



Jaguar Press



Our School Motto: Respect For People

Jaguars: Our EL Sereno Heroes By: Jimmy Smith



Our Jaguar Heroes

A few of weeks ago, something terrible happened. A sixth grader, who we cannot identify, was hit by silver Nissan, while crossing the street. The vehicle stopped for a short time, then sped off. The kid wasn't badly injured. However, the kid did have badly scraped legs and could not get up. This is where our heroes come in.

David and Daniel Rojo Dominguez,

twins, were buying ice cream when they saw this terrible accident. Luckily, the kid wasn't out of luck. The twins, along with our third hero Charles Guardado, helped the injured kid up, and carried him to the sidewalk. According to David, the driver was looking to the side when the light turned green. The three heroes flagged down a police car, which just happened to pass by.

Ms. Whelan, one of the two deans at El Sereno, says that she is very proud of our three heroes, who happen to be in 7th grade, being that they're her students. She says that she plans to have a celebration for the three. She is also proud be-

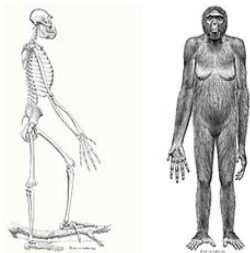
cause it is not everyday that you find a kid these days that actually care enough to help somebody else in need.

Another thing that our heroes are saying is that, "It feels good to help somebody in need. We are happy that we saw the kid, so then we could help him. We do feel like heroes."

If you would like to see what our heroes look like, their photos are being displayed on a bulletin board right by the attendance office for you to see. Be sure to know all rules of the road. Also, if you have anything that might help the police find the driver, be sure to tell any adult that works at El Sereno.

Ardi: An Archaeological Find

By: Ignacio Garcia and Rudy Martinez



Just recently archaeologists have found a new ancestor that existed before the Australopithecus (Lucy). Her name is Ardipithecus Ramidus aka Ardi. The meaning of Ardi is "ground floor" and Ramidus means "root" the pithecus part of this name is Greek for "ape". They say the fossil is 4.4 million years old (THAT'S REALLY OLD). This old fossil is changing ideas about our ancestors. It is the most complete early hominid.

Archaeologists believe that Ardi is more important than Lucy. They say this because they already knew about Lucy when they found her and didn't know anything about Ardi when they found her. But the brain of Ardi is about the same size of Lucy (small). From the fossils they estimated that Ardi was 47 inches tall (about 4 feet) and approximately 110 pounds. Researchers say she was a bipedal when walking on the ground but, when on trees she is a quadruped, using both arms and both legs.

The Past of El Sereno Middle School

By: Kelsey Williams

There are many things you might not know about El Sereno Middle School. Before this campus became El Sereno Middle School, it was Wilson High School. In 1970, Wilson High School moved to where it located now.

Another interesting fact about El Sereno Middle school comes from Mr. Laskowski, a 6th Grade Math and Science teacher. According to him, the bungalow classrooms were used in World War 2. The bungalows were used as barracks, rooms for the soldiers or officers. The bungalows were then moved to El Sereno because the school was growing big.

Last but not least, our Dress Code has changed over time. In the past, the girls would have to wear only dresses and skirts while the boys would have to wear their shirts tucked into their pants. Later on, student were allowed to wear regular clothes, then a few years ago, the Dress Code changed to our current uniform.

All the teachers' stories are different but they all agree that El Sereno is improving.

EL Sereno Middle School proudly presents

“Twas the Night Before Christmas” by Ms. Vargas’ Dance Class

“Jingle Bell Rock Remix” by Ms. Cruz’s Dance Class

And “A Christmas Carol” by Mr. Bowerbank’s Drama Class

Date: Monday, December 14

Time: Assemblies and Evening Performance

Location: Jaguar Auditorium

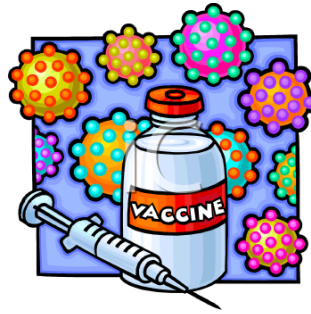
Refreshments will be sold
by El Sereno’s Leadership

Swine Flu: Facts You Need to Know

By: Eva Amarallias and Andrea Regino

Swine flu, also known as H1N1, is a human disease. The Swine Flu started because someone came in contact with a pig that had a flu and that person caught it. Swine flu is very similar to the regular flu that people get during winter. Many people think that if you get the Swine Flu you will die, but that is not the truth. In fact, more people die from the regular flu than the Swine Flu.

