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# The Paw Print

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## Pride Cards? What are those?

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**P**ositive  
**R**espect  
**I**ntegrity  
**D**edication  
**E**xcellence

By now you're probably wondering what they are, letting your imagination run wild. Imagining that it'll give you a shot of visiting a marvelous chocolate factory or the other side of the rainbow... well let me tell you something. You're kind of wrong.

PRIDE cards made their first public appearance in term four of last year. The teachers and other school staff gathered together to talk about what each letter in the word PRIDE would represent for the students. Every letter stands for a group of good deeds that a student can do.

"I believe in our students and I have the expectation that we be the best," said Ms. Herrera, PVHS principal.

The cards show not only the pride we have for the school, but also in who we are.

"We wanted to be able recognize our students when they were doing the right thing," said Ms. Herrera.

Pride cards are given to a student when a teacher notices that a student displaying positive behavior. Each teacher gets a certain amount of cards per term.

**How it works:** when you get a card, take to the office and your name will be put into



Photo by: Dora Lopez

Ms. Brafman rewards a delighted student for a good deed.

a drawing. The drawing is held at the end of each term by Ms. Herrera. The winner of the drawing will win a prize. Previous prizes have been tickets to the PCPA's production of "The Wizard of Oz" and things from the student store.

Junior Justice Bright won a drawing earlier this year.

"Ms. Herrera took us into the student store and told me to choose something," he said.

Justice is now sporting a new beanie with a "PV" logo and no longer gets harrassed for violating the school dress code.

## Another Day for Orange Chicken?

**Araceli Garcia**  
EDITOR

Students rush to the cafeteria with crazed eyes, only looking for the one thing they desire. It sits on the table, glimmering with presence.

The day that was only once a week is now

twice a week, catching the school by surprise. Orange Chicken will now be sold on Mondays and Thursdays.

Orange Chicken has always been adored by students. They rush to the lines and fight, attempting to get one tray of this deliciousness.

One student in the

school couldn't wait until Thursdays.

"I held a petition," said Joey Vera, senior, "I made them listen to me because I went to talk to authority."

An orange-chicken-lover since day one, he gathered two hundred votes, and

the cafeteria changed their lunch schedule.

So, what's the next schedule change? Joey has an answer for that:

"Chicken Alfredo."



Photo by: Dora Lopez

A sign that will now be seen two days a week.

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# Features

## Cool Websites for the Bored of Mind

**Jonathan Honrada**  
STAFF WRITER

Do you ever find yourself bored while sitting at the computer with nothing to do? Are you looking for something on the internet that is guaranteed to waste your time? Well, you're in luck because these time-wasting sites do exist!

The first of these websites is "freerice.com". Free Rice is a website that sends out grains of rice to countries that are in need of food. How do they do this? By answering vocabulary questions, you send more and more grains of rice to starving people. It's a good site for wasting time, learning new words, and helping out people in need.

Another cool site is

"towardsandbeyond.com". On this site, you are thrown into a 3D world surrounded by cubes. It's sort of like being inside a McDonald's play place. By clicking around, you can navigate through the strange world around you.

One more website to check out is "snowflakes.barkleyus.com". On this site, you are presented with a folded piece of paper. It is your job to use virtual scissors to cut out parts of the paper. Once finished, the paper unfolds and reveals a beautiful snowflake, created by your hands.

Another website worth your wasted time is "funnytypos.com". This site gathers pictures of typos on signs and on other public notices. If you're looking for

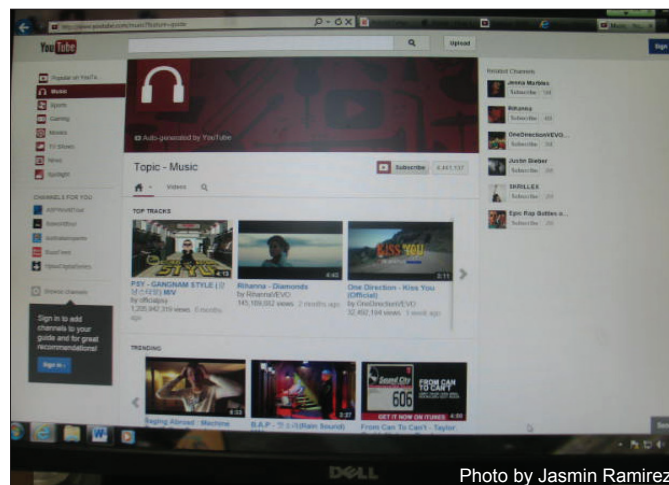


Photo by Jasmin Ramirez  
YouTube is the go-to website for seasoned time-wasters.

a good ol' laugh, check this site out!

