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Top Stories

Beverly Underground Speaks

On April 23 Beverly Underground distributed its first in-print edition. Ten students walked around assigned areas of the BHHS campus handing out a total of just over 300 newsletters that contained two stories from the last online edition. The stories were "Lies and Deceit Surround Recent Layoffs" and "Have You Ever Met A Nice Librarian". The distribution occurred after a two week period of consulting with the administration. To follow school rules, the paper was emailed to Dr. Stepenosky before distribution. Despite the fact that it contained no illegal material (i.e. libel, slander, etc.) the administration said that we could not distribute the paper on campus.

This did not deter us however.

We did not want to blatantly disregard the wishes of the administration, but we had the paper waiting to be distributed. We knew the law was on our side and we felt the students had the right to be informed. We asked Dr. Stepenosky to reconsider and after one week without a response, we proceeded to distribute the paper against the wishes of the administration.

To see the recent article in the Beverly Hills Weekly about the censorship attempts on Beverly Underground, go to <http://beverlyunderground.com/bhweekly.htm>. It has been reprinted on this site with permission.

To see the recent story done by the SPLC about such censorship attempts (the Student Press Law Center), go to <http://www.splc.org/newsflash.asp?id=781>

On Thursday, March 25, Dr. Stepenosky called Beverly Underground Publisher Zack Anderson into his office. With a law book in hand, Dr. Stepenosky proceeded to give in to the first amendment freedoms granted to us and permitted Beverly Underground to distribute future in-print editions. Dr. Stepenosky said that Beverly Underground is now in the "Big League" and that it would be held accountable for what it printed. According to the publisher, "Beverly Underground has from day one held itself accountable for its actions, and although I don't necessarily agree with all of the stories submitted to us and printed, I hold myself accountable for everything printed". Dr. Stepenosky continued to say that the school librarians may want to seek legal action against Beverly Underground due to the remarks made in the "Have You Ever Met A Nice Librarian" editorial. Anderson says that he regrets printing the story because it was "overly malicious and failed to give viable evidence to support its claims". Anderson has since printed a retraction to the editorial (see Beverly Underground home page at <http://beverlyunderground.com/index.htm>). When asked if the retraction had anything to do with possible legal entanglements the editorial could potentially involve Beverly Underground in, Anderson said that he felt the story did not contain libelous references and that his decision to retract the story was due to his personal convictions regarding the aims of the newspaper.

By: Jack Davis

Do You Feel Safe At Beverly?

In light of increased school violence across the nation, we decided to investigate just how safe our school is, what was being done to keep Beverly students safe, and how the students and staff felt about their safety.

The Threat

Can It Happen Here?

Columbine, Santana, Thurston High School- all of these schools strike fear in many students and parents alike across the nation. Just what is it about these communities that fostered such horrific violence? Could it happen at Beverly? What can be done to prevent such a tragedy?



Time and time again, there is one quote that reigns supreme among all school shootings: “I never would have thought it could have happened here.”

In fact the stereotype of where violence is “supposed to happen” is fatally flawed. Lets take a look at the similarities between locations of school shooting rampages and Beverly Hills High School.

There seems to be one common aspect at all of these schools where school shootings occurred: all took place in affluent middle to upper class suburban communities. This is a profile that surprises many. Most people think that school violence is something for inner-city schools in bad neighborhoods. The majority of the students and teachers we interviewed share these same thoughts and believe Beverly is sheltered from such violence. But what is so different about Beverly than the sites of school shootings? The frightening answer: almost nothing. Like Columbine, Santana High, and Thurston, Beverly is a wealthy community in the suburbs. Like these other schools, we are also a large public school that fosters to a large number of students. As senior Benjamin Maslin saw it, a school shooting can happen anywhere. Not only are we not immune, but also our community in particular seems to actually resemble that of schools such as Columbine and Santee.

Stressors: Pushed Over the Edge

Just what would lead a student to resort to school violence? What, if anything, are unique stressors to our community?

There is one common state of mind that echoes through most all school shootings: alienation. There is a multitude of stressors that can lead to a teenager feeling alienated. The most prominent is bullying. Bullying can cause one’s self-image to plummet and rage to build up. Most Beverly students agree, however, that bullying is not a significant force on campus at Beverly. Although Beverly, like all schools, has its share of bullying, it is far less than at other schools, according to students. What is it then that is creating the sense of alienation, the depression, and the suicide cases and attempts that do in fact go on at Beverly?

There are, of course, the common problems that face most teenagers: drugs, popularity, peer pressure, family problems, etc. All of these do exist at Beverly. As we reported earlier, there is a significant percentage of the student population using drugs. Due to Beverly’s high educational reputation, academic pressure on the students is far greater than the national norm for high schools. There is a certain frenzy among many students over getting into a good college, getting good grades, etc. These academic pressures can build up and create much stress.



There are also many financial pressures, says Junior Max Rosenblum, at Beverly. Driving expensive cars, wearing designer brands, and keeping a wealthy image at Beverly is critical to “fitting in at Beverly” in the eyes of some students. Rosenblum affirmed that these “necessities” as some students see them for fitting in with the “popular crowd” may lead to a sense of alienation and loneliness. Students spend 30 to 40 hours a week at school, and if that time is being spent without friends and with a sense of disconnection from fellow peers, a student could resort to violence.

Beverly Hills is not immune to family troubles as well. Although it is difficult to ascertain exactly what is going on at students’ homes, recent events show that domestic violence is not something that we simply watch on “cops”, but it is happening in the homes of Beverly students. Last month the mayor received two separate emails from students who were concerned over their friends who told them about violence in their homes. To deal with such problems, the administration is considering holding an assembly next month. A turbulent home life can lead to such feelings of alienation and contribute to a student’s rage against society.

School Security

Most students agree that school security at Beverly is very lax. It is apparent to most that it is very easy for someone to come on campus with a gun or a bomb either during school hours or after. To confirm students’ allegations that it is very easy for someone to enter campus, we sent a 40-year-old male into the school to walk the hallways and see how long it takes before someone approached him. It wasn’t until nine minutes on campus (plenty of time for him to have planted a bomb or



committed some other act of violence) before a teacher approached him and asked him where he wanted to go. We also wanted to test school security to see how long it would take for a filled duffel bag left in front of the main office to be picked up. Although it only took five minutes for it to be removed (which is an accomplishment given the amount of area the school is responsible for patrolling), the time was still more than adequate for an assailant to flee before some timed device detonated. Our tests also showed that the school was not well protected after hours, and, on the contrary, it was quite easy to enter due to various unlocked doors.

Many students also have concerns regarding the effectiveness of the unarmed school security guards that patrol campus. Jerome Allouche said that he didn’t believe school security would ever be able to stop someone with a gun. Various other students agreed that the school security officers would have very little to contribute were a school shooting to occur. The armed BHPD officer Charles Yang who acts as an on campus officer, faces a chance at subduing armed gunmen, but most students agree that an effective takedown would not occur until BHPD swat team could arrive on scene, and by that time many lives can be taken. School security guards disagree, however, and feel the school is very well protected. Security guard Chris Anderson was quick to point out the various lockdown drills the school has performed and he said that security personnel at the school had been trained to respond to various scenarios.

