

The Lariat

Chino High School

Unexpected Prom Theme Revealed During Prom Expo

By Addison Ortiz and Jezzarai Bugarin



Amelya Bogle and Robert Hitchcock getting ready to present their looks at Prom Expo. Dress from Windsor, Tux is from Friar Tux and corsage and boutonniere is from Amore Flowers

On March 1st during the prom expo, the theme for this year's prom was revealed which, included advertisements for dresses, suits, and information about prom during lunch in the quad.

Students that were coupled up included Jocie Herrera and Elena Rossen, Lyndsey Valverde and Cj Gibson, Robert Hitchcock and Amelya Bogle, Betzi Cruz, and Gustavo Ramos, all walked down

the red carpet and modeled unique styles so students could get a good look at the options to get inspiration for prom.

Senior Gustavo Ramos said, "I had a lot of fun. It was my friend Betzi's idea and I wanted to do it with my home girl. Everyone was nice and sweet."

Finally, the poster containing the theme rolled down revealing the theme was "The

Great Gatsby" and will be held at Yucaipa Performing Arts Center on April 6th.

Senior Kirra Finneran said, "The expo was cool, and the dresses and suits were nice. I though the theme was unexpected but its good."

This event was brought to you from ASB, Windsor, Friar Tux and Amore Flowers.

World Guard Takes First in Phoenix

By Harlie Escamilla

This year, the Chino World Guard made its way to climb up the ranks of their division in the WGI Phoenix CG Regionals. On Saturday, March 3rd, there were two competitions being held that day, prelims, and finals. The Chino World Guard team worked hard and performed a great show in those two competitions, getting first place in both of those competitions.

It would take about seven hours to make it to Phoenix. Everyone on the team, including guard instructors, parent chaperones, and band director, Mr. Bowden, all made sure to be prepared and have everything necessary for a comfortable ride on the way to Phoenix. Color guard captain, Joanna Aguilera, described the trip as “Relaxing and pretty fun. It wasn’t an uncomfortable ride despite how long the drive was.”

As the team made it to Phoenix, they all had just enough time to practice at a nearby high school that was willing to spare their gym just for them to practice in. Although everyone was tired from the ride alone, they all still had just enough energy to put efforts into their practice that night before going to the hotel. When everyone made it to



Chino World Guard celebrates their first-place award after a great performance in Phoenix. Photo courtesy of Mimi Flores.

the hotel after practice, they all head to their rooms and rest for the night to be prepared for the big day the next day.

When Saturday came, everyone’s energy was through the roof. They all just could not be more excited to show their great skills to all of those who came to watch the guards at the competition. Everyone had enough time to eat and get ready before heading to the location that the competition was being held at for prelims. Once there, everyone would practice there before performing to their audience. Once the performance was over and everyone was packed up, the team would head back to the hotel to

get a break that had about enough time for everyone to prepare for finals.

When the time came for everyone to head to finals, there was about 10 times the amount of energy and enthusiasm compared to earlier. The same thing would happen just as the team made it to the location where finals were being held. After enough practice and an outstanding performance, Chino World Guard would make it to 1st place in their division. It was a long day, so when everyone made it back to the hotel again, they would all prepare for the next day of heading back to California.

New ASB Senior Cabinet for the 2024-2025 School Year!

By Samantha Sandoval

With only two months left for the 2023-2024 school year, cabinet elections start to begin for the 2024-2025 school year.

On February 23, voting election for ASB cabinet for the next school year started, and ended that day. From here, you were able to vote for your class presidents (Freshman-Senior), and for your ASB President, Business Manager, Vice President, and Secretary.

The votes are in, and your new senior cabinet members for the 2024, 2025 school year is, Cassidy Rodriguez (ASB President), Kalia Brady (Vice President), Aiden Franco (Business Manager), and Charisma Cano (Secretary).

The *Lariat* asked each member about their roles and expectations for the next school year.

“Making everyone feel included in what we do in the school so that it’s not just ASB picking things out but with the whole school.” says Rodriguez when asked what her accomplishments are for the next school year as ASB President.

Rodriguez was also elected Junior Class President last school year and has just been elected as ASB President.

Working with Rodriguez is

Vice President Brady. “I’m excited to see what the next school year is going to hold.” says Brady when asked how she feels about being elected Vice President.