The last site on this list is "cardtoss.com". Card Toss is an addicting game in which you attempt to throw a card into a hat. After each successful shot, the hat

changes position. All in all, there are many fun websites all around the internet.

These are only just a few of them. However, if you keep searching, you're bound to find a website on which you will end up wasting hours at a time.

## The Thanks That Should Have Kept On Giving

**Luis Vasquez**  
STAFF WRITER

Thanksgiving has already passed and thanks were given for your Christmas joys, but there is more for which we should have said "thank you". January was National "Thank You" Month, a month for us to be extra thankful.

What a great coincidence that the first month after the so-called "apocalypse" and the beginning of the new year is the month we should all have been saying "thanks." You should have celebrated this month by saying thanks to your friends for being with you through the good and the

bad. Why not give a shout out to one of your teachers that really helped you understand something or were just there for you to talk to? Whoops, it's already February. Too late. Well, maybe next year.

You should have also celebrated this month by being thankful for the things that you have. From your brand new shiny phone to the laces on your shoes, there is a lot you should have been thankful for. I'm sure you heard it a thousand times before, and this probably won't be the last time you hear it, but somewhere in this world there are people that would be executed for speaking their mind. Be thankful for the free-



Photo by Dora Lopez  
A great group of friends gives you a lot to be thankful for.

dom that you have.

If it was still January, I would have thanked you for taking the time out of your day to read my article.

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## Pretty + Ugly=10

**Rose Anaya**

STAFF WRITER

What is your number? If you think you're a 10 but your personality is a 4, doesn't that make you a 6?

Everybody has a number ranging from 1 to 10. That number is based off looks and personality. The number you give yourself is never right; the number people give you is what truly matters.

Have you ever noticed those couples that look so oddly matched? The girl is a 3 *tops* but the guy is a solid 7? In other

words, she is ugly and he is totally hot. The world is based on numbers, and all couples usually add up to a nice and even 10.

When you choose to be with somebody that is below the standards other people set for you, that is when you are truly living up to your number.

And the people that choose to be with people with "EQUAL" numbers are totally self-absorbed. This drops their high score down by a number or two.

Who says we don't need math.



Photo by Jasmin Ramirez  
Thirteen levels in the pyramid, thirteen arrows in the eagle's claw, thirteen, thirteen...

## ILLUMINATI CELEBRITY DEATHS

**Sarah Segovia**

STAFF WRITER

To most people, the Illuminati is just some made up group that is worshipping the devil. Apparently, it's not just random people we don't know; it's also well known celebrities. Reportedly, there is a long list of them: Whitney Houston, Tupac Shakur, and Michael Jackson, for example, were reported to turn against the group which caused their deaths.

The Illuminati are

people claiming to possess special enlightenment or knowledge. There are many people who think this is a joke, but personally, I take this seriously.

This is possibly a dangerous group to all human-kind. If anything, they could retreat half of the population, which will eventually have the other half to recruit.

Teens today act like they are in the Illuminati just to mess around. They should really look into this group before acting like they are one of them.

## Free money for college!



More than half of Allan Hancock College students receive financial aid. You could be one of them.



Apply for the Board of Governors' (BOG) fee waiver to pay your 2013-14 enrollment fees.



Need help with more than your enrollment fee? Complete the Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA) by March 2 to receive up to \$8,000 to cover fees, books, transportation, living expenses and more.

For help completing the FAFSA attend a **Cash for College** workshop at PVHS Thursday, February 7, 3-7 p.m., in the Library. Call 922-6966 ext. 3710 for details.

## Want more info?

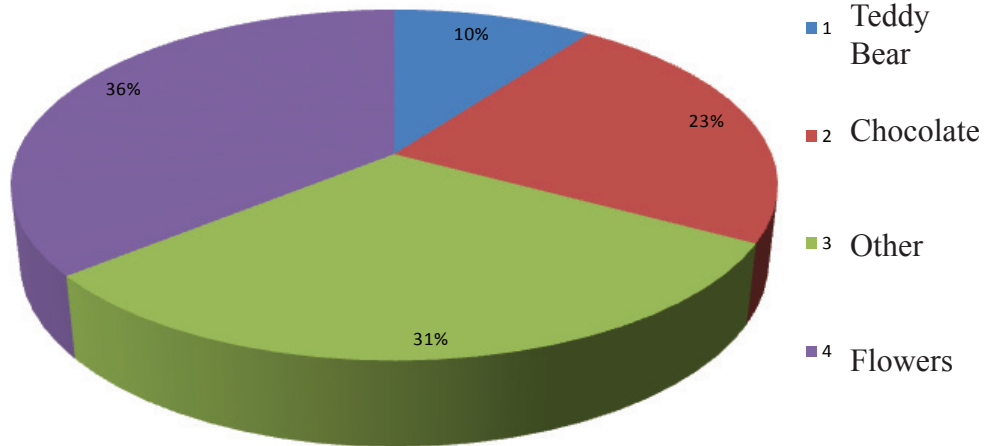
Go to  
[www.hancockcollege.edu/financialaid](http://www.hancockcollege.edu/financialaid)  
for details.