WHICH WILL STOP A GUNMAN?



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One student who asked us to not release her name said that she felt the fire evacuation procedures were dangerous. She pointed to the Westside Middle School shooting in Jonesboro, Arkansas and said that the shooting rampage there (that claimed five lives and injured 10 others) happened after the assailants pulled a fire alarm and then mowed the evacuating students down with gunfire. She went on to explain the dangers she saw in gathering so many people onto such a compact, enclosed, and difficult to escape from football field.



(above - students try to walk through small gates to return to class after fire drill)

Even though it might take the Beverly Hills SWAT team to respond for a conflict to be settled, the BHHS security camera system that is in place will surely assist efforts by locating suspects and bombs. Although there are not cameras in every hallway and outdoor area, the cameras in place



would help law enforcement take control of a situation. Jerome Allouche also pointed out flaws in the school lockdown procedure. “Everyone knows that if such an outbreak were to occur, we’d all freak out and go on our own.” This mentality is not unique, in fact, 40 percent of the students we spoke with agreed that in the event of school violence, they would try to get out of the school as fast as possible instead of getting to the nearest classroom as school policy requires. Lockdown policy also states that teachers are, under no circumstances, allowed to open the door for a student once the doors are locked. A screaming student outside the door may be a gunman. One student offered the idea that perhaps peepholes should be installed on the doors so that teachers can see what is happening outside of their classroom door. Science teacher Dave Knowlton said that he might consider opening the door for a student screaming at the door during a lockdown and that it depended on how he assessed the situation.

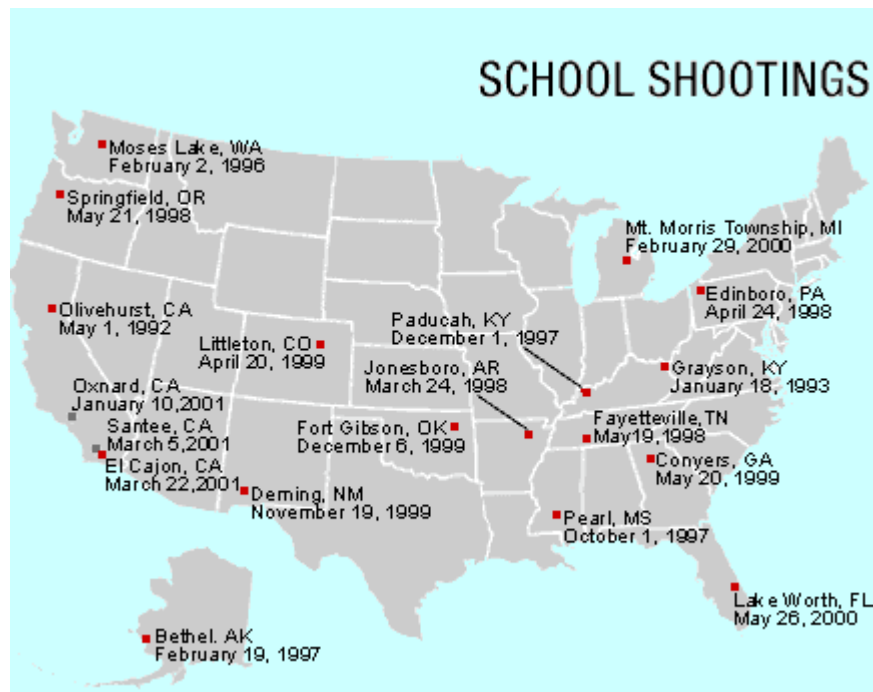
According to Assistant Principal Dave Hoffman, new security measures and drills have made Beverly far safer than it was at the beginning of the year. Eli Markus saw the school security system, however, as follows: if someone’s mind is set to resorting to violence at school, no amount of security will really be able to stop it. It is this very notion that has led most administrators in the

US to focus on prevention programs rather than increased security measures.

Are The Students Concerned?

“It could never happen here”

There is a very interesting dynamic that occurs in this nation: after every school shooting, students across the country become very worried about school safety. As time goes on, however, such fears die down and the all too common “nothing could ever happen to me” and “something like that could never happen here” mentalities surface. In our interviews with students, it became apparent that there is an image among students of Beverly Hills that violence could never happen here. There is a feeling of invincibility within the city. Junior Thomas Watanapun drew attention to the statistics in Beverly Hills. “Have we had any history of such things happening?” he said. What many people fail to understand is there is no need for precedence in an event like a school shooting. In fact, locations of school shootings such as Columbine and Santee were in communities where there was very little violence. Junior Shelly Chawla said that she is not worried about a school shooting. After thinking over the matter, however, she said, “but that’s what everyone thinks – that it could never happen to them.” The majority of the people who we interviewed shared the same feelings as Chawla: that there is no need for alarm. A common rationalization that many students have is that there is nobody “that crazy” at the school. The common perception is that a school shooter has to be a “lunatic” and that it would be apparent to everyone that the student is a “complete nut”. The facts simply don’t support these generalizations.



It is this very denial that creates problems and allows such tragedies to occur. Students need to realize, said Junior Max Rosenblum, that someone who might bring a gun to school is not that weirdo that you see in the movies, but rather someone you might not necessarily suspect. Although the City of Beverly Hills doesn't have very much crime, it very much resembles Littleton, Colorado and other such locations of school shootings. "It is time that people get a reality check," said Beverly Underground writer Jim Moore.

What You Can Do

Take Threats Seriously

Death threats have become somewhat of a commonplace part of everyday speech for many teens. In today's society, it has become a joking matter, something which is rarely taken seriously. It is just this however: this desensitizing that results in terrible tragedies. How is a friend to know whether or not to take a threat seriously, and if it is taken seriously, is that person going to make the leap to turn his or her friend in? The fact is, the friend of someone who makes such a threat has a tough choice to make, but it is one that should always remain constant. If your friend threatened to kill someone or to resort to violence - if you have *any* doubt as to whether or not your friend is serious, that has to be dealt with. Volunteer youth worker Mike Hardcastle is adamant in his position that students should report *every* threat to a parent or school official. He said that, "fears of *over-reacting* or of *getting someone in trouble* need to be pushed aside and forgotten." It is quite simply too great of a risk to not report such threats. According to Mr. Hoffman, "Communication between students and between students and staff serve as our best preventative measure. The quick communication of reliable information is vital to both the prevention of an event and to the proper reaction if one occurs. " Beverly currently does not have a tip hotline in place, but some schools across the nation have set up hotlines for students to anonymously report threats.



Most psychologists and youth counselors agree that trying to talk a friend out of such an act is not always effective and often the person who made the threat in the first place may say that he or she was just joking, or that his/her mind has changed, and that might not be the case. "You have the power to stop bad things before they start or to end them before they escalate beyond control," said Hardcastle, "all you have to do is reach out and tell someone what you know."