Brady has been in ASB for over 5 years now, which shows her determination for being in ASB and being elected as Vice President.



The new ASB Senior Cabinet: Charisma Cano (Secretary far left), Cassidy Rodriguez (ASB President Middle Left), Kalia Brady (ASB Vice President Middle Right), and Aiden Franco (Business Manager Far Right).

New elected Business Manager, Franco says, “I manage the student store, ASB fundings, sports fundings and club fundings.” when asked about his expected duties as Business Manager.

This position was held by senior Kenidey Pesante and is

being passed down to Franco. This role is especially important for creating budgets for our schools’ events and activities.

The last cabinet position is ASB secretary. “I’m looking forward to guide all my peers in ASB and work together as a group to make the school year as best as possible.” says newly elected cabinet member Cano.

The role of Secretary was also held by senior Lily Monk but is being passed down to Cano.

Ms. Castillo, ASB advisor, had a few words to say about the upcoming cabinet members.

“My expectations for the cabinet members next year and every year is to be a great role model for the school and to just be a great representation of not only our school but also for the district. I also want them to have cowboy pride and to just continue to make our ASB somewhere on campus for not only our class but for our entire student body and to just to lead by example.” says Castillo.

Each position that these students have all have important duties that they each must follow, but it also shows their determination and school pride for wanting to make our school continue to have a better environment.

Chino Valley's New Altered Policy

By Lizette Ruelas

Amid a legal dispute with California General Attorney Rob Bonta, Chino Valley has now changed the outlines of their new policy which would have required school officials to notify parents within 3 days if their child requests a name change or to use a rest room different than the one, they're "appointed to."

This implementation was rebutted by Attorney General of California, Rob Bonta, who is suing the district over what he says is a violation of student's rights, the parameters of the policy have been changed. The new policy does not use the words "gender",

"bathroom" or "pronouns" and instead vaguely says school officials must report to parents a request in change to their official or unofficial records.

The old outlines said staff and administration must notify parents within 72 hours (about 3 days), specifically if, their child has identified as transgender, wants a name change, has requested to be referred to with pronouns outside of the ones based on their sex, or asks to use the gender-neutral bathroom. The revised policy only requires parental notification of requests to

change official or unofficial records, extracurricular or co-curricular activities their student is involved in and any physical injuries at school or during school sponsored activities.

While it may seem like an improved policy, it is not made clear in this new approach to what 'unofficial records' are so ultimately it will still require and ask the same thing of teachers and administrators as before however leaving out specifying words is like a legal loophole for the district to win the lawsuit.

Incoming AVID Students Tour Chino High Campus

By Samantha Sandoval

On March 5th, CHS AVID students took AVID middle school students around Chino High to see what they should look forward to when coming next year. The local junior high schools that attended were Woodcrest and Magnolia.

Chino High senior and junior AVID students were the tour guides who ran this event, advised by Mrs. Nelson.

"I hope they (the middle schoolers) feel more comfortable coming to Chino High next year and want to join AVID."

said AVID senior Emily Lucero.

AVID tour guides picked up kids in the front of the school and got them settled into their groups where they introduced themselves.

From 10-11a.m., students started their tour, and walked around campus while the tour guides shared facts about Chino. Also, throughout the tour, there was a picture scavenger hunt where middle school AVID students took pictures of various places around the campus.

Students ended the first



Woodcrest AVID students arriving at Chino and being sorted into groups ready to start their tour

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hour of the day in the MPR where they started a collaborating bonding time. Each student created a collage of drawings to different questions asked. Students were asked to draw the mascot of their dream college, and what schools they would like to visit in AVID.

After a bonding and a snack break, students headed off to the lecture hall for a presentation from AVID advisor Mrs. Nelson and senior AVID cabinet members. Seniors and Mrs. Nelson discussed why middle school students should join and stay in AVID in high school. There was also a Q&A where middle school students could ask tips, questions, and advice about AVID and high school.

To end the tour of Chino High, all students had a pizza party in the MPR.

To add a nostalgic moment, many Chino High AVID students were able to see their former middle school AVID teachers and reunite with them, which added a memorable moment for the teachers to see how much their former students have grown.