What is your best idea for a Valentine's Day gift?

Paw Print student poll



### Valentine's Day Play List

**1. Something- The Beatles**

**2. Wonderful Tonight- Eric Clapton**

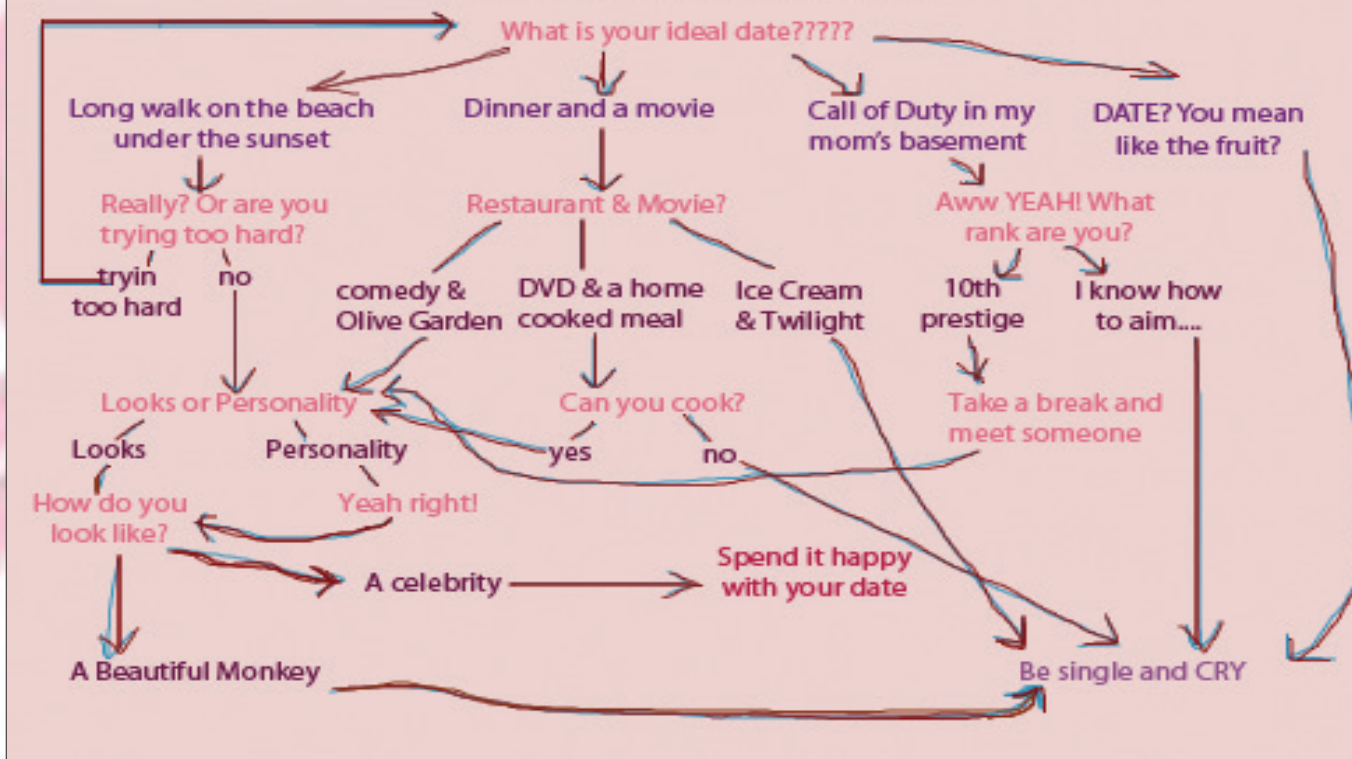
**3. Your Song- Elton John**

**4. Hello, I Love You- The Doors**

**5. For Your Love- Yardbirds**



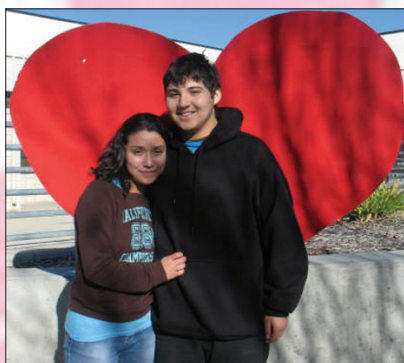
### How to Spend Valentine's Day







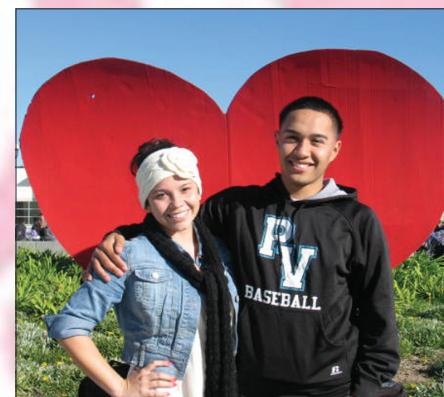
## PV Couples Spreading the Love



Juniors Emily Meija and Angel Lopez



Juniors Lorena Hernandez and Misael Marcial



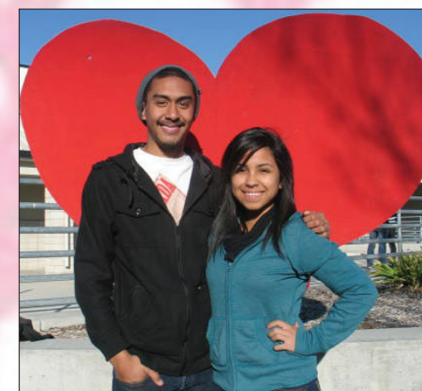
Juniors Breanna Rosales and Uriel Martinez



Juniors Christian Martinez and Karen Martinez

"The end was near  
so I held you dear  
I hope you can see  
how much your love meant to me.  
I don't want to die  
but I must say bye  
just let me be  
don't try to save me.  
I can hear you cry  
as I say goodbye  
you lay me on the grass that is dry.  
As I slip away you hear me say  
please think of me everyday  
As my last words fill the air  
you know i'll always be there.  
You soon know you'll see me  
above  
goodbye until then my love"

- Ray Ando



Seniors Crystal Rocha and Bryce Garcia



Senior Reinard Bermudez and Junior Ashley Brown



Senior Saul Venegas and Junior Sulema Mejion



Senior James Bergstrom and Junior Christine Celles



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# Entertainment

The Paw Print turns an all-seeing eye to the American music industry for the February issue. *Disclaimer: neither of the following articles have anything to do with musical talent.*

## Another Rock Star Break-up???

### No WAY.

**Rose Anaya**

STAFF WRITER

Once again Taylor Swift has been caught on camera with another famous good-looking guy. Just like she was when she was caught with Joe Jonas, then Taylor Lautner, and not too long after, John Mayer, and last but certainly not least, Conner Kennedy.

