

NEWSFLASH

THE INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CANCUN

IAS IDOL

IAS Idol was a great success this year! More people auditioned and wanted to participate than in any previous year and the Student Council had a very hard time telling some that they would not be able to sing this year. However, many did get a chance to perform, and everyone who performed did a great job and had a fantastic time!

The participants of IAS Idol did a fantastic job and will forever remember their time in the spot light. All different songs were song both acapella and with background music. There was a lot of talent.

For the pairs category, Valeria Rosales and Pepe Sanchez, won second place and

We had many different song choices, but a very popular choice were songs from GLEE. Jennie Goldstein and Megan Guadaluja sang "Forget You," Checo Delgadoillo sang "Teenage Dream" and the Senior girls sang "Start Me Up."



"Firework" by Katy Perry, "If I Ain't Got You" by Alicia Keys, "Ice Ice Baby" by Vanilla Ice, "Mi Niña Bonita" by Chino y Nacho as well as many others in both english and spanish.

Jennie Goldstein and Megan Guadaluja won first place. Both of these pairs put on a great performance, Jenny and Megan spewed their fun and enjoyment of singing onto the audience, and Pepe and Valeria lit up the room with love.

The judges, all experienced with music, gave each and every contestant critiques and praise, followed by a score from 1-5, a total of 20 points available. Only one person got the 20 out of 20, and he was the winner.

All of the contestants received a big bagful of candy and the winners got a gift card to Tapioca House and the first season of GLEE. It was a great night! Congratulations to everyone who participated!

There were two categories for winners this year, soloists and pairs. For the soloists, Megan Walsh, 12th grade, came

By: Dustin Smith



Every age participated at IAS Idol, freeing their nerves and allowing the student body, parents, teachers, and friends to hear them sing. I admire all of those that did solos and had the guts to get up on stage in front of strangers and friends and sing.

Teachers performed, including Miss Amanda, Miss Grimm and Miss Montse and seventh graders all the way up to seniors showed their talent on this night where IAS can proudly sing and show off their skills.

As Student Council ran around trying to get everything organized: tickets, decorations, lists, seats, the Seniors had a bake sale. So, if you were not really into the singing or needed a break from the crowded auditorium, cookies, brownies and more were just out the door and around the corner.



in second place and Pablo, 7th grade, came in first place. They were both absolutely fantastic, but Pablo with his marachi song and charm stole the show.



Hello Readers!

Thanks for picking up the first issue of the new year, 2011! It should be a great read!

It is almost the end of the year, so this is going to be one of last papers of the year, but I hope that it will carry on even after I leave!

As always, we have tons of music, movies and books for you all to read! We also have a poem and a printing!

We have teacher interviews, a star student and a cutest pet, as well as news, there is something for everyone to read!

Thank you all so much for reading and make sure to check out the next issue!

Dustin Smith

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Editor and Formatter



People

Star Student- Joan Fuentes Disney

Creative, hard working, and ambitious, what more can you ask from a Star Student?



Joan Fuentes Disney is from the tenth grade and it is certain that everyone has seen her not only in the halls, but in clubs, school activities and events. Joan is a member of the National Honors Society and was a big participant in the United Nations Secretariat elective, just to name a few of her extra-curricular activities.

I asked Joan a few questions so that we can all get to know her a little bit better!

Where were you born?

"I was born here in Cancun and am, very proudly, Mexican."

Are you related to Walt Disney in any way?

"Yes, I am related to Walt Disney but distantly. He was my grandfather's cousin, on my mother's side."

What is your favorite book?

"My favorite book is *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy, and although I'm still currently reading it, I've never enjoyed any other book more."

Author?

"My favorite author is John Steinbeck, who wrote many great novels such as *East of Eden* and *The Grapes of Wrath*. I admire his sense of justice."

Hangout?

"I like going to friends' houses to just hang out with everybody and have fun between ourselves."

Movie?

"Funny Face."

Actor?

"James Franco."

TV show?

"Saturday Night Live."

Music band?

"The Strokes, The Wombats, Arcade Fire, Two Door Cinema Club, and The Drums."

Singer?

"Julian Casablancas."

Sport?

"Basketball."

Store?

"Bookstores are my candy shops."

Food?

"I love tomatoes."

What are some of your hobbies?

"I like to read, go bike riding, and listen to indie music."

If you could change any thing about your school, what would it be?

"I would prefer for school to start an hour later than it does. Additionally, I would set speakers all around the school so that music would play at recess. I think this would make everybody enjoy their school day a bit more."

What are some of your future aspirations?

"I want to study history and then work on something that I truly enjoy. I want to meet new people and expand my knowledge of the world to its fullest."

