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CABARET By Rebecca Vodola

On the evening of March 22, students, faculty and guests alike gathered in the newly renovated gymnasium of Immaculate High School for a long-awaited fine arts fundraiser. The arts department came together to put on a perfect night. The art classes, under the direction of Mr. Proto, completed unique cardboard sculptures in a matter of days to use as centerpieces. The chorus, led by Mrs. Raymond, put on a great show. They performed several songs, including selections from *Les Miserables*. In addition to the choral performance, many other groups and soloists took the stage. In

particular, sisters Rachel and Emma Giorgio were praised for their lovely duet. Also a stand-out was Senior Buddy Stocks, who entertained the audience with original stand-up comedy. All of the performers were lauded by the audience of friends, family, and benefactors of Immaculate. The audience was offered a wide array of refreshments. Tickets could be booked beforehand for table seating, and Cabaret was advertised in local newspapers. Likely due to the extensive publicity inside and outside of school, Cabaret had an impressive turnout. The performers and behind-the-scenes workers

put on a great show, sure to resound in Cabarets of years to come.

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Can't get enough of Immaculate's Arts program? Check out this year's production of *In the Heights*, opening Thursday April 25!



Best Ways to Fail a Driver's Test by Allie Kallberg

As the streets are becoming increasingly filled with student drivers with each passing day, The Immaculate Times compiled a list of the best ways to fail your driving test:

10) When the examiner tells you to make a turn, insist that it would mess up your chi.

9) Pull over in Dunkin Donuts. Refuse to do anything until the examiner gets you your "caffeine fix."

8) Fill your car with air fresheners. Wear a gas mask.

7) Wear fake glasses. Take

them off and tell the examiner you drive better partially blind.

6) When you are given instructions, respond with "Simon didn't say"

5) Tell the examiner how excited you are about your upcoming American Idol audition. Proceed to sing off-key through the entire test.

4) Put whoopee cushions on all the seats in the car.

3) When the examiner sits down, panic and tell them they are squishing your imaginary friend Mr. Binkles.

2) Say "If I hit pedestrians, I get

extra points, right?"

1) Give the examiner the keys and say "So we are here for your driver's test today..."

Easter Egg Hunt By Navia Hall

On March 28th, students in National Honor Society ran an Easter Egg hunt for younger kids. They got the opportunity to get some community service done while playing with kids. All the kids' faces lit up when they saw the abundance of fun games and activities NHS students had set up in the cafeteria. If they weren't dying eggs, they were getting their faces painted or participating in egg races. Kids also had a great

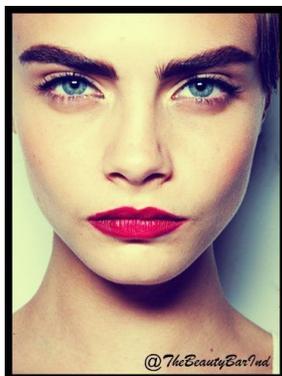
time playing with balloons, hula hoops and bubbles. Parents happily watched their kids having fun while enjoying an assortment of food provided. The actual Egg Hunt was a hit, supplying all the kids with enough sugar to drive their parents crazy for the rest of the day! This event is sure to become a tradition for years to come.





Spring Style By Despina Drougas

This spring, we are bringing color in a subtle way with pastels, mints, cremes, and corals; but we aren't just bringing color to clothing! Teens can now express themselves in the color of their hair with the new "hair chalk." In other hair news, thick natural eyebrows are on the rise. Instead of having thin brows, you could go with the bold brow look. Finally, you can complete your outfit with overalls or vertical stripes, both of which are a trends from the past making their way to the present. Regardless of trying to wear this seasons hottest trends, don't forget to bring your own flair to everything you wear!



Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Softball team which has already won two games this season—its first wins in over three years!

Keep up the good work!