Yes, they all have money, but that is not what she is looking for. She wants the perfect beau. And, unfortunately for her, she is having no luck finding it. And now she has set her eyes on Harry Styles! I mean, come on! There are several names that might come to mind.

Taylor Swift has her eyes set on the perfect man, famous or not, and once the perfection of that relationship with her beau dissolves so does their relationship.

To be fair, not all of these failed relationships were her fault. Joe Jonas, for example, broke up with HER. That sucks, right? Well, to make a bad break up worse, he did it over a text message. A TEXT MESSAGE! ! ! ! ! Really?! What kind of a man



Photo courtesy of Google

breaks up with a woman over a text message?

Taylor Swift has a wonderful career that has made her millions, but she has not been so fortunate when it comes to romance. Some girls have no liking for Taylor Swift because they think that she loves to take the boy with the limelight. That is not true; she is just one of those poor unlucky people who can't decide what she wants in a boyfriend, so reverse the role and think to yourself: wouldn't you do the same in her situation? It is not Taylor Swift's personality that constantly is having her lose her man, it's her job.



Photo by Jasmin Ramirez

## Cutting for the Biebs.

**Aley Torres**

STAFF WRITER

Ever feel strongly disappointed in someone who you looked up to, someone whom you expected better from? Well, some gullible Beliebers claimed to feel this way after photos of Justin Bieber irresponsibly smoking a joint were released on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

On Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, a young woman foolishly posted pictures of her sliced arms on twitter, saying she would kill herself if it were true about Justin smoking, followed by #CutForBieber.