Thank you so much Joan for all of your hard in school and we wish you good luck!

By: Yaité Batista

Cutest Pet- Miika

Stephanie Ross's Dog



Miika belongs to Stephanie Ross from 11B. She is adorable! I asked Stephanie to tell us a little bit about Miika:

"Miika was a gift from my uncle who is a veterinarian. We named our puppy Miika because it means "gift" in Yaqui language. She belongs to the breed Border Collie.

Her mom is named Kurenaí Sachiko and she's from Sonora, she's also an agility contestant. Her dad is named Pirate and he's from Canada.

Miika loves to play with tennis balls and with my other puppy Bella. She also loves playing in the sprinklers, mud, and rain.

She'll be turning 1 year this May 3rd. Miika is a really sweet and well behaved (sometimes) dog. I really love Miika because even though she's a big dog she likes to cuddle with people and act as if

she was a smaller dog. She's a very sweet puppy who loves attention, she's just too cute for words."

When I, Yaité, met Miika for the first time, I could tell she was a very friendly dog. Without even knowing me, she didn't hesitate to give me a friendly hello; she got on two legs and made me pet her. She may be a puppy but she's a really big dog, her coat is black and white and very shiny, but her eyes are what really draw someone to Miika, they are just like a humans. They speak when she's sad and they shine when she's happy. Miika is an amazing dog and I consider myself lucky to have met her.

By: Yaité Batista

Restaurant Reviews

Chocolate City 5 STARS

I give Chocolate City 5 stars. It has amazing plates for appetizers, main dishes and dessert. They are all delicious! They have the most creative menu and dishes for desserts I have ever seen! I mean they have CHOCOLATE BANANA PIZZA!



Does that sound yummy? Go and try it at Plaza la Isla!

Johnny Rockets 4 STARS



Johnny Rockets is a pretty good restaurant, their variety of burgers is huge and their size is ENORMOUS!

Even though the price is too high to eat a burger all the time, they have amazing milkshakes of 5 flavors including White Chocolate and Peanut Butter! They are to die for!

Go and try them at Plaza la Isla or Plaza las Americas. I highly recommend the shakes!

By: Thomas Kluckwort



Teacher of the Month- Miss Tracy

There's a lot to say about a teacher like Miss Tracy; her passionate way of teaching, theatrical interpretations of poetry, and always smiling face, are just the tip of the iceberg. Miss Tracy teaches 8th grade, 10th grade and 11th grade English. Her love for teaching is seen everyday by her students. Unfortunately, this will be Miss Tracy's last year at IAS, and with tear-filled eyes it's an understatement to say, she will be greatly missed.



How many years have you been working at IAS?

"I've been working at IAS for four years. It's the longest I've ever worked at the same school."

What do you like most about teaching?

"O.M.G! I like that I know the entire student body, all of the teachers, and that we work together. I really enjoy the traditions here at IAS. I enjoy everything about my job and working here."

What do you like least about teaching?

"Nothing at all, really. I love my profession and everything about it. If I didn't love teaching I would change profession."

How did you come up with your famous "Story of the Day"?

"Well, first it started with me making fun of the students who randomly got off topic. The students started making fun of each other, and that led to moments that I, as a teacher, remember and still make me laugh. Then it completely backfired and is used more for me, oops. I enjoy sharing these moments with my other students; it's a way to spice up our discussions in class or making a lesson more interesting."

How amazing do you think the Poetry Coffee House will be?

"Pretty amazing, a big thanks to all my 11th graders who are helping me out this year. You guys are going to be awesome."

Who is your favorite poet?

"The Brontes, Charlotte and Emily, also TS Eliot, and I do love "The Way it Is" by William Stafford."

What are you going to miss most about IAS?

"Who said I was leaving? (...). Everything. I really love how Miss Nancy, being an English teacher, has chosen these great classics as part of the curriculum. I love the Scarlet Letter, the Catcher in the Rye; they are some of my favorite classics. I'll also greatly miss my students. It's been an amazing four years here."

Thank you so much Miss Tracy for the interview and for being an amazing teacher! We will all miss you and wish you luck as you move away from IAS.

By: Yane Bañista

News

CANCUN MUN



As always, the IAS community exceeded expectations in the various United Nations activities held at IAS. This includes the CANCUN MUN simulation held at the school in November, on Friday and Saturday.



The United Nations Secretarial class worked hard from the beginning of the year to make this a successful day full of both learning and fun.

Everything has to be planned, from the committees, the topics, the food, the T-shirts, the delegate package, to the plaques and the awards. Everyone in the elective worked very hard and it is a great feeling to know that all of the planning and the ideas and hard work were shown in the result.