Get More Involved

Unlike many schools, students at Beverly Hills High have the unique opportunity to choose from a variety of extracurricular programs. Due to the diverse group of people Beverly supports, there is a niche for just about everyone at the school. If a student is feeling isolated and alienated from society, finding a place to fit in can make all the difference. There are 68 clubs, a multitude of sports to choose from, and an extensive visual/performing arts department. It is clear that the school does a good job fostering to a broad spectrum of interests to thus provide a place for everyone. Tests show that by getting involved in such activities in the community and by interacting with fellow peers that have similar interests, self-esteem and a sense of

"fitting in" are boosted. If you feel lonely, it is good to know that there are places for you to interact with similar people.

If you are feeling down, the most important thing to do is to talk to someone about your feelings. Whether that means talking to your parents about your problems, or if you feel more comfortable bringing it to one of the various counseling programs at the school, communication is critical. It is when rage builds up and people don't discuss their problems that people tend to snap and violence occurs.

What the School Can Do

Prevention Is Key

Jim Moore said, "The fact is, anybody can walk on campus and plant a bomb or start a shooting rampage. It takes 30 seconds. There is no stopping that. What the school should focus on is prevention: stop the student from even contemplating the notion." Beverly Hills psychotherapist Catrien Villamil agrees that prevention is a far wiser tactic than greater security measures. The School Site Safety Committee, which is comprised of district staff and security personnel, is designed to promote safety at Beverly. A number of counseling programs such as the Conflict Mediation Team, the Annabelle Wasserstein Peer Counseling Program, the Anger Management Group, on-site counselors, and local teen counseling hotlines such as Teen Line are all aimed at helping students get through conflicts (for more info on such programs, see the [Maple Center Counseling Website](#)). Many students don't feel comfortable seeking such help, however, and according to Villamil, that's where problems can arise. Although tests show teens are more likely to seek help among fellow peers (thus the creation of programs such as the Peer Counseling Program), many students are still not comfortable enough to talk to someone about their problems. The peer counseling programs also have their downfalls. Eli Markus was quick to point out that "nobody takes it seriously because it's just another one of their friends" who are administering the help. Shelly Chawla agrees and went on to say that she felt most people would not seek such resources in a time of crisis.

BHHS has a very strong counseling program which has great potential, but it is critical that teens in need seek help. Schools such as Columbine and Santee had counseling programs, but the students at those schools that resorted to violence refused to seek help. "Unless there are policies to

encourage teens to actually seek help and feel comfortable discussing their problems, many teens will continue to bottle up their problems no matter how much help is out there for them," said Moore.

Personal Freedoms vs. Increased Safety

When discussing increased safety, the issue of personal freedoms comes into play. What concessions are students willing to make in order to feel safer? In light of school violence, various schools across the nation have resorted to measures such as metal detectors at the entrances, multiple armed guards, fences, and a "closed campus" policy which means all doors are locked during school hours. All of these safety measures lay heavily on students' freedoms. Some schools are starting to resemble prisons more than they are educational facilities. Student opinion is pretty much split on the issue. When asked if she would prefer increased security for increased sense of well being, Chawla joked about the security policies being enacted at many schools and said perhaps the school should "put a protective bubble shield to destroy any missile headed our way." She is adamantly against increased security measures and she does not share the worries about school violence that some have. Other students such as Jerome Allouche say that they would not mind increased security measures. Allouche said that he would rather spend the two minutes going through metal detectors than worrying that Beverly will become the next Columbine. Until students and faculty can come to agreement as to whether increased security is a necessary evil, the school will have to continue to devise non-confrontational security techniques. The only problem is, will such techniques actually prove to be a deterrent against violence?



By: Zack Anderson

The Wide World of the Walrus

The World In Relation to Us

If you looked, you would find that most kids don't have a clue about current affairs. A teacher might ask in a history class, "does anyone know who the Secretary General of the United Nations is?" One kid raises his hand and gives the right answer, Kofi Annan, while the rest really don't give a damn. This is a very interesting thing. Why? The world will one day be in our hands. We will have no one to take care of it like we do now. We, of course, want to have the best world possible when it is our time to govern the planet. The lack of knowledge amongst teens in concern to current affairs will make us play catch-up later in life. Personally, I can't wait to get the hell out of school and make my way into the real world. I don't like the fact that I have no real say in how things go. I want to know all that I can, not some crappy math that will do me no good, or what the atomic number of sodium is, but rather, what is happening in the world. It is going to be a real shock to some of our peers when they go out into the real world. Taxes have to be paid, people to be dealt with, politicians to choose. So the earlier start we have, the better, and hell, I'm already past the starting line.

Why Is Everything Based On Age?

The power of a majority is evident in many things, but none more than age. Why are so many restrictions bent on age? It is because, unfortunately, maturity is vacant from many young people's lives. The ability to drink, vote, get a "real" job, etc. all fall under restrictions of age. Most people under the age of 18 really don't have the ability to do many things that come with maturity. Does that mean that none should be able to? Just listen for a minute. Imagine a world where everything was based on maturity and ability. In this world, just because you're 23 doesn't mean you can drink, or

have an edge over a fifteen year old in a job. This is a world based on maturity, not a number called age. Only one thing can call itself close to this model: entertainment. With the Olsen Twins at the head of a multi-million dollar business, teens writing controversial screenplays, etc., the entertainment industry has gotten it right. Of course all these kids fall under the same laws as you and me, but they have stretched out into the adult world. The entire social spectrum should be operated like this. There should be a possibility for 17 year olds to run General Electric, or a 21 year old to be president. Lets face it, if you're able to do something effectively, then you're able to – regardless of age. The message here is that kids are restricted just because they are kids, but why restrict talent and ability? All that does is promote the average and stupid

-The Walrus

The Rabbit Hole

The Oklahoma City Bombing Conspiracy

“Multiple Explosions” – An in depth look at the Oklahoma City Bombing

We all remember well when the Alfred P. Murrah building in Oklahoma City was bombed... *allegedly* by Timothy McVeigh.



This event was the first major terrorist event in America that claimed massive loss of life.

The government claims that Timothy McVeigh, acting alone, set off a fertilizer bomb located in a Ryder rental truck parked in front of the building. This bomb alone, they say, caused the building to partially collapse. He then fled, sped out of town at 100 mph in a car without license plates, and was then pulled over by a state trooper and arrested. Although he must have been sure that he would get life in prison or the death penalty, he chose not to use his gun (that he had with him) at the time of capture.

There are a lot of problems with the Oklahoma bombing scenario.

Initial reports of any catastrophic event usually are the most reliable because there is no time to edit (i.e. censor) them by the mass media. First reports of the Oklahoma City bombing were talking about multiple explosions going off.

http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=22874

and

<http://beverlyunderground.com/cnn041995.mp3>

Retired Air Force Brigadier General Benton K. Partin was THE army expert in the field of explosives. As the former commander of the Air Force Armament Technology Laboratory, he had 25 years of experience in the design and development of bombs and explosives. Partin publicly commented the following:

"When I first saw the picture of the truck bomb's asymmetrical damage to the Federal building in Oklahoma, my immediate reaction was that the pattern of damage would have been technically impossible without supplementary demolition charges at some of the reinforced concrete bases inside the building, a standard demolition technique." He continued that, "reinforced concrete targets in large buildings are hard targets to blast. I know of no way possible to reproduce the apparent building damage through simply a truck bomb effort."



