



2012 is Here

By Christina Petersen



Some call the year 2012 twenty twelve, others call it two thousand and twelve, then there are the seniors who call it the start of brand new adulthood. Whatever you might call this year, it is still a year closer to the anticipated graduation date. There are many things weighing on people’s minds with the thought of the New Year. These things include graduation, summer, another dreaded year, the presidential election, and, yes the debate over the world ending. For starters, the election for the new president has Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, Ron Paul, Newt Gingrich, Rick Perry, Michele Bachmann, and Jon Huntsman. The presidential election is to be held on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Barack Obama is fighting for the covenant. Another thing that creeps its way into the unsuspecting peoples minds is the debate over the theory of the world ending. According to scientists, the world is supposed to end on December 21, 2012. They have come to this conclusion because it is what the Mayan calendar predicted more than a thousand years ago. Some people in the world believe this to be nothing but an over-exaggeration by the public, while other believe this to be true. Either way, this is



going to an interesting year for believers and non-believers alike. Another major event going on at the start of 2012 is football. Most know that before the Superbowl there are playoffs. This year, competing in the playoffs are the Denver Broncos vs. the New England Patriots and the Houston Texans vs. the Baltimore Ravens. Competing in the NFC is the New Orleans Saints vs. the San Francisco 49ers, and the New York Giants vs. the Green bay Packers. The Superbowl this year is to be hosted by Indianapolis, on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Some other exciting events going on this year include the 100th year anniversary of the Titanic sinking and the annexation of Arizona. The summer Olympics are also taking place in London this year. Over all, this is a busy and exciting year for many. Either you’re anticipating the new life that comes along with graduation, or just sitting back and enjoying the ride, or even just waiting to see how things pan out, you will be busy. Enjoy the brand new year and may it be better than the last.



Journalism Could Use You!!!

by Staff

Journalism students are students like you who want to know what is going on in school and research, photograph, interview, and write about it to share with everyone. Journalism is currently open to students who want to contribute by writing stories, articles,

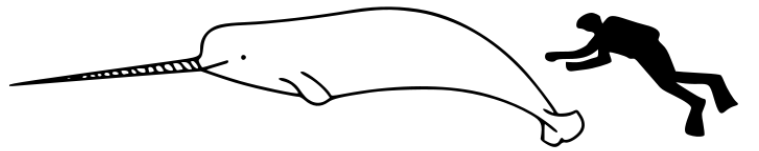
poems, etc. If you have an interest in writing and would like to see your work published, please see Mr. Hill in room 163. If you are interested in joining the class second semester see your councilor now.



Marine Biology

By Mackenzie Hawkins

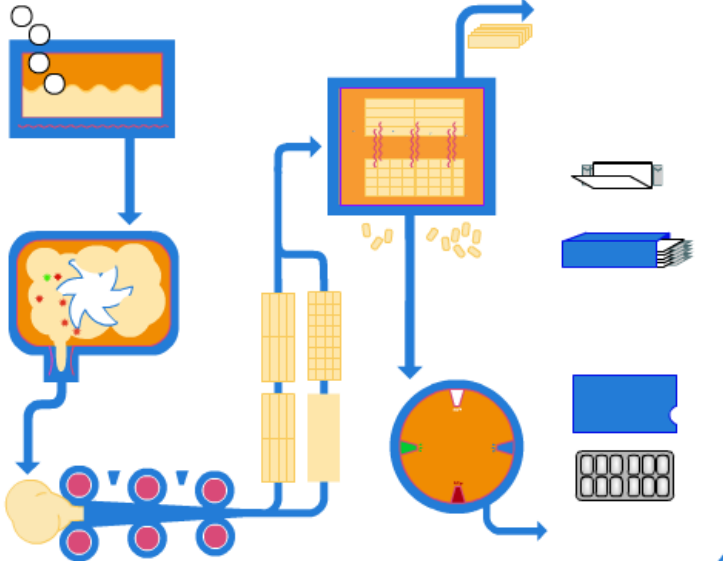
Have you ever been interested in the life of marine plants and animals? Do you enjoy field trips to Simpson Park and in class labs? If this sounds like something you would like to do, join Hemet High’s marine biology class starting second semester. Our very own Mr. Cook teaches this class. Traditionally, marine biology is taught first semester and is followed by zoology, but this year is a little different. For the past 18 weeks, Mr. Cook has been teaching his students about plants and animals. For the next 18 weeks, he will be teaching marine biology. This class will consist of learning about a range of sea animals and sea plant life. If you are interested in this class, please see your counselor about making the switch for second semester.