"When I saw Ms. Lewis (Magnolia AVID teacher), it felt like a full circle moment. I remember visiting Chino High as a middle school AVID student." said senior AVID student Emily Lucero.

Chino High 'Can't Stop Singing' Over School Spirit

By Rylie Alarcon

The theme for the rally spirit week was Teen Beach Movie. It was from March 18th-22nd. The actual rally was on March 22nd. Many people were excited for the fun dressup days and lunchtime games that were ahead.

Monday was 'Cruisin for a snoozin' day. This meant it was pajama day. Tuesday was 'Fun in the sun', where students would wear beach attire. Wednesday was 'Can't stop singing.' Students would dress as their favorite music artist.

When asked "What artist did you dress up as for Can't

Stop Singing day?" 9th grader Miranda Brown said, "I dressed up as Lana Del Rey because she is my idol and I listen to her a lot."

Thursday was 'Ride or die,' which was twinning with another student. And Friday was 'Surfers vs. Bikers'. Seniors and freshman dressed as surfers, while juniors and sophomores dressed as bikers.

When asked "what spirit day did you look forward to most?" 9th grader Saul Chavez said, "I looked forward to surfers vs. bikers because I had the best outfit for it."



Mrs. Morris enjoying her students participation in Fridays 'Surfers VS. Bikers' Spirit Day.

Even in the Rain, Chino Relays Shines On

By Evan Gray

The 73rd annual Chino Relays Track and Field event was held on March 2nd and hosted 12 schools.

The Chino girls' team took third out of the twelve teams with a score of 49.01, coming within 4 points of the second-

the event out of the 12 teams.

Leading up to the event, weather conditions were less than ideal. According to Time-anddate.com, the temperature for that day had a high of 61 degrees and a low of 52 making it hard for some athletes to stay

“The Chino High Girls Track and Field record for the Girls 1600 Sprint Medley Relay was broken”

place team, Murrieta Valley. The boys' team was not as successful in this year's competition, scoring dead last with a score of 10.1 behind 11th place Baldwin Park who scored 11.

In an incredible moment in Chino history the Chino High Girls Track and Field record for the Girls 1600 Sprint Medley Relay was broken. Tri-sport Senior Aubrey Layton, Two-Sport and CIF Finalist Senior Elena Rossen, Two-Sport Junior Payton Montes, and Freshman Bryanna Gonzalez all took part in this event and came in with a combined time of 4 minutes and 27.72 seconds setting the new school record. What was even more impressive about this team was that they had little time to prepare as a group being assembled for the team the day of the event. They took first in

warm. The day was also filled with on and off rain that forced competitors to huddle underneath tents set up for volunteers for shelter.

Chino boys and girls scored 1st place in four track events, 2nd in three track events, and 3rd in five track events.

Chino boys and girls scored 1st place in a total of two field events both by Senior Alyssa Bergiadis who threw an impressive 1st place finish 31 feet and 4 inches in her shot-put event and 96 feet 3 inches in her discus event.

Chino scored 2nd place in one field event by Junior (Edgar Soto), who pole vaulted 9 feet, and one third place finish from Junior (Payton Montes), who also jumped 9 feet.



Senior Aubrey Layton with her first place medal after being a part of the record breaking Girls 1600 Sprint Medley Relay

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Dodgers MLB Spring Training Comes to an End

By: Melanie Plascencia and Austin Gonzalez

The Los Angeles Dodgers started spring training February 22nd at the Peoria Sports Complex beating the Padres 14-1.

Spring training is a way for all the teams to get back into the feel of things. It is also a unique experience for fans to watch their favorite teams practice and even get a chance to meet players.

Spring training takes place in Arizona, The Cactus League, or Florida in the Grapefruit League. These pre-season games are an effective way for prospects to show their skills to MLB scouts.

When interviewing senior baseball player Carson Sena from the Chino High baseball team, he says, "Going to the Dodgers spring training games with my family is what I look forward to every year especially because I get to meet the players."

Spring training is ending as the first game of the regular season starts March 26th, 2024, where the Dodgers and Padres face off in Seoul, South Korea. The Dodgers ended their spring training with a record of 13-5.



Dodgers VS White Sox at Dodger Stadium for their Spring training Game. Dodgers won this game with a final score of 9-6. In their next face off the Dodgers pulled off a double digit win ending 12-9 against the White Sox.