Notice (above) that there is no crater in the pavement. The government actually wants us to believe that a bomb powerful enough to take down the front of the Murrah building would not even put a dent in the pavement. The story simply doesn't hold.

Partin asked the House of Representatives and the Senate in vain to postpone the clean-up of the Murrah building site so the evidence could be examined closely. Instead, the federal government destroyed the building right away and shipped the rubble to an armed and guarded dumpsite, protected by guard dogs and armed personnel. Interestingly enough, the demolishing company hired by the Feds is the same that also cleaned up the WTC site: Controlled Demolition, Inc.

Partin has also issued an extensive study concluding that under no circumstances could have a fertilizer bomb parked in front of the building damaged the support columns of the building, which needed to fail for the building to collapse. The federal government had since started a smear campaign against Partin in order to discredit his findings. However, the Feds have never proven Partin wrong, nor have they introduced a study that concluded otherwise.

A synopsis and discussion of Partin's study can be found here:

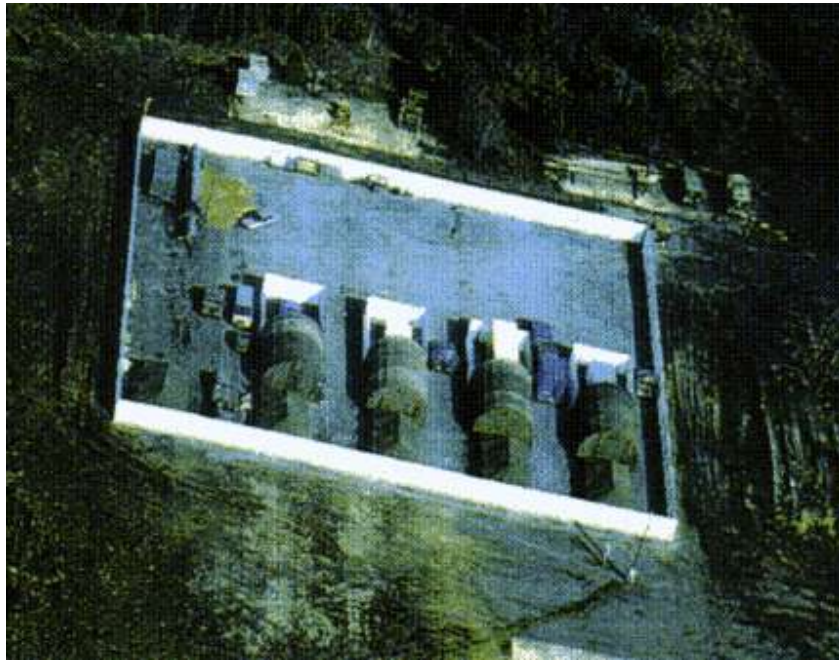
<http://www.whatreallyhappened.com/RANCHO/POLITICS/OK/multibla.html>

and the report itself here is:

<http://www.whatreallyhappened.com/RANCHO/POLITICS/OK/PARTIN/okm.htm>

The FBI claimed that they were able to identify McVeigh by finding the Ryder truck's rear axle and matching the axle's VIN number with the truck he rented. The problem with this scenario is that US made cars or trucks do NOT have a VIN number or serial number on any parts of the car with the exception of the body (frame) and engine. The only number on any rear axle is the part number which is identical on all axles used in the same type of truck. Additionally, the Ryder company has publicly stated that it does not issue additional VIN numbers on any parts of their rental trucks. Therefore it must be concluded that the FBI's claim they found the VIN number on the axle cannot be true. However, the major media and the public bought this story as if it were fact.

Interesting enough to the close observer may also be the fact that a private pilot photographed a Ryder truck in a Army base close to Oklahoma City only a few days before the bombing. Coincidence? The Federal Government has never explained it.



There are also two separate audio recordings of an attorney, and the Oklahoma Water board meeting that were both done during the explosion. A discussion of the significance of these recordings can be found at:

<http://www.whatreallyhappened.com/RANCHO/POLITICS/OK/ok.html>

These recordings seem to indicate that there were two explosions 4.2 seconds apart. This is also confirmed by the seismic recordings of the event. This conclusion would debunk the FBI claim that

Timothy McVeigh's bomb ALONE brought down the building, and lend credibility to the fact that there were place additional charges set off after the Ryder truck had already exploded.

The most compelling piece of evidence, however, may have been secured by an Oklahoma Police Officer. Officer Yeakey was a highly respected, black officer on the Oklahoma City police force. He was in the habit of taking a private video camera with him on duty. He was the FIRST Oklahoma City Police officer on the scene and he shot extensive footage of the scene.

Yeakey then filed a report with the Oklahoma City Police Department about his findings on the scene. He specifically stated that he saw EXPLOSIVES strapped to the inner columns of the building and that those explosives apparently did not go off. He also stated that he had video footage of those unexpended explosives.

The Oklahoma Police Chief asked Yeakey to correct his report and state that he did not see any explosives. He refused. A short time later Yeakey was found dead on federal property near Oklahoma City (which made it a matter of the FBI to investigate his death). The FBI ruled his death a suicide.

Please listen carefully to the following interview with Officer Yeakey's ex-wife Terrie about what Yeakey told her shortly before his untimely death.

<http://beverlyunderground.com/tyeakey1.rm>

<http://beverlyunderground.com/tyeakey2.rm>

The Government story does not add up top to bottom. Who else but the Feds could have had access to the building to strap on the additional explosives?

The government won't answer any of these questions. Instead, they covered the critical part of the building in plastic and cardboard so no one could make out any evidence.

This was the forerunner to 9-11, (read the rEDpILL [article](#) on it - as for the government's motives please refer to it as well) and it won't be the last until we all wake up and take our country back.

Do you still believe you were told the truth about Oklahoma City by our government? The most likely scenario: Timothy McVeigh was closely watched by the Feds in his effort to construct and detonate a fertilizer bomb to destroy the Oklahoma City Federal Building. It was the Feds who provided the critical assistance to his relatively weak explosives by adding their own charges to the main support columns, and then they would later place all the blame on McVeigh. Why would they do such a thing? To create laws and regulations upon the American people that would otherwise never be passed.