How it’s Made

By Mackenzie Hawkins

Gum; we all chew it. It comes in different shapes, sizes, and flavors. Being in high school, we go through multiple packs of gum a week. But, have you ever wondered what goes into making this gum? The gum you chew is made in eight simple steps. First, the ingredients used to make the gum are melted together and purified. Once the mixture is melted together, the base is poured into various mixers, depending on the size of the order. Sweeteners and flavors are added at just the right moment and in just the right amount and then slowly blended. The mixtures produce large loafs of gum that may then be further processed depending on the type of gum that is being made. For chunky bubble gum, the gum is sent through an extruder that makes a continuous rope of delicious gum. For gum balls, the gum is formed into the shape of a pencil, and then sent through a machine especially made for making gum balls with hollow centers. For sticks, tab or pellet gum, the gum passes through a series of rollers that form it into a thin, wide ribbon. Each pair of rollers are set closer together than the previous pair, gradually making the gum thinner. A light coating of finely powdered sugar or sugar substitute is added to keep the gum from sticking and to make it more flavorful. When the extruding process is over, the continuous ribbon or rope of gum is cut into whatever gum is being made. The gum is then cooled before it is wrapped. The gum centers are fed to a spray dryer that forms the crunchy coating around the gum center. They tumble around while being sprayed by a syrup mixture made of filtered water, sweeteners and coloring. Next, the gum is wrapped in selected packaging. Finally, it is shipped to stores all over the world. So, next time you pop a piece of gum into your mouth, think about the strange way it is made and smile!





It's Time to Take a Breather

By Christina Petersen

During the winter we tests. Don't worry, though, look forward to Christmas and the New Year, but that can help you calm down. one thing that students tend to forget, is those little tests at the end of the semester. There is one thing we dread all semester long and hope that our teachers will soon forget, and that is finals. Yes I said that dreaded word, finals. Finals are the tests that can make or break a high school career. By this time, everyone is rushing around trying to turn in make up work and study for those stressful finals. Stress and time management come about with the thought of those



Breathe. That is all you need, just take a long well needed break from the stress and just breath. Finals can psych you out more than needed, and that is something you do not need. Sit back and just breath for a second, you will be surprised how well this will calm you down. Finals are one of the many tests that a student will be given, but it doesn't have to completely stress your whole life out.

Parking Alert

By Natalie Sanden

Many of you many have noticed the parking violation tickets that cars around our campus have been receiving. These notices say "Your vehicle is in violation of school parking lot policy. Your vehicle may be towed and or fined if you do not follow the policy set by Hemet High School." The administration has decided to implement these violations because students are parking in the paid-for senior parking spots as well as teacher, visitor, reserved and administration parking spaces. Thus, many people began to complain, so something had to be done. The rules for parking here at Hemet High are simple; do not park in other people's spots and you must have a parking permit. These permits are available in the counseling office for only five dollars. To purchase one, you must show a parent signature, license and registration. The permits are used to ensure the safety and identification of your vehicle. For example, if a student leaves their lights on, the car can be identified and you can be notified. Thus, to ensure your car doesn't get towed or you don't get ticketed, make sure to follow the parking rules.



Attention Students

By Chloe Green

Do you like working with computers? Then multimedia is the class for you! During the course you get to work with MAC computers with multiple applications such as, Final Cut Ex., Photoshop, iMovie, iPhoto, inDesign, and many others, Access to cameras and even video cameras are also available to you. You will learn how to change photo colors, edit pictures, and make your own movies. Everything you will need is all on the computer. Not good at typing? Fix that with ATRT. It's a typing activity where you



can learn how to type better, and faster. This class is one of a kind, you learn new techniques while having fun at the same time. What are you waiting for? Go down to your councilor and ask to take the semester class Multimedia located in room 163.