This hash-tag soon spread. Many adolescent female fans posted pictures of their arms covered with cuts and blood, hoping this would make Bieber magically stop smoking; as if this would work. If this childish act, along with others, had any effect on the Biebs or anything else in the world, this place would be chaotic. Not that it isn't already chaotic. The point is that people should help themselves by NOT following the crowd, especially when they're doing something idiotic, like cutting for Bieber.

Miley Cyrus,

appalled, tried preventing more fans from harming themselves by posting this on twitter, "#cut4bieber? Cutting is NOT something to joke about. There are people who are actually suffering from self-harm, this is so disrespectful."

Miley has a point; many people do suffer from self harm, but it is SELF harm, their choice. The tweets of girls cutting themselves have since been linked to 4Chan, so no harm was really done. But Justin still smoked marijuana, and not all of the pictures were proved to be imposters.





Jennifer Arguijo, Senior



Joanna Herrera, Junior

## Blue For You

**Ray Ando**  
EDITOR

*I need you when I am blue,  
When I am upset and don't have a clue.  
I need you when my heart beats way to  
fast,*

*because of a nightmare about my past.  
I need your warm touch when I am scared,  
for loosing you is something I couldn't bare.  
I need you to hold me close during a winter  
storm.  
I need your arms to keep me safe and  
warm.  
When the winds are strong and bold,*

*When the nights are long and cold.  
I need to know that when we get in a bind,  
Your love will always be mine.  
I need to hear you say I Love you,  
for I know in my heart I do.  
I Love You!*





## SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: DREW JOHNSON, Scholar Athlete

**Alex Contreras**  
EDITOR

Photo by Paw Print Staff



Drew's jacket has a lot to say.

**“At which sport do you feel you excel the best?”**

- “Basketball, because I played it all my life, and I’m comfortable with it.”

**“As an athletic scholar, was it difficult to keep your grades high in your past two sports?”**

- “Totally, getting off practice 6 o’clock, without eating or showering.”

**“Are you a bear wrestler?”**

- “No.”

**“What’s a motto you follow?”**

- “Try your hardest, and as long as you put in your effort, no regrets.”

**“What’s the hardest class during sports?”**

- “Football season, AP English. Basketball season, Economics.”

**“What are your stats?”**

- “Average ten points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists and two steals.”

**“What are your academic goals for this semester?”**

- “My academic goals for this semester are to maintain a 3.5 GPA and get a letter grade no lower than a B-.”

**“Which university do you plan on going to?”**

- “I plan on going to Humboldt, San Diego or Fullerton.”

**“What’s your intended major?”**

- “My intended major is to study Kinesthesiology.”

**“Where do you see yourself in five years?”**

- “I see myself as a Physical Education teacher coaching football like my role model, Coach Manosar!”



## PVHS GIRLS SOCCER

**Daniel Garcia**  
STAFF WRITER

The soccer ball moves down from player to player. The ball is passed to you. There is a defender in your way. She is what stands between you and the goal. You expertly handle the ball past the last defender and you score a goal!

This is a privilege given to a select few like Isabelle Rodriguez, a confident and key player of PV’s girls Varsity soccer.

Both she and key player Stephanie Ramos agree that their team is great, but not at its full potential. One thing is certain though: they’re “not scared of any of the other teams.”

However, this



Tori Valdez launches the ball into play.

Photo by Paw Print Staff

persistent and hardworking team would not be where it’s at without their new coach, Gabe Velasco, who has 11 years of coaching experience. He sees the hidden potential in the girl’s soccer team, and is determined to make them the best they can be.

Even though the

Varsity Soccer team is without a win, they’re all determined to show everyone their potential and what they can do. To discover this hidden potential yourself come to the next game in Atascadero on February 8th.

## PVHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Araceli Vasquez**  
STAFF WRITER

Pioneer Valley High School has excelled in many sports this year, particularly our girls’ varsity and junior varsity basketball teams. Our freshman girls basketball team may not have had the best of luck, but they’re not giving up just yet.

The coaches have been a lot of help towards our girls’ basketball teams. They have the capability of running a variety of complex plays.

The girls’ varsity basketball team has 12 wins



Often PV’s opponents’ only hope is to foul.



Photos by Jasmin Ramirez

and only 4 losses so far. Our girls’ JV basketball team has 7 wins and 4 losses. Our girls’ freshman basketball record is currently 3-4.

Come out to the

PVHS gym to show your support for Lady Panthers basketball. Their season comes to a close in Atascadero on February 8th.