- THE rED pILL

Orange Mist

Life, What An Accident

What an accident. Life. Here we are. Just a few billion years back (not that long ago when one considers the lifespan of the universe) "life" as we think of it was so far and distant. It wasn't planned - written in the fabric of the universe, rather, a bunch of juices mixed together to create life on earth... and quite possibly elsewhere in the universe. In matters of importance - we are no greater than the non-living matter of the universe, instead, we are simply alternate manifestations of the elements that make up the universe. It is so incredible: the stark contrast between life and the non-living. But what amazes me the most is that all life is, is the right mixture of non-living elements. Yes, life is made up of the non-living. This "life" allows humans to make things, go places, communicate, and be dynamic. Life is nothing more than millions of chemical reactions occurring simultaneously. It truly is remarkable how a number of reactions between non-living elements can produce an entity that is actually able to contemplate and begin to understand the universe around him. So what are we to make of this? Belittlement. In the grand scale of things, we are no more significant than some rock 100 million light-years away from the earth. After all, we are just a bunch of elements reacting simultaneously. We are nothing. Life is meaningless. A reaction will continue until its reactants are exhausted just as "life" as we know it will come and then cease to exist. The universe will go on. The power of oneself comes from within oneself and that is where it should be cherished. On a universal scale we are nothing, but in our own little isolated world comprised of human interactions, we humans are everything. There is nothing wrong with that - our ego should not die, it should just be taught a

lesson.

-Orange Mist

Editorials

The Oil Well: A Story of Negligence

A dark and imposing figure towers above the south wing of the school. To the average onlooker it looks perfectly harmless - quite inviting in fact. The "tower of hope" as it is called is teeming with flowers and vivid colors making it seem like a pillar symbolizing joy and life. Life, what irony. Although the facts are disputed, and conclusive evidence has yet to be heard for either side, it is clear that there have been major problems during the past year of upheaval over the Venoco facility. I am not going to argue that the oil derrick is necessarily killing people - to conclude that would be careless for I don't have enough facts to conclusively prove such a position.

Is there a problem, however? Most definitely.

The problem is one of negligence. Lets forget the accusations for a moment and take a look at the facts. Fact: The Department of Toxic Substance Control, a state agency designed to investigate matters such as the oil well on campus, was denied the ability to do a comprehensive study of toxic substances on and around campus. Fact: Such a study has yet to be done, rather, the city is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars a month to contract a firm to test for specific substances in hope of disproving fears. For the city, its about allaying worries, not actually probing for problems.

The predicament has come down to two clear cut sides - both of which are fueled by drastically flawed motives. On the one side you have Ed Masry and Erin Brochovich who are desperately trying to reek financial benefit from the city and the school district. Are they championing a just cause, yes, but their motives are tainted and this largely destroys hope for improvement. By making the oil well an issue of money, the city shuts themselves down. It is no longer on a quest to save the students and faculty at Beverly, but rather, it becomes a struggle to save the city's own ass.

Fighting against the suing lawyers is the other side. This side, better known as the city of Beverly Hills, notably attorney Larry Wiener, is also not looking out for our safety. The huge sums of money spent every month on testing is done to sway public opinion. The testing is done to reassure worried parents that there is no problem and that everything will work out. Maybe, and hopefully, this is true, but its about time an organization steps in that has no vested interest in the matter to run their own *extensive* tests. The city of Beverly Hills sees the oil well as a giant threat not to the BHHS community, as it should, but rather to the city treasury.

Its April now, well over a year after the preliminary accusations against the oil well first surfaced, and the wonderful smell of oil toxins is back in full swing. The stench had disappeared for a while, but now, it's back. It's back to haunt the upper field - the stinging stench of what quite frankly seems to resemble the body odor of someone after running three marathons in 90 degree weather without deodorant.

But we should return to the issue of negligence.

I find it hard to believe that the AQMD was doing its job properly before February of last year (when CBS first aired their report about the oil well) and I also find it difficult to accept that the AQMD was going about their investigation appropriately even *after* the initial panic. The AQMD's own reports and pictures show their utter negligence. The Venoco facility was quite obviously in terrible shape



(see pictures from the issue 3 story we did) It took not one, not two, not even three, but four visits for the AQMD to discover significant leakages due to poor maintenance. A company, under scrutiny or not, should never have left their operation in such disrepair. I find it unbelievable that Venoco would be so negligent to not fix these even after they came under strong public scrutiny. I can only imagine what kind of operation the AQMD is running if it takes four visits, intense public pressure, and two months for them to find obvious leaks around the facility.

My question for the AQMD is, "What were you doing for so many years before February of last year?" If AQMD negligence can happen here, it can happen anywhere. What does this mean for the AQMD as an organization? Is it equipped to handle its responsibilities effectively? At least in this case - the answer is no. I can only hope that such negligence doesn't strike again... but until more regulations and stricter enforcement standards are set up, I find this doubtful.

- Zack Anderson

Too Much Work!

Too much homework? Too many tests? No time to relax and enjoy your life? You're not alone. Throughout the United States, students are faced with a general trend of more work, more studies, and more worries. This trend, unfortunately, is not likely to change any time soon. "Quit complaining!" or "Everybody has to work hard to succeed", you may say. The purpose of this article, however, is not to bitch and moan about my workload. No, the purpose of this article is to show that the amount of work that students in the United States are given, and the way in which this work is distributed, is greatly flawed. Not only that, but this amount of work is pointless. It serves to do absolutely no good to society. If anything, its impact is *negative*. The general reasoning behind this work is that if more people are educated faster, society will be able to progress at a faster rate. To a degree, that is true. One cannot doubt the importance of quality educational institutions. However, at this stage, it no longer applies. Why should students have to work as hard, if not harder than adults? Childhood is a part of one's life that should be enjoyed. Currently, if a student wishes to "think about their future", it means that they should also be thinking about countless hours of studies and little, if any, time to have fun.

Don't exaggerate this argument. Work is important to preparing somebody for the rest of his or her life... but why so much? A large workload will overload the student. This is often discouraging. It is proven that somebody who is stressed in childhood will probably develop a habit of stressing themselves throughout the rest of their lives. It is also proven that heavy stress is unhealthy, at times even fatal. It is important to note that a student, upon completing their heavy workload throughout their education, will be no more useful than a student who had a fair workload, and had plenty of free time. They will only be more tired. But, you say, won't they gain a lot of extra knowledge in their extra workload? The answer is no. Sure, for a period of time that particular student may know something



more about a subject than another who did not have so much work. But the student who had more free time will quickly gain that extra knowledge, and even more so when they decide that they want to have a career in that particular subject. In this way you can see that an overworked student is no more useful than one who had a reasonable amount of work, and time to think about what they want to do when they are grown up. Another important point to note in the increasing workload trend is the rate at which students seek to progress. It is thought, God knows why, that if you learn something earlier or if you do something earlier that makes you smarter or better. Across the country students are competing to finish an AP class to skip a year of college. To those students I have one word to say: RELAX!!!! Why is it better if you get out of college a year earlier than you were meant to? Why is it better if you finish something before a classmate does? It doesn't matter! You will still have to look for a career and you'll still go through the same experience as somebody who paces him or herself. And what happens when somebody rushes to get everything done early: they eventually mess up. Why not take it easy and enjoy the ride? 60 years ago students had nowhere near the workload we have today and nobody had

even heard of AP classes. Are people that much smarter today? Has the HUGE increase in workload done anything? No.