Backstage Look

By Spencer Lewis

On January 6th the Hemet High symphonic band left the school at 6:30 a.m. to start on the long 2-hour bus ride to Disneyland. Once the band arrived at the park, they found it decorated in beautiful Christmas lights. They then all met in Toon Town to be escorted, by a director of the park, behind the scenes. While behind the scenes, they saw large warehouses and cranes. No one was allowed to take pictures or pull out phones for any reason. All of the people working behind the park were like agents and very secretive. The band was told to walk in a single file line and followed the director all the way to the Carnation Plaza where the band played 5 songs. Also John Muir Middle School String Orchestra and symphonic band performed along with the Body Rock & Maxi Jazz band from Australia. The bands played at the Carnation plaza throughout the day. The songs played by the Hemet High symphonic band were "Entry of the Gladiators," "Last to Defend," Teddy Bear's Picnic," "Ahab," and "Stars and Stripes." The band did very well performing and after, were escorted back behind the park. Once everyone was changed out of concert attire, the band was given a placard saying that Hemet High band performed in Disneyland on January 6th 2012. After receiving the placard, the band was allowed to spend the rest of the day in the park. Kids from the band were running around Disneyland riding Space Mountain, the Matterhorn, and the new improved Star Tours. Once it became dark, all throughout the park, the Christmas lights came on. Thousands of lights lit up the park and all the rides. The fireworks show started at 8 and lit up the night sky with the many fireworks. The band left Disneyland at 10 p.m. and arrived back at school around midnight. Everyone was exhausted and ready for bed. The day went well, the band played great and everyone who went had an amazing time exploring both the public part of Disneyland and the sneak peak of the backstage.



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Is It Internet Official?

By Mackenzie Hawkins and Natalie Sanden

The internet today is farther advanced than ever before. For example, you can go on Google and type in one word from a song and find the song lyrics. You can search funny videos on Youtube and find cute pictures on Flickr.

Some of the social websites are becoming huge. For a long time everyone was into Myspace, which was mostly for teenagers. Now, kids are taking over what was once called “an adult site,” Facebook. When you are on Facebook, you get to

browse what people are saying and what they are doing. There are also different games that you can play like Words With Friends, Farmville, Yoville, and many more. Many people also involve themselves in “Poke Wars”.

Twitter is another website that is becoming big, fast. Like Facebook, you can read what your friends are posting and view the pictures they are taking. But, unlike Facebook you can also see what a lot of your favorite celebrities are doing without having to be friends with them. On Twitter, when you want to see the updates on certain people, you follow them. By following them, you can see what they post everyday and when people tag that person in a “Tweet.” You can also see that on your home page.

Another social website that a lot of people don’t know about is Myyearbook. Here, you can talk to not only your friends that you have on your friends list, but also with people from around the world. On your home page, you have a section where you can specify what kind of people you want to talk to (gender, age range, where they live, ect.) You don’t have to have a person as a friend to see what they are posting in their status. When you go to view their profile, you can decide if you want to add them to your friends or not. But the thing is, every time you looks at someone’s profile, they are notified that you did so. You can also match your self with another person you think you may like. This site is basically a way to meet new people.

A lot of people nowadays also have web cameras. People love to have web chat dates on Skype. Skype allows you not only to talk to your friends, but you can also see them. There are two ways you can video chat on skype. One is you plug in a webcam to your USB port and use the CD given with the camera to install it to your computer, or your laptop may already have a camera installed. Either way, Skype allows you to see your friends or family through the computer rather than just chatting on other sites.

Tumblr is a social networking site that first began as a blog website. Tumblr gives you the option to publish a text, photo, link, quote, audio or video post to share with the world. On Tumblr you get your very own URL that you can customize. You can “follow” other people’s blog’s from around the world just as they can “follow” yours. Once you follow someone’s blog all of there posts are published to your “dashboard.” The “dashboard” is where you can view all of the posts from all of the blogs that you follow as well as your own. The things posted on Tumblrvery tremendously.

With all the different websites giving you different ways to communicate, no one has time for the little things. The internet is taking over. Less and less books are being read and more and more time is being spent in front of a computer or smart phone. I hope the next generation will be more involved in the world rather than who is dating whom on Facebook.



Non-Traditional Day

By Christina Petersen

In the beginning of the year, each student was given a schedule of the classes they had to take first semester. Some classes have changed and others stayed the same, but nonetheless, each person has a schedule to follow. Well, the faculty of Hemet High decided to change that for a day. On Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the classes of automotive technology switched with dance classes for the first 3 classes, Intro to band for 4<sup>th</sup>, and food classes for periods 5-6. In past years, the students of Hemet High have enjoyed “non-traditional day,” and it gave the students in these classes the oppurtunities to try something new. It allowed them to step out of their comfort zone and gave them a broader outlook on some of the classes offered here at Hemet High.