Geanne Phillips running her event during the track meet.

Busy Weeks for Track and Field

By Karina Carrillo Chavez

The past few weeks have been busy for the Track and Field team with their first race taking place at Ontario High School, February 17th where the girls 1600 Sprint Medley Relay Division 2 team came in 1st place.

On February 22nd the team took on Diamond Ranch High School at a practice meet. On Chino Relays on March 2nd, and they had an Irvine Invitational that happened, on Saturday March 9th.

They still had a league meet at Chaffey High School on Thursday March 14 and the following invitational at Beaumont on Saturday March 16. These athletes hope to continue to be strong and set new personal records.

"I feel really excited for these
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upcoming races because since it's my first year doing track I can't wait to see where I'm going to be at towards the end of the season," said Genesis Ortega.

"How I feel about these upcoming races is encouragement and I feel like I could achieve the goals I have," said Johnny Sanchez.

As they continue to push their limits and determination it will cause their goals to not only be dreams but to strive for them to become a reality for them.

Scenes From Flag Football's 12-0 Varsity and 24-0 JV Lugo Shut Out

By Dominic Jimenez



Chino Vs. Ontario at Quakes Stadium

By Lizette Ruelas

The Mt. Baldy league baseball teams faced each other off in a tournament hosted at the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes stadium. In an intense game between Chino and Ontario High School, both teams highlighted their skills and determination. Chino secured the win and produced a final score of 3-1.

Chino was the away team, so they got to bat first. There was no action from Chino in the opener, but Ontario was able to score one run in the bottom of the first. The starting 9 for Chino were producing consistent hits throughout the entire game. As

the game progressed, the tension built up.

In the top of the fourth inning, Chino made an impressive comeback, scoring a run and tying the game. The energy on the field was palpable as both teams fought for victory.

Then, in the top of the sixth inning, Chino stepped up to the plate, determined to secure the win. Sr. #3 Isaiah Hernandez and Jr. #6 Xiovany Ochoa each scored a run to advance Chino by 2 and win the game.

The crowd erupted in cheers, celebrating Chino's earned victory. Each Chino

player displayed their talent, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the game, making it memorable for everyone. Chino and Ontario anticipate playing each other twice more, but this will be the only game held in an official stadium.



How CHS Ladies are Preparing for Prom

By Alyssa Candelaria



Mayah Larenas 12th grade states “I am excited for prom because it is my last high school dance ever. The plan is to go with my friends, but I might get a date! I am planning to wear a royal blue dress with sequins. I have never been to prom before, and I am thrilled that I am going to spending with my amazing group of friends”



Sienna Ruiz, a 12th grade student says “I am extremely excited for prom and this year I am attending with my boyfriend. I currently do not know what color theme I am doing yet but I know it will be cute! This is my second year attending prom and this year I am getting prepared and knowing where to take pictures this time.”



Liana Lopez, a 12th grade student at CHS, states “It should be tons of fun and I cannot wait to take pictures and make lots of memories! I am attending with my best of friends. I do not know what color yet, but I hope I choose whatever speaks to me, white or red would be extremely cute! I have not been to prom before so I am extra excited for this one.”

Inside Chino’s One and Only Record Store and Arcade

By Landen Doyle

The *Lariat* got an exclusive interview with a local record store/arcade owner. Located just behind Black Bear Diner, Ratnest, a record, game, anime store, and arcade. The store features everything from the mainstream to the incredibly obscure, and an unexaggerated catalog of hundreds of arcade games, from the modern day to games from the last few years.

Ratnest specializes in retro games/consoles, punk, and metal records, and all the obscure eastern entertainment you can get. The owner and Chino local, Robbie Ohnemus, takes immense pride in his love for the content in his store, from the games to the manga, and to the music.

His inspiration for creating the shop was a previously shut



Inside of The Ratnest Record store and Arcade

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down store at the Montclair Mall called “Anime Club” that was open for around 4 years. Robbie described Anime club as having very off-beat picks for the anime they had, which inspired his taste.



Robbie had been building up to this store fresh out of his graduation at Don Lugo Highschool in 2012. For anyone aspiring to create their own business like his, Robbie had this to say: “My advice is to just never let go of the things you enjoy and love, and don’t open a business for something you don’t have your heart into.”