Now the question is what you can do to fight this trend and what you can do to make sure your children won't have to go through this same experience (because such a grand change cannot take place soon enough to affect you unfortunately). Convince your parents and your friends that you are right. Write to politicians. Talk to school boards. Try to do everything you can do to reverse the trend. And make sure that when somebody says, "He has too much free time" to punch them in the face. Free time, which is currently viewed as something that is worthless and needs to be killed, is actually a paramount part of childhood, something to be valued and something that will help you grow.

- Lithium

"Now That's Control"

The following was a picture sent to the editor in response to the recent article on Beverly Underground entitled, "Suspicion Surrounds the Termination of High School Staff Members":



Here is an excerpt from the letter:

"Well, Step has successfully encroached his reign over the entire administration and the media department as well with all of his obedient appointees!"

- Anonymous

Creative Writing

"She Will Always Be Remembered"

I remember every mark on her body and face like it was imprinted inside of me. I remember the way she would move towards me and whisper she loved me. She meant the world to me and I loved her more than anything. After spending two years with her, I knew she was the one for me, I asked her hand in marriage and we flew off to get married. Those two years were wonderful; we were both filled with so much joy. It was like we were living in a fairytale.

I remember this one time when my boss had fired me, I was really stressed out because we had bills to pay. I remember coming home and she was in the kitchen... she had just come from work... and she was cooking. I walked in and I was just in awe - awe of how beautiful she was. I know this might sound corny but it was true... she was beautiful. I walked in and wrapped my arms around her waist and I kissed her cheek and she just whispered to me so softly, "I love you." I just stood there

melting and I whispered back to her that I loved her.

She made me feel so good about myself, she made me feel like I was the only one she saw standing. She was such a wonderful person.

I remember holding her in bed and smelling her beautiful scent. She smelt so sweet. She whispered to me once, "When you hold me, I feel all my problems wash away... just you and me..." It brings me to tears just talking about this. The memories are so vivid and I miss her so much.

Another memory I have was when it was her 25th birthday. I rented out a room in "Galaxy De Todos" restaurant. It was this very nice Mexican restaurant she loved. I had invited all of our friends and some of our family and was planning on surprising her. I drove her over there telling her that I was just taking her out for dinner. We went up the elevator and reached the restaurant. I held her hand and we walked into the room; I remember her face... she was so happy. When everyone jumped up and said, "Surprise!" she just started laughing. Heh... it was great. Someone turned on the music and her best friend, Melissa, took her hand and started dancing with her. She blew her out the candles on her cake and opened her presents; she just seemed to be so happy that night.

I cherished every moment I had with her and I loved her with all my heart. I hope she is now somewhere safe and that she is happy. That night when I lost her, it was the worst time in my life. I guess I should tell you about that, too.

I was home from my new job and I was waiting for her to come home. I usually came home about 30 minutes earlier than she would. So, I was sitting down and watching some TV. It was a good day at work, everything was going smoothly. It was 7 o'clock and she was supposed to be home at 6. I called her cell phone numerous times and left messages asking where she was and if she was okay. I'm always the worrying type. Then it was 8 and then 9 and I still got no answer or anything. I just sat down on the couch next to the phone and was trying to watch TV. I kept telling myself that she got busy with work or she went out with her friends and she turned off her phone or she couldn't hear it. I fell asleep on the couch at like 2 am then I was woken by knocks on the door at 8 am. I opened the door to see a young police officer standing before me. I was frightened and confused. I was confused about whether or not she had returned home and what this officer was doing at my door. He kept mouthing words or so it seemed. I knew what was going on. I didn't want to hear any of it. He had said that she was in her car driving and she had been shot by another driver. The other driver was not aiming at her but had shot her by accident. The bullet went straight into her hip and another into her shoulder. Because this had happened in a poor little community, the cops couldn't get to her in time. She didn't have the strength to call 911 or get out of her car. The cops said that her phone was in the backseat of the car. I couldn't take what he was saying, my heart and my body were shattering, and my whole life was flashing before my eyes. He informed me that her body was in the neighborhood hospital and that I should come and schedule a funeral date. I was dying, I couldn't breathe. He left and I closed the door. I walked into the living room and laid on the couch. I stared at the ceiling, quenching my heart and started to sob. I was trembling with my tears. I was begging to God to make this all a nightmare, to make her come back, to tell me that the officer was lying.

The next morning, I dragged myself to the hospital and looked at her. I ran my fingers over her face and I pecked her lips. I watched my tear drop on her cheek, and I wiped it away. The funeral was scheduled to be a week from that day. I took myself home and laid in our bed. I smelt her side of the bed, smelling every inch of the sheets and her pillow. I laid my hand on her side and fell asleep. I didn't leave the house until the funeral day.

The funeral went smoothly. Everyone there comforted me. We all placed our special values that

represented her on the casket. I placed her silver bracelet with the little pearls that she would always wear on her casket. I watched as they slid her into the ground and I sat and slept next to her in that graveyard.

It's been 5 years since that day and I still miss her and love her with all my heart. I know she's in a better place and that she's happy. I just wish she was still here but she isn't. And that's accepted now. She'll always live inside of my heart.

– Anonymous

The Unconfirmed Report

Fire Alarms Blamed For Recent Deaths; Terrorist Organization Implicated

On Friday, March 12, Beverly Hills High School lost two students after a string of deadly epileptic seizure attacks struck.

As the final moments of the lunch period ticked away, a rogue group of student vandals decided they were going to destroy the innocent lives of various bystanders and put the entire school in a state of panic. Little did they know that their actions would lead to the deaths of two people and the staining of their Armani shoes. One captured student, whose identity is being withheld due to privacy issues, pulled the fire alarm in the PE locker room. The second they pulled the alarm, a vile of ink exploded into their faces and permanently stained their t-shirts and shoes. One of the assailants was carrying his girlfriend's \$45 fake Louis Vuitton designer purse and he is now considering legal action against the school. In an exclusive interview with Beverly Underground, he told our reporters that he was "struck aghast that the school could dare put ink into the fire alarms." When told that the feature was to catch criminals such as himself, he said that the policy was, "completely unconstitutional, unwarranted, and exploited minors' personal freedoms."

The City Attorney has classified this rogue group of fire alarm pullers as a terrorist organization.



Pictured above is the annual FAPA (Fire Alarm Pullers of America) terrorist rally.

"We cannot allow these terrorists to destroy our core ideals and the very civilization we live in," said the City of Beverly Hills lawyer when asked about FAPA. BHPD's finest is currently mobilizing a task force to arrest the other assailants of the fire alarm puller's terrorist organization. The Beverly Hills Police Department is thrilled to finally have a use for their recent purchase of an \$8.6 billion "mobile tactical operations unit". The converted RV houses some of the finest anti-crime technology available. Due to the recent terrorist actions against the fire alarm system and the threats of future attacks, the city of Beverly Hills and also BHHS has gone on code red alert. The chief of police has issued a notice for everyone to be on the lookout for FAPA terrorists.