Model United Nations is a class that the tenth graders are required to take. Therefore, this simulation is for them, for them to participate in an actual debate setting that resembles what goes



on in the United Nations. It is a chance for them to put what they learned in class to work and have fun doing it!

This simulation and annual activity at IAS is not, however, reserved for only tenth graders. Eleventh and twelfth graders may also participate and are encouraged to do so. They serve as the leaders, as they have practice with debates and have previously taken the Model UN class.



CANCUN MUN is also not just reserved to IAS, other schools from Cancun are invited and encouraged to send students to participate as well. The more people, the more countries represented, the better the debate.



The UN Secretarial class hopes that in the future, IAS will be able to invite other schools from different places in Mexico, and make it a real national conference. This is one of the many goals that the class has set for the future.

Arduous debates were held between delegates of IAS and those of neighboring Cancun High schools, including La Salle and Cuam. After debate, position papers



being read, questions and more debate, resolutions were passed, proposing excellent solutions for the world's most intricate issues, issues that our world is currently facing today.

The Security Council, for example, with its highly-selective delegates was able to -after long hours of passionate debate- pass a resolution regarding the War in Darfur, as well as the situation in Afghanistan. These are issues that the actual United Nations are dealing with, making it of utmost interest to us and the world.

Other committees discussed topics of equal international importance, such as environmental, economic and social issues.

The brilliant IAS community was, in two days of hard work, able to thoroughly discuss a variety of interesting topics and construct well-thought-out solutions to issues that are affecting our world. Thank you and congratulations to everyone that participated!

By: Rosa Sanchez



Poetry Coffee House

The cool taste of sweetened coffee, the rhythmic snapping of joyful fingers and

on Thursday, February 10th. All of IAS gathered together to sit on the floor of the auditorium with coffee and blankets to listen to the art of language, poetry.

Calculus! There were poems read in French, English and Spanish, making it an interesting extended recess.

The performances began with simple rhymes told by young, new faces, then followed the high school chorus, thrilling the crowd with "Don't Stop Believing" from the hit TV series, Glee. The audience sighed at the romantic sound of French poetry, and later roared with laughter at the incredibly talented Germans narrating Spanish prose.

The afternoon passed, and smiling poets recited their feelings between sips and sips of coffee.

"Always be a poet, even in prose."

-Charles Baudelaire

By: Rosa Sanchez



the rhyming syllables of IAS poets

As has become tradition, IAS recently hosted its famous Poetry Coffee House.

community.

There were themes of love, of despair, of happiness and sorrow, and even of

Valentine's Day

Monday, February 14th, was Valentine's Day and like every year IAS celebrated by wearing red, white and pink! The Student Council organized activities for the students to celebrate this day of love!

friends that you are thankful for them and that you love their friendship.

IAS's celebration of Valentine's Days is a tradition that will be carried on



During our extended lunch you could get married, buy brownies or heart shaped goodies. Everyone enjoyed this time with their friends, taking pictures, smelling roses and eating brownies.

Earlier in the day, candy and roses were passed out during class. You could send a rose to your boyfriend or girlfriend or just a friend with an attached note. The red roses smelled fantastic and put many smiles on the faces of the student body at IAS.

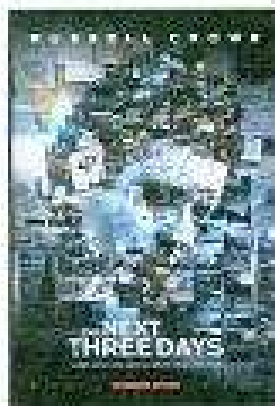
Valentine's day is not just a day for those in love, it is a day to tell your

throughout the years and hopefully more and more activities will be added to this day.

By: Dasha Smith



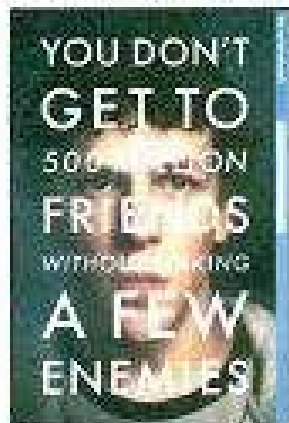
Arts Movie Reviews



"The Next Three Days" stars Russell Crowe and Elizabeth Banks. The movie revolves around John (Russell Crowe) and Lara Brennan (Banks) and his indisputable journey for her freedom.

Laura is arrested the day after her boss is found dead and all the evidence points to her having committed the murder. She is sent to prison for a very long time and her husband, John, feels that the system has given up on finding the real killer so he decides to take matters into his own hands. "After extensive research, interviews, and hours of strategizing, John sets out to do the unthinkable — break his wife out of prison."