Word on the Street By Andrea Rivera-Luna

Everyone at Immaculate High School has received at least 9 years worth of education. But do we really remember everything we've ever learned from them? Considering most of us can't even remember what we had for dinner last night, it's no surprise that when I asked several Immaculate students some simple trivia questions, I got some hilarious answers.

- So who knows what bird is fastest on foot? Fortunately, most people I asked knew immediately it was the wonderful ostrich, however, I received answers as far-fetched as the duck!
- What planet is closest to the sun? Would you believe that someone answered Pluto? Pluto hasn't even

been classified as a planet since 2006, and if it were still a planet, it would be the farthest away from the sun!

- In what month is the autumnal equinox? Correct answer: September. Answers I received include May and March, months that are in spring rather than autumn.
- What state is the Grand Canyon located in? Correct answer: Arizona. One answer I received was Wyoming, and when told the correct answer, the student replied, "Same thing".

And my personal favorite:

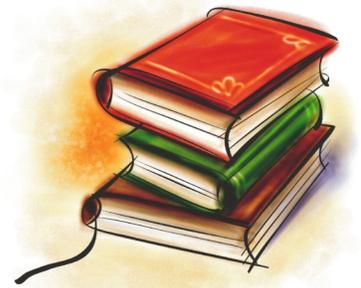
- Inca civilizations were concentrated on what continent? Correct answer:

South America. Only about five people were able to answer this one correctly.

Answers I received included North America, Europe, Africa, and Mexico. **Mexico.**

I asked for a **continent**.

So are we as smart as we claim to be? With all the AP and Honors courses some of us may be taking, we'd like to believe it, but these answers might make some of us do a double-take!



A Concerned Listener... by Alexia Ferreira

Teens live in a world where music is the soundtrack of our lives, where we have a song for every event we experience and emotion we feel. (I mean, what agnsty heartbroken girl hasn't belted a Taylor swift song into her hairbrush?) Yet now-a-days all you hear on the radio are "he broke my heart, I hate him" or "I love her so much I want her to be my wifey" songs (with the occasional

"I'm going to the club" rap song). The way I see it, why don't we have more songs that are just crazy and random, such as "I Love it" by Iconapop? It's fun and just makes you want to dance. All I'm saying is I would like more than just a relationship oriented song on the radio. Is that too hard of a request? I think not.

What do you think? Let us know at theimmaculatetimes@aol.com!

The Road to Equality By Olivia Dalmedo

Whether we see it on the news or read about it in a text book, women have always made contributions to the nation. When people think of famous women throughout history, they remember the most obvious: Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. These heroic suffragettes fought valiantly for the right to be able act upon their political views and vote, and ,because of them, the 19th amendment was ratified on August 18th 1920. But, there are many others who have not received recognition for their work in helping women's progress. In this year's Congressional election a record 97 women were voted in. Rosalyn Sussman Yalow made advancements in the medical field, Emma Tenyacu helped establish unions, and Marian Wright Edleman was a political activist for the NAACP. The names listed are just a few of the many

contributors.

These progressions have changed history. In 1930 only one out of every ten women worked. Compare that to today's times and you can see how much has changed. In the 60s and 70s women took to the streets to fight for greater equality, but, despite all of this, women have not yet achieved the full freedom that men have. There is still discrimination in the work place, with women making about .75 cents to every dollar a man makes. Another staggering statistic, shows that women are more likely to be raped than not. Sometimes in sexual harassment and rape cases women are even seen as "having brought it upon themselves" , Injustices against women happen too often in our culture, and it's our job to work

against them. For more information on how you can help go to websites such as <http://www.now.org/> and <http://wcogd.org/>. Students can also check out the "She's the First" club here at Immaculate to help empower young, underprivileged girls.

We here at Immaculate News Times hope you enjoyed this article and that it gave you something to think about,

FUN FACT!

Did you know that the average girl loses 80-100 strands of hair a day?

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Days Left Until Summer Vacation!

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