The arrested fire alarm puller is currently striking a deal with the district attorney. Inside sources tell us that the organization is also said to have been funded by the North Korean government as the start of a nation-wide communist plot to overthrow the United States government by means of mental alteration and seizure stimulation cognitive techniques. Principal Dan Stepenosky said, "Under no circumstances will terrorism be permitted in my school. If you would to talk about your concerns about terrorism and other issues that effect teen life, instant message me at screen name BHHSKing. The

Norman Nation will prevail.”

As the students of Beverly Hills High School know all too well, the fire alarm system is accompanied by the PRDLESCIDBNW v.2.03 strobe light. It was these lights that would trigger the string of violent epileptic seizures throughout the school. According to neurosurgeon Alice Ferguson, the pulsating light that Beverly’s fire alarm strobes emit is within 3 nanohertz of the brainwave impulse spectrum of the human brain. In practice, this means the strobe can trigger demonic seizures that, according to Ferguson, could quite possibly result in death.



(above) School surveillance camera catches footage of student having a seizure



One student who is among the deceased (see frozen carcass above) was on his way to donate a can of Green Giant™ peas to the canned food drive. Although his last thoughts are only speculation, Dr. Ferguson said that he must have been horrified to see the first blinding flash. She went on to compare the strobe with the penetrating flash of a nuclear blast. “The fire alarm strobe is the atomic bomb of the new millennia,” said Ferguson. The student’s mother is also furious at the school for their “murderous and negligent conduct”. She has also vowed to do all she could to prevent such an event at other schools.



Sources tell us that such a heinous crime could happen anywhere, at any school or place of business. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge is considering placing the entire nation on alert due to the recent acts of terrorism at Beverly. Back on the immediate home front, Board of Education members are hopeful that the Norman Nation will make it through these times of turmoil and conflict. "We will not be defeated," said superintendent Jeff Hubbard in a touching three-hour speech given last Tuesday. The speech brought tears to many listeners and instilled hope in the entire community. "These deaths will be avenged and the FAPA sleeper agents will be punished to the extent of the law."

- Jim Moore & The Moose

Features

What's your Teacher Rollin In? The Tricked Out Ride of the Month

Mr. Pete Van Rossum talks to Beverly Underground about his motorcycle:

Imagine if you will, driving down the PCH with your family. The sun is up, clouds have shied away, and there is a cool breeze. You're looking forward to a good day at the beach. Maybe today's that awesome your 'bod' will catch someone's attention. Then you hear it. The loud, raucous noise that makes anyone's skin crawl. The sound of a motorcycle causes a sudden feeling of fear. Bikers, more often than not, are murderers in bike gangs who have nothing better to do than rev their engines to make you cower at their feet. And then you take a peek just to find that it is not the hardened criminal you've imagined, but instead, it is Mr. Pete Van Rossum. Despite his attire, replete with leather jacket and boots that would relate him to a Hell's Angel, it is still the History teacher that you know and admire. He smiles at you before he rides off into the sunset.



Mr. V's recent purchase of a BMW R-1100S Motorcycle shouldn't surprise anyone. He has been interested in cars since a very young age, and he has loved motorcycles ever since he was in college. After going for his first ride at age 20, he was instantly hooked. "Nothing had ever been so fun," he recalls. What makes a motorcycle stand out for Mr. V is the feel that he gets from the bike. Cars keep the driver cooped up and absorb much of the feel of the road. "Bikes are just more immediate," he says. "To get such feel from a car would cost you at least \$100,000."

This is the third bike that Mr. V has had in his lifetime. His old Yamaha and Honda are now gone, just another memory of his crazier past. He remembers zipping through Westwood as a student at UCLA. One of the cooler students back then, he could pop a wheelie as he zoomed down the street and rode at speeds up to 135 mph. His younger half is still alive these days as he has added modifications such as a new pipe and computer chips which make his new bike faster, but he is also more responsible. Always with a helmet, he goes riding with his friends. He no longer does tricks because he would "prefer to live." Mr. V enjoys his life with his wife Mrs. McDonald, also a teacher at Beverly Hills High School. She has been very supportive of his purchase because her father is a motorcycle man himself and, fortunately, she understands his love of bikes. Because of this, Mr. V can also enjoy spending time with his wife's family, and even went on a biking trip with his father-in-law to Eureka, California this past summer. All in all, the trip totaled over 2000 miles. More often you can see Mr. V cruising around Southern California or chilling out at biker hangouts such as the Rock Store, or Neptune's Net on the PCH. So the next time you hear the thundering sound of bikers, don't be afraid, it's probably just Mr. V.

By: Young Rao

1.1 Million Towels and Counting

Perhaps you were walking around the PE department one afternoon and had the privilege to talk to one of the great people who work for this school. Although he might not seem very interesting to some, and be the target of ridicule for a few rude students, one custodian stands out among all the rest. Barry is a Beverly veteran. Having attended Beverly himself in the early 60s, Barry started working for the school part time in November of 1966. Since 1969 he has worked full time for the school as a custodian. To many, Barry is just like every other custodian at the school, but to those who have spoken to Barry, they know a very different side of him. Ex-football player Justin Goebels, who has spent many long hours in the PE department and has had a few conversations with Barry said, "I think Barry is a very intelligent man and that people should get to know to understand him. Only then will people appreciate him and see how caring he really is."

Barry's intelligence truly is remarkable. Although he might not remember a word of advice given to him just the day before, Barry is able to recall even the most obscure of facts and dates about history. Barry's "god given memory" as he calls it brings up an image of Dustin Hoffman portraying an autistic savant in *The Rain Man*. He loves to read and has a keen interest in ancient history, sports, and science. Barry has a stunning ability to remember numbers with ease and perfect accuracy. He can recall the teams that played and the precise score of every Rose Bowl match in history, and he can recall various other football trivia as well. Barry is very well read regarding history and he can recall dates of battles with ease. Since 1969 Barry has counted how many towels he has washed during his time at Beverly and he has already passed the 1.1 million towels. When asked whether he enjoys mathematics he said that he wasn't always one for math and he proceeded to pull an article from the LA times about the Big Bang Theory out of his pocket. "5.9 trillion miles in a light year," he said in awe, noting how unbelievable the size of the universe is. "That number is so big." Barry tries to balance his scientific wonders with his deep-set religious convictions. He attends church on a regular basis and believes in creationism over evolution.



Barry has a wandering imagination and he said his interest in history first started because he "wanted to know what made the ancient people tick". He was interested in understanding the mentality of peoples throughout history. Barry knows quite a bit about his family history and is quick to tell a story about how his family fought for the women's suffrage or how his uncle was a contractor that actually built Beverly Hills High School. Barry has also taken up a recent interest in art and he has been to the Getty museum 22 times.

Perhaps Barry's most memorable trait is his caring personality. He looks out for students and tries to be as nice and courteous as possible. He said that if he could change just one thing about history, he would have prevented John Wilkes Booth from assassinating President Lincoln. "Imagine," Barry said, "if we could have had racial equality." Barry continued to cite the positive efforts Lincoln gave to help the blacks in America and the terrible segregation and Jim Crow laws that developed after the civil war. He desperately wishes he could change that, and that if Lincoln had lived longer perhaps blacks would have been integrated into society more rapidly.