You can also get the flu by touching things that have been contaminated with the virus. Some symptoms you could get are: a high fever, cough, sore throat, headache, chills, muscle aches, diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose, unusual tiredness and loss of appetite. If you have any of these symptoms go see a doctor. We asked Nurse Honish, “What’s the best way to avoid the swine flu” and she said, “You can **wash your hands frequently, cough away from people or in your elbow, use tissues, get the vaccine, stand at least 3 ft. away from people and use hand sanitizer.**”



DON'T FORGET, IF YOU'R SICK, STAY HOME!

Healthcare Reform: the Straight Facts

By: Oscar Garcia and Jimmy Smith

Did you know that many people in the United States are medically uninsured and many of them are children? With the healthcare reform, there may still be hope. This could give everybody the opportunity to have healthcare insurance.

But what is healthcare insurance? Healthcare insurance is a fairly easy system to understand. Here is an example of how insurance works. Think of a thousand people. Each person puts a small amount of money each month to an insurance company. That little amount of money soon turns in to a lot of money. The insurance company, then uses this pile of money to help pay for things, like going to see a doctor, prescriptions (medicine) or surgeries.

Now you know how healthcare insurance works, what is healthcare reform. The reform wants to improve and give everybody insurance at an affordable price. One problem with current health insurance is out of pocket expenses, such as, the price of medicine and how much money people pay to see their doctor, may be too high.

The House of Representatives in November voted yes on the healthcare bill. Now we are solely waiting for Senate to vote yes or no.



Congratulations to our Jaguar SRLA club: They completed a 15k.

1. Alfares, Nestor
2. Anda, Rosa
3. Basldua, Genesis
4. Cernas, Stephanie
5. Gervantes, Christian
6. Garcia, Andres
7. Garcia, Desiree
8. Gonzalez, Roberto
9. Guzman, Arlene
10. Hernandez, Henry
11. Hernandez, Omar
12. Kwong, Ivy
13. Lee, Richard
14. Lopez, Derek
15. Mak, Hercules
16. Nolasco, Carlos
17. Pedrosa, Vanessa
18. Perez, Heladio
19. Perez, Martha
20. Ruiz, Anthony
21. Rubio, Brayan
22. Sanchez, Destiny
23. Soto, Dilene
24. Velasquez, Ashley
25. Yu, Kevin
26. Dwong, Jason

Winter Concert

Assemblies and
Evening Performance

December 16



2012: Is the End Near?

By Oscar Garcia and Eric Hernandez

As you may have heard there is a new movie called 2012. It is about a man named Jackson Curtis who is divorced and has 2 kids. When he takes them camping he runs into a government experiment. He finds a man, who seems crazy, and tells him the world is ending. After crazy things happen he tries to save his kids. The man says that there are ships that the governments building to save some people. The question is will he reach it in time?



According to the Aztec calendar and Mayan calendar says in December 21 2012 at 11:11am the world is going to end. The fifth sun is going to die out and the Earth will break somehow. The Aztec said that the human race died 4 times. The first time human race died by animals, second by wind, third by fire, and fourth by water. Quetzacoatl is the savior and in Mayan culture it's the same thing but called Kukuclan. Both of these people shared the belief of when the world is going to end. Is this merely a coincidence or not? Will this be another Y2K or the real thing?

A New Item On Your Wish List: PSP GO

By: Cristina Curiel

As you all know, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanza are just around the corner. That means gifts! And gifts mean cool new things in stores. Well maybe you aren't celebrating this year, but you have saved up your money on something cool and new, thinking of what you should get. Sony's new PSP Go is something fairly new out in stores. So, you might want to add this on your wish list or spend your saved money on this cool new gadget.

The PSP Go is a newer and smaller version of the older PSP. Sony even says that "...it's the mightiest PSP system yet. It's ¼ smaller than the original yet it still has newer features. For example, the screen is 3.8 inches and it comes with a 16GB built in memory. The new PSP is even sturdier, lighter, and supports Bluetooth".