Attention Seniors

By Chloe Green

Seniors! How would you like to participate in the senior video? There is multiple ways in which you can partake in the creation of the video. First, you can send pictures of you and your friends throughout high school. From freshman year to senior year, they are all needed. Remember, the photos must be school appropriate. Any photo in which inappropriate signs, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drug paraphernalia are seen will immediately be deleted. Second, there is a video attached with the slideshow of

the photos. This video includes many students answering questions about their high school career. The students were picked at random, and have a choice on whether or not to participate. If you would like to join this activity, you are more than welcome to do so. Theres no limit on how many people can be involved, so please feel free to come down to room 163 period 1 or 3 and ask to set up an appointment with Chloe Green. Thank you!

Send photos to [Chloeg27@yahoo.com](mailto:Chloeg27@yahoo.com), bringing in printed photos is okay as well.

Yearbook

Yearbook Sales end on Tuesday, January 31. Once sales end, yearbook determines how many books to order for the year. The only other sales of the yearbook will be at the Fun-In-The-Moon event in June. Be sure to guarantee you have your yearbook by purchasing it now in the ASB Office.



Winter Sports

By Natalie Sanden featuring Esmat Wardak

The winter sports are going strong as they move from early season competition into league play. Captain Esmat Wardak says, “Hemet wrestling has started off the season with a bang, getting first as a team at the La Quinta tournament and third at the Colton Christmas Classic tournament. We also became 2-0 in league defeating West Valley 51-11 and Citrus Hill 40-28! Beaumont and San Jacinto are the teams to beat for the league title. With the help of Coach Gasner and Coach Cory, Hemet has a good chance of winning the Mountain Pass league title. Hemet’s varsity captains are Tim Gleisner, Chris Doane, Caleb Wilson and me. We all know what our team is capable of and believe that this is their year to take home the championship.”



girls stood strong as they narrowly beat West Valley with an exciting 56-53 win. Although the girls were beat out by Citrus Hill, they are looking very strong for the rest of the league play.

The boys’ varsity basketball team is also having a successful season. They beat out Indio (56-38), Norte Vista (67-31), and Moreno Valley (38-34) in their early season games. They started the new year with a narrow loss to Lakeside (50-46) on January 4th, but

The girls’ varsity soccer team is having an outstanding season as they shut out Linfield Christian, Palm Desert and Arrowhead Christian and Hemet’s own invitational. They also beat out Perris 8-0 on January third. The girls are looking very strong in league as they owned West Valley 7-0 on January 10th and Citrus Hill 4-0 on January 12th.

The varsity boys’ soccer team is looking forward to more league play to redeem themselves from a disappointing game against West Valley on January 10th and a loss against Citrus Hill on January 12th. With all of their hard work and skill, they will surely make Hemet proud in the games to come.

It’s a comeback season for the girls’ varsity basketball team. Captains Kassandra Ray and Patricia Garcia have led the team to many victories including Paloma Valley (65-45), Moreno Valley (60-22), La Sierra (51-50), and Valley View (55-50). The team also did amazingly well at the Tahquitz tournament as they

grasped the first place trophy! The girls began the new year by beating out Banning on January 5th with the score of 58-26. In league competition, the



came back with a incredible win against Banning (72-55) on January 5th. As league play began, the team lost to West Valley and Citrus Hill but we know they will come back and show the Mountain Pass league what they are made of.

The girls’ water polo has begun the New Year of many successes. They beat Canyon Springs (14-4), JW North (12-3), and Perris (14-4) in Hemet’s own tournament on January sixth and seventh. They owned their first league game against West Valley on January 11th with a score of 20-5. Although they lost to Palm Desert and Centennial, the girls came back to have a great win (12-6) against Temecula Valley on January 14th.

Outstanding job to all of our winter sports teams. We wish you all good luck as you begin the competitive league season. All teams really look forward to their fan support throughout the season. So step up Dawgs, show your support and see the games. Go Bulldogs!



Winter Fresh

By Chloe Green

On Saturday, January 14, 2012, over a hundred students gathered in semi formal attire and attended the Winter Fresh Dance. This dance is known for being one of the best dances of the year. There is no stress about having a date and everyone just shows up to have a great time. The gym’s main floor was set up with a “club theme” event with dance boxes, lights and smoke to give the students an atmosphere to really enjoy. As there were not many students, the girls outnumbered the boys tremendously. Many of the seniors enjoyed their time knowing it would be their last Winter Fresh dance in their high school career. The winter fresh dance was a successful, fun activity for those who attended.