Ratnest hosts multiple events, such as movie nights, anime nights, punk shows, and upcoming video game speed running event that you can sign up for now and will be streamed live on twitch on May 25th and 26th from 2PM – 8AM. Do not forget to support your local business and check out Ratnest any time you can.

Will the Gatsby-Themed Prom be a Roaring Hit?

By Shawn Nelms

As the school year continues to approach its conclusion, more end-of-the-year events have made their presence known. One of the most notable events to take place during this time is prom. With the arrival of prom also comes curiosity of what this year’s theme would be. This question was put to rest when, on March 1 during lunch, the theme was revealed to be “The Great Gatsby.” Many took delight in the news while many others were left unsatisfied, expecting a more appeal-

ing theme.

Based on my stance, I believe that, given the right execution, this year’s prom theme has the potential to bring the extravagance and grandeur of a roaring twenties party to the modern day.

Before going into more depth, some context may be needed for those who may have forgotten or have not read the story. Written by F. Scott Fitzgerald and published in 1925, “The Great Gatsby” is a story

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that focuses on the escapades of Jay Gatsby, a seemingly eccentric, young millionaire. Within the story are a multitude of large parties that are described as “elegant, extravagant, and wild.”

With that context in mind, the first way the theme can be successful is utilizing the book's descriptions. As mentioned before, parties within the story were described as “elegant, extravagant, and wild.” With the descriptions used leaving so much to the imagination, this gives the organizers of the event a greater degree of creative liberties when it comes to its design.

Another way in which the theme can be successfully executed is to explore the other mediums in which the story of “The Great Gatsby” has been told. Although the book holds a great deal of detail that can be used, the 2013 film adaptation of the book would offer a great deal more in terms of visual inspiration. Along with the 2013 adaptation, the film's soundtrack can also be implemented to enhance the theme.

Considering the number of resources that can be utilized, this year's prom theme has the potential to be a success on the school's part and hit the many who are attending the event.

The Exciting 96th Academy Awards

By Melenie Morelos

The 96th Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars, lit up the night on March 10, 2024, captivating audiences with breathtaking performances, touching speeches and unexpected victories. The star-studded event was masterfully hosted by one and only Jimmy Kimmel.

Oppenheimer was named Best Picture and the movie grabbed seven awards. Christopher Nolan got the Best Director award, Cillian Murphy won Best Actor, and Robert Downey Jr. took home the best Supporting Actor Award for Oppenheimer. The film also scored awards for Best Cinematography, Best Original Score, and Best Film Editing.

Emma Stone also won Best Actress for her outstanding performance in the movie “Poor things.” The movie won 4 awards for Best Makeup, Hairstyling, and Production Design and Costume Design.

Billie Eilish and her brother, Finneas O'Connell snagged two awards for Best Original Song “What was I made for,” a Deep Piano Ballad from Greta Gerwig's hit movie, “Barbie.”

Arturo Sanchez, a senior at Chino High said, “I am happy that Emma stone won best ac-

tor She is an amazing actor.”

Ryan Gosling also had an amazing performance of his song, “I'm Just Ken” from the movie “Barbie.” He won people's hearts with that performance.



The 96th Academy Awards was a wonderful experience for the talented people that made it there. It is a proud moment to win the awards and everyone that won should be proud of winning an award like an Oscar.

The Origin of St. Patrick's Day

By Natalia Castillo Cortes

St. Patrick's Day has been more than just wearing green and indulging in Irish cuisine. It has a rich history that stretches back centuries, rooted in the life of St. Patrick himself.

Saint Patrick born of Maewyn Succat, was kidnapped from Britain by Irish raiders as a teenager. After six years of captivity, he escaped and returned to his homeland, to have a vision calling him back to Ireland as a missionary.

He spent the rest of his life

spreading Christianity across Ireland, using the shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity. He became the patron saint of Ireland and is credited with driving out snakes from the island, this was a metaphor for converting pagans to Christianity.

The celebration of St. Patrick's Day began as a religious feast day in the 17th century, marking the anniversary of St. Patrick's death. Over time, it evolved into a secular holiday

celebrating Irish culture and heritage, especially among Irish immigrants in the United States.

