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Students Joel Craig (l) and Bailey Thomas (r) pick up mock presidential ballots from Honor Society member Jackie Macho (seated).



Students counted the ballots on Nov. 7th.

JOHNSON WINS MOCK ELECTION

By Esmeralda Martinez

Students at New America were given the chance to vote for the future president of the United States. Well, sort of ... The Honor Society sponsored a mock election from Oct. 31-Nov. 7, 2016 to give students a feel for what it would be like to vote. Dr. Stathis explained why the organization came up with this year's mock election, saying, "Students seemed very interested in the national election, and the Honor Society wanted to give them an opportunity to voice their opinion about who should be president. With 87 total ballots cast, Johnson received the most votes (42) for president. Second place went to Hillary Clinton. Donald Trump came in third, and Jill Stein came in last with only 6 votes. Students definitely showed an interest in the election as they lined up at the polls to cast their votes. Student Jocelyn Ortiz said she thought the majority of New Mexicans would be voting for Trump, but was interested in seeing what kind of support Trump had at this school.

Earbuds in Class – YES or NO?

By Elian Murillo



I asked several students the following question: *Should students be allowed to wear earbuds in class.* Here’s what they said:

Luis Gonzalez: *If the teacher is giving instructions to the class, they shouldn’t use them. But if the teacher assigns a work assignment for students to work on their own, then “yes,” they should be able to listen to music because most people work better with music.*

Chris Forrister: *Yes, because some students in the classroom get fidgety and can’t concentrate.*

Spencer Griffiths: *No, they shouldn’t because a phone is an easy distraction. But I agree it is okay if the students are working by themselves and are actually getting work done.*

Rafael Vasquez: *Yes, because if you’re listening to music, you*

can’t hear anyone talking to you, and you can’t talk to others (because you’re listening to music). So you wouldn’t be distracted by others. You can actually concentrate more by working and listening to music instead of messing around with others. You would actually get your work done.

“If you’re listening to music, you can’t hear anyone talking to you, and you can’t talk to others ...”

Eventos



Campaña de "Músculo contra el cáncer." La sociedad de Honor patrocina una campaña de "Músculo contra el cáncer."



Elección Presidencial: Lunes, 31 de octubre 31 lunes, 7 noviembre. Las votaciones serán en la cafetería de las 11:30-12 y en la tarde las votaciones serán en la oficina de las 5:00-5:30.

Entrevista con **Vanessa Vásquez**

Por Reyna Ruiz, Leslie Acosta, Luis González y Jackie Macho

Vanessa es una estudiante que está aprendiendo inglés durante las clases de día.

PORQUE COMENZASTE A ATENDER LA ESCUELA NEW AMERICA?

VASQUEZ: Comenzó a atender New America porque quería aprender inglés.

QUE PIENSAS DE LAS ESCUELA?

VASQUEZ: Me gusta que los maestros nos ayudan y nos ponen más atención.

PIENSAS QUE ESTAS APRENDIENDO?

VASQUEZ: Si creo que estoy aprendiendo inglés.





VETERANS DAY – A DAY TO REMEMBER OUR HEROES

By Leanne Nieto

First established as “Armistice Day” in 1919 on the first anniversary of the end of World War I, Congress passed a resolution for an annual observance on November 11th. In 1954, Congress changed the name from “Armistice Day” to “Veterans Day” to honor all the men and women who fought for and served this country.

Dear Veterans ...

Thank you for making this country safe and for ensuring our freedom of speech, religion, press, assembly, and petition of government, as well as preserving life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And thank you for having the courage and bravery to fight and die for this country.

~ **Christopher Forrister**

I am grateful that you have served this country. ~ **Spencer Griffiths**

Thank you veterans for all you have done for the world. You were courageous enough to fight and protect our world.

You're true heroes. ~ **Leanne Nieto**

QUICK QUIZ

Which is the correct spelling?

- a. Veterans Day
- b. Veteran's Day
- c. Veterans' Day

See page 8 for the answer!

Congratulations to Outstanding NAS Students



JOCELYN ORTIZ, LEANNE NIETO, RUBEN SANDOVAL, THOMAS MELENDEZ, FRIDA VALENZUELA MALDONADO, and MIRIAM PUENTES (*1-r in the photograph*) were named “Students of the Month” for October based on their superior grades and strong motivation to excel. They all have excellent attendance, are dedicated to their studies, and demonstrate high standards of conduct.

JOIN THE U.S. MARINES ...

WHILE YOU'RE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL!