Now some of you may like the features but want to know how it looks. Well, the PSP Go comes in two colors- white and black. In addition, the new PSP Go slides up, revealing the controls. This cool PSP Go will cost you \$250.



Also, if you'd like a game, check out the top three games for the PSP: LittleBigPlanet, Assassin's Creed: Bloodlines, and Sonic Rivals

Upcoming December Holidays

By: Mark Castillo and Jasmine Padilla

There are three major holidays in the month of December:

1. Kwanzaa,
2. Hanukkah, and
3. Christmas.

We also included New Year's Eve since this day lands in December.



Kwanzaa is celebrated on December 26th to January 1st. Kwanzaa is based on Africa harvest festival that includes a feast that is held on December 31st that is called "Karamu". Kwanzaa was first created by a Professor named Maulana Karega at Long Beach University 1996. This is a non-religion celebration. Gift are given in this celebration mainly to children. This celebration is a social value for African Americans.

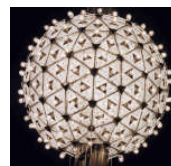


Hanukkah begins the 12th of this month. Hanukkah means festival of lights. Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday. It is possibly a fun child occasion. It is celebrated with great food. Every one exchanges gifts. Menorahs are lighted with colorful candles that glow brightly. It is required to have a spiritual reflection or elaborated preparation. Hanukkah lasts eight nights. This holiday starts December eleven. During this holiday people play games, eat festival food and bless. Menorah is a nine candle holder. The menorah has a name for every day for this occasion.



Christmas is on December twenty fifth. Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus. Christmas started 340A.D. December 25 was the most likely time of

the birth of Jesus. Christmas is a day of family getting together and giving and receiving gifts from other family members or friends. December 21 is the first day of winter. The 24th is Christmas eve and many people wait until midnight to open their presents or gifts.



New Years Eve is the day before New Year's Day. At midnight most people pop fireworks. A lot of news reporters do a count down for the New Year on television. At time square New York there is a ball that glows and at eleven fifty nine it starts descending and many people count down the final seconds of the year.

December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 8th Grade Parent Mtg @ 4 pm Parent Conf. 5-7	4	5
6	7	8 Technology Mtg 3 pm Magnet Ctr	9 Local Leader- ship Council @ 3:15	10 School Site Council @ 3:30	11	12
13	14 A Christmas Carol Assemblies	15 Faculty Meeting @ 3:15	16 Winter Concert Assemblies CEAC/ELAC @3:30	17 Fresh and Easy Fundraiser 4-8 pm	18 Minimum Day Dismissal @12:37	19

Winter Break
December 21—January 8

School Resumes
January 11, 2010

Have a problem and need some advice?

Go to the attendance office and put your question inside the Dr. Jeff box!

Dear Dr. Jeff,

I have a major problem, my parents are getting divorced and ever since it happened my family has been acting different.

Sincerely,
A Sad Student

Dear A Sad Student,

It sounds like you have a big problem at home. It is not your fault that your parents are getting a divorce. Your family is probably having a hard time with the change. That's why they are probably acting different. If you are not able to concentrate in school then you should probably talk to someone such as, a close friend, a family member, a parent, your counselor, or go to a healthy start.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jeff

Dear Dr. Jeff,

I like this girl, but she likes someone else. I get shy when I try to talk to her. What should I do?

Sincerely,
A Shy Boy

Dear Shy Boy,

If you really like the girl talk to her. Ask her about her interests and talk to her about your interests, such as music, TV shows, games, etc. Once you feel comfortable tell her how you feel about her. Once you tell her, she will tell you what she thinks about you. Good Luck!

Sincerely,
Dr. Jeff

December: Is It Only About Gifts?

By: Julian Reyes

For most kids and teenagers, December is all about receiving presents. Some people think only about gifts. Little kids start writing Santa letters. Some think it is only about getting presents and don't even give presents to anyone. Some kids or teens even think that it is all about having the biggest tree with the best decorations and most lights.

Hopefully, you already realize that during this month it is not only about receiving gifts, having the best looking Christmas tree. **The true meaning of this month is about kindness, sharing, family and friendship.**

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