It is his determination and utter dedication to his job that makes Barry stand above the rest. Never settling for anything less than perfect, he will for years to come be a great asset to our school community. Take a minute out of your day and have a talk with him. I assure you, if you have the patience and the willingness to talk to him, you will be very pleased to get to know him and maybe you will learn a little something too.

By: Zack Anderson

Is Santa Monica College a Good Alternative to Beverly?

The following was written by someone who has attended both Beverly and SMC:

Many students at Beverly are often fearful of ending up at Santa Monica College after they finish

Beverly. It is often talked about as a place where those who couldn't get into a good college go to. But many of these fears are illegitimate.

Santa Monica College is the leading community college in the state of California. It has the most transfers of any community college throughout the state and the most transfers to the UC system. Santa Monica college has a huge variety of classes which you can choose from. From English to Math, from Political Science to Biology, from Art to Music; any class you can imagine is available at your fingertips.

Often times Beverly doesn't seem to go well for many students. Some teachers at Beverly are unfair or very hard compared to other teachers - or perhaps it's the dozens of pointless honors classes (which doesn't count as a weighted GPA in the UC system). That's why Santa Monica College is a great alternative. One can turn around his or her high school experience into a great journey and prepare for transfer to a good college.

But how does one get into Santa Monica College?

You can either finish Beverly and relax your years without much worry, finish the minimum classes required and graduate or...You can 'graduate' Beverly early after Sophomore year and turn your Junior year into a Freshman year of College at SMC. How do you do this? The California High School Proficiency exam. It is a test which you take, designed to test your abilities in English and Math (Geometry + Algebra) to see if you are qualified for the equivalent of a high school diploma. If you pass the exam you will be awarded a high school equivalency degree.

With this degree, you don't have to go to high school anymore. Upon turning 16 or upon finishing your sophomore year, you can just leave Beverly with the status of 'graduation'. Taking this test and leaving Beverly does not count as dropping out! That's the great part about it. Once you have this equivalency diploma, you can simply apply to Santa Monica College and take classes there.

The subjects at SMC are interesting, the workload is fair, there is no school on Fridays! The professors at SMC are some of the most educated and interesting professors you will find. They are very open-minded and fair in their grading standards. Some professors like to assign tests throughout the course as the only measure for your grade while some assign a combination of homework and exams. Again, the workload is very fair, as college tends to give students more freedom to actually live (as opposed to high school where life equals homework).

At SMC, upon finishing 60 units (each class is about 3), you can transfer to UCLA or any other UC, or USC or whatever you prefer. You are almost guaranteed admission into any of these colleges as long as you keep an average of A's and B's. There is NO SAT that you have to take in college, all that needs to be focused on is grades. If you wonder what SMC is like just go to 1900 Pico Blvd and take a look for yourself.

Many former Beverly students are now at SMC going on to transfer to a university. SMC may serve as a better alternative to many, you just have to consider the option and go to the campus to see what it's actually like. You'll see it's really much like high school with more mature people and a mature environment giving you freedom and control over your education. If you want to take the CHSPE, just go to House A and ask for a signup form. Good luck.

By: an SMC student

Notable Quotes

"Sometimes when students are giving a speech they get nervous and they get the podium death grip and I see pieces of wood falling off the corners of the podium to the ground."

- Mr. Hiatt

"My car goes very fast... when you are going downhill and with the wind"

- Mr. Morris

"The Amish have the biggest parties in Arkansas... it's called Amish Craze."

"Does it scare me that president bush waved to Stevie Wonder? No."

- Yoon Chang

"I'm not mad, I'm just gonna strangle you"

- Senor Peixoto

Please Email Us if you have any funny or thought provoking original quotes. Be sure to include the quote and the name of the person who said it.

Profilez

The Wicked Witch of Beverly

Profile for: Mary Warren

(of course we wouldn't be referring to some other teacher!)

Dorothy, from the Wizard of Oz of course, vanquished the Evil Witch of the West, but the Evil Witch of Beverly Hills High School has yet to be disposed of; her name: Mary Warren. Teaching and coaching a multitude of subjects to expand her evil and gather souls for her wicked experiments, Warren sometimes turns students into mice to show off her unlimited power. Many theorists believe that this witch obtains power by eating little kids, while others argue that she feeds on fear. A player under Warren, who wishes to remain anonymous, said, "Warren bewitches us before we play. We might burn in hell and be tormented by Coach Warren, but heck, we win a lot of games!" Warren's youth remains a mystery, but it is known that she was a student at Beverly and had her first exposure to witchcraft during an unfortunate AP Biology class with Dave Knowlton, where he burned out Warren's eye, leaving her later to formulate a new way to see. While attending college, Warren delved into the art of witchcraft and created a magic eye. It is not known how Warren, with her witchlike stare, was able to get a job at Beverly, but sources say she brewed a potion and slipped it into Principal Bushman's coffee, giving her utter and complete control of the now retired principal. As a teacher, Warren manipulates her students and leaves them in a trance-like state. Some say it results from her boring teaching method, while others argue it's her magical eye performing witchcraft. Warren also appears to favor girls, believing them to be the perfect embodiment of evil. "She gave every boy in her classes an 'N' on their report card and then bombarded them with videos on why males are not needed for the survival of the human race," exclaimed a bewildered male AP student. The threat of Warren has become so great that a resistance movement, K.E.W.L, has surfaced. Of course, the meaning of this acronym can never be revealed, as its members are very reclusive and never talk to any individual who may be under Warren's magic. Hopefully this league will find its Dorothy to rid our world of the wicked Witch of the Beverly Hills High School.

If you have any recommendations of non-vengeful (we don't like lawsuits) students or teachers to get profiled, send an email to profilez@beverlyunderground.com

- The Demenator & The Paki Partisan

Cartoons

School Security

Does our school security force (if it even can be called a force despite the fact that they can't use any force) actually have power to do more than, well, tell us what to do?

School Security Policy.



– Yoon Chang

Club Week

Every October, I see the second floor patio crowded with people during lunch for a whole week. Why? Because they are effectively bringing down the average level of common sense in the country by signing up for EVERY single club they can get their hands on. Do these people even know what they're doing or why they're signing up?

The same dipshit who just signed up for the Christian club, no doubt, will sign up for the Pagan club about 3 minutes afterwards, not even realizing what they're doing.

Student: "But dude, I have to look good for college!"

Look, how about these people actually think about what they're doing? Do what you're interested in and stop making yourself look like an idiot.

THE GREAT THING ABOUT CLUB WEEK ...

Christian Club	
John D.	5311
Lewis K.	6661
Amanda C.	4562
Jason P.	3392
Mike L.	7324
Dum B.	5621
DAVID T	2311

Jewish Culture Club	
John D.	3311
Lewis K.	6661
Amanda C.	4562
Jason P.	3392
Mike L.	7324
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Pagan Club	
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... THE DIVERSITY



- Yoon Chang