By Christopher A. Hernandez

You're nearing the end of your stay in high school, and you have no clue what to do after you graduate. The United States Marine Corps is looking for a few good men (and women) to earn a title that is considered one of the most prestigious in the world – the title of “U.S. Marine.”

Since you're a senior in high school, you might wonder how you join the military before earning your high school diploma. Well, the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) is a program offered by all military branches that allows you up to 365 days to prepare yourself for the rigors of recruit training.

History and Heritage of the Marine Corps

The U.S. Marines Corps is the world's greatest fighting force. From its creation at Tun Tavern to the Battle of Iwo Jima to the Battle(s) for Fallujah, Marines have served valiantly in every one of our nation's conflicts. Warfare has changed, but what has remained constant since November 10, 1775 is the Marine Corps' unyielding commitment to protect the lives of America's citizens and its interests. To be part of something bigger than yourself – like the Marine Corps – is a feeling greater than anything on this planet.

Enlisting in the Marine Corps DEP

Enlist in the Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program while in high school for a better YOU! You will learn team-building skills, respect, discipline, maturity, and how to better your physical health.

To enlist in Las Cruces, visit the Marine Corps Recruiting Sub-Station Las Cruces on E. Lohman Avenue (across from Dion's Pizza) or call (575) 524-2944 and ask for Gunnery Sergeant Trevino, Gunnery Sergeant Gutierrez, or Staff Sergeant Duran. If you cannot reach them at first, keep trying! The wait is nothing compared to how accomplished you'll feel after recruit training.



During World War II, four U.S. Marines and a U.S. Navy sailor raised the flag on Iwo Jima after defeating the Japanese. This famous statue captures the bravery and patriotism of these Americans.

A Little Political Humor ... by Christopher Forrister

Hillary Clinton: Release your tax returns, Donald!

Donald Trump: I'll email them to you, Hillary!



We See the World ... DiFferEntLy

Our observations on topical events

By William Horner and Chris Delgado

Dismissing the WikiLeaks claims about her campaign, Hillary Clinton accused Russia of spying on her. Who would've thought Russia was providing fair and balanced coverage in an American presidential election?

The last debate was the best of the three. Trump tried pinning Clinton down, but Clinton threw out statistics that had the network fact checkers scratching their heads.

Donald Trump and Bill Clinton are running neck and neck in another kind of contest. With at least 10 accusations of sexual assault each, they are currently tied for the Cosby Cup.



What to Wear?

An Interview with Principal Porter

By Rafael Vasquez

Ever wonder why the dress code at NAS is so strict? Well, I asked a student to interview the principal, Mrs. Porter, to find out. Here's what I learned:

WHY CAN'T STUDENTS WEAR NFL OR NBA MERCHANDISE?

PORTER: [Team merchandise] *may be misconstrued as a gang affiliation, promote discrimination, create conflict,*

and/or cause a distraction.

WHY ARE WE ALLOWED TO WEAR COLLEGE MERCHANDISE?

PORTER: *That promotes education.*



WHY DO SOME STUDENTS HAVE TO COVER UP THEIR TATTOOS?

PORTER: *Some [tattoos] contain inappropriate visuals.*

Mrs. Porter also said that students can't wear clothing that has two meanings if one of the meanings is not school appropriate. She said students can wear clothing to represent their individuality and creativity, but we must be "cautious to ensure it doesn't contain offensive material."

The student pictured above is demonstrating what NOT to wear to school. For a listing of what you can and can't wear, see the student handbook.



A Little Sports Humor ...

by Christopher Forrister

NAS Student: We're still waiting on a football team, so you'll see sports coverage when basketball season starts.



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(front center) Christopher Forrister; (first row: l-r) Dr. Stathis (advisor), Elian Murrillo, Rafael Vasquez, Reyna Ruiz, Jackie Macho; (back row: l-r) Christopher Hernandez, Esmeralda Martinez, Leanne Nieto, Luis Gonzalez, Nate Martinez, Izzy Montoya, and Spencer Griffiths; Not pictured: Leslie Acosta, Chris Delgado, William Horner, and Jocelyn Ortiz. *Special thanks to Ms. Duran for her help with Liberty News.*



Submit a news tip, letter to the editor, or suggestion to any member of the Liberty News staff. We may print it!

Answer from Page 4: A. **Veterans Day**. Veterans Day does not include an apostrophe, but does include an "s" at the end of "veterans" because it is not a day that "belongs" to veterans, it is a day to honor all veterans.