are invincible," said Man. "They're definitely responsible to some extent. They are not totally ignorant or innocent, but because of that mental status, they keep on drinking."



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A NIGHT IN ATLANTIS Drill Team performs during the half-time show at the Nov. 5 Homecoming game.

NEWS BRIEFS

London Calling for Moor Thespians

Whether it is acting on a stage or in a movie or just being part of the audience, the theater can be enjoyable for everyone.

Furthering the love of theater, the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) is coming to AHS in January.

The Academy visits every English-speaking country to offer a chance to students to be tested by a professor from LAMDA.

"They [test] students in all parts of speech, drama and vocal music," said AHS drama teacher Emily Coalson.

Testing in areas from spoken verse to miming, the judges rank the students noncompetitively. There is no pre-audition, and the test is open to anyone. Although a fee is attached to the test, sophomore Ethan Nava feels that it is beneficial to students.

"I greatly encourage those who want to go to college to take the test," said Nava.

The test has different levels to choose from, ranging from one to five, and medals from Honorable Mention to Gold.

"Either you meet that standard or you don't meet that standard," said Coalson.

Coalson asks interested students to talk to her about the fee and the area they wish to test in.

Pancake Breakfast Placed on Hold

Breakfast is argued to be the most important meal of the day, providing the consumer with the nutrients to function properly while awake.

The Senior Council scheduled a Senior Pancake Breakfast in the cafeteria from 8 to 11 a.m. on Nov. 13. Although the event was postponed, the breakfast was going to be open to anyone, even non-high school students.

Specified by senior council member Priscilla Ngo as a fundraiser to raise money for senior class gifts, the Pancake Breakfast was to include a small fee. The Senior

Council was hoping to beat last year's attendance record.

The Senior Breakfast is relatively new at AHS. The event began last year for fundraising purposes. This year's Senior Council wanted to continue the event in the hopes that it would have started a new tradition.

"We hope that next year's senior council will continue the [event]," said Ngo.

The Council plans to have the Breakfast in January.

"I think it was unfortunate that the [breakfast] was postponed so suddenly, but I am still looking forward to it," said senior Gina Wu.

Jennifer Pierce, Staff Writer

In other news...

Republicans gain 64 seats in the House of Representatives

Stowaway slips past Hong Kong security wearing silicone mask of an elderly man

Florida man performs CPR on his terrier after an alligator attack during a walk

Rabbit trapped and euthanized after drinking radioactive water

Correction: Issue 3 Article Speech and Debate's state tournament is to be held in San Diego, not Berkeley.