Today, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated with parades, festivals, and traditional Irish music and dance. While the origins of St. Patrick's Day are deeply rooted in religious history, the holiday has transcended its religious significance to become a global celebration of Irish culture and identity.

Where are They Now: Famous Chino Alumni

By Nathan Herrera and Evan Gray

There have been many former Chino High athletes that have made it to the professional level. Greg Salas, who was born and raised in Chino, was drafted in the NFL in the 4th round with the 112th pick of the draft to the St. Louis Rams in 2011.

During his senior year at Chino, he had 3 career touchdowns, 165 yards off only 11 receptions, and averaged 15 yards per game. The longest touchdown that he had that year was 44 yards.

Salas attended the University of Hawaii after graduating from Chino High where he started all 14 games and caught 57

passes for a team-high 831 yards and scored three touchdowns, averaging 14.6 yards per carry. In 2010, he broke Hawaii single-season records with 119 receptions and 1,889 yards as a slot receiver

He signed a 4-year contract but was traded to the New England Patriots but was released a few days later. When he came to the league, he was on 6 different teams in 6 years and retired in 2017 due to injuries. When he retired from the league, he became an associate general manager for IMG Sports Marketing which is where he is

currently still employed

Some of Greg's best accolades include finishing the pre-season leading the team with 10 receptions for 138 yards and one touchdown with the Detroit Lions. Another accolade is he scored his first career receiving touchdown, a 71-yard reception against the New York Jets. While doing well and at the end of their career finished with 50 receptions, 704 receiving yards, 28 rushing yards and 1 career touchdown. Greg's professional career sadly ended with the Buffalo Bills when they released him on November 4, 2016.

Glam Sham: A Background on Prom Fashion

By Presley Penman

Prom, the true high school experience, is highly awaited by many. It is the greatest event the students can attend. A time to dress your best and enjoy the night with friends or lovers. However, Prom fashion was not always the same as it has been.

Surely, you have seen some of the awkward prom photos from either the 80s or 90s. Girl dresses were far much blockier, as for guys, diverse colors in suits and ties were popular. But what were some other trends further back in the past?

Let us start all the way back to the 1920s. Wisconsin Historical Society claims that instead of dresses that clung to the curves of women, they were more drop waisted, helping create a tubular style de-emphasizing the waistline and bust. Colors that were popular during that time were dusty shades of peach, pink, sage, and yellow. For guys on the other hand, men wore the typical tuxedo, matching with a top hat, and leather oxford shoes.

Trends evolved in the 1950s. Fashion took a total turn for teens. This period was focused on flattery, elegant looks. Lulus, a fashion blog claims that a clas-

sic prom dress for girls would be a fitted bodice pieced with a full skirt of tulle, organza, taffeta, and satin. Ruffles also were very bountiful. Men had the similar standard of tuxedos and suits. Colored suits were popular as well, differing in shades or red or blue. Yet, throughout most of the years, black was always the most popular of suits for men.



Fun interactions between friends, courtesy of stock photos.

The 1980s was a decade of color. Fashion became more fun and brighter; therefore, Prom was full of much more diverse colors for women. Colors began to expand, displaying every color of the rainbow. However, dresses were not as flattering as the 50s. Like the 20s, drop-waisted dresses were back in. Big hair was much more prominent, at Prom.

The 90s took back the elegant look, with fitted bodices and flowing skirts. Spaghetti and strapless dresses were a trendy style of dress for many women; the princessy look was what many were after. Colors however stuck around baby pinks and mint greens, lavender being a close runner up as well.

As of now, Prom fashion has expanded to many diverse tastes.

Individualism seemed to come into the picture; having girls want more diversity among one another. Colors expand from deep reds and black, to baby blues and soft pinks. Accessories are also highly valued with modern fashion, whether its jewelry or clutches and such. With the guys, however, fashion reverted. Tuxedos became more modern and basic, only strictly black and white with occasional reds and such.

The evolution in fashion is very unpredictable, whether it is based on the generation or decade, there is no true prediction of what could come next for fashion. Especially prom. Who knows, maybe in the next decade people will be wearing light-up dresses with glass heels?

CHS Catching the Waves at ASB's Teen Beach Rally

By Deja Hernandez and Anette Vega