Rating: 8/10



"The Social Network" is based on a true story about how Facebook actually came about. A Harvard student decided one night that it would be fun to post competitions on-line, but one day two twins from the school go to Mark (creator) and tell him that they have an idea for students to come together by way of internet and exchange information.

Mark agrees to work with them, but then turns the idea into his own, with a few friends. His idea turns into a multi-million dollar company and friendships are broken as best friends end up suing one another for stolen ideas.

Rating: 9/10



"Secretariat" is about a housewife with little knowledge of horse-racing fosters one of the greatest race horses of all time who wins the 1973 Triple Crown.

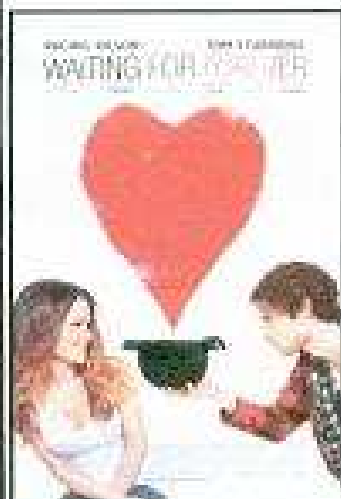
Diane Lane and John Malkovich star in this family film based on a true story. Penny Chenery (Lane) is an involved mother and housewife whose sick father is the owner of Meadow Stables in Virginia. When her father becomes too ill to watch his horses, Penny agrees to take over the stables even though she is inexperienced.

Desperate her inexperience, she turns to veteran horse trainer Lucien Laurin (Malkovich) to help show her the way to run things, starting a long journey.

Rating: 8/10

Movies Coming Soon

"Waiting For Forever" is about best friends while they were growing up.



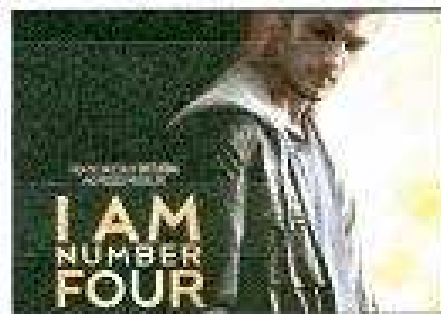
Emma (Rachel Bilson) and Will (Tom Sturridge) who lost touch a long time ago... as far as Emma knows.

For Will, Emma never stopped being the

most important person in life. He believes they have been forever linked, he goes

wherever she goes. Will doesn't have a home, a car, or a "real" job. He survives on his talent as a juggler and entertainer.

When her father gets sick, Emma returns to their hometown, trying to leave behind her complicated love life and failing career as a TV actress. Will then comes back into her life.



"I Am Number Four" is about "nine infant aliens, who closely resemble

humans, flee their home planet, Lorien, to hide on Earth." An invading species, the Megadorians, have destroyed their planet, and follow them to Earth to hunt them down and kill them. Each of the nine aliens is given a guardian and will develop superhuman powers as they become adults. Each one is given a number and they are killed in that order from 1 until 9.

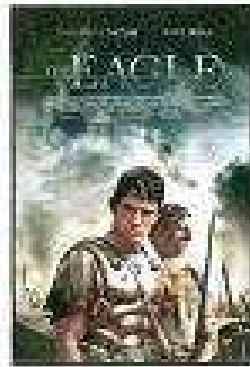
The first three are already dead. Number Four (Alex Pettyfer), also named John Smith, moves to Paradise, Ohio, disguised as an American high school student. He makes a friend, Sarah (Dianna Agron), a sweet Midwestern girl who is a photographer. "After being on the run his whole life, Number Four falls in love and now has something to stand up and fight for."



"Unknown" is about Dr. Martin Harris wakes up after a car accident in Berlin and four days in a coma. When he goes to his wife she suddenly doesn't recognize him and another man has assumed his identity.

Ignored by disbelieving authorities and hunted by mysterious assassins, he finds himself alone, tired and on the run. Guided by an odd ally, Martin plunges headlong into a deadly mystery that will force him to question his identity, sanity, and how his quest for truth.

"The Eagle" stars Channing Tatum and Jamie Bell. It takes place in 140 AD, twenty years after the unexplained



commander of the Ninth

Accompanied only by his British slave Esca (Bell), Marcus sets out across Hadrian's Wall into the uncharted highlands of Caledonia - to confront its savage tribes, make peace with his father's memory, and retrieve the lost legion's golden emblem, the Eagle of the Ninth.

"Just Go With It" is a romantic comedy starring Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston. Danny (Sandler) gets women by

disappearances of the Ninth Legion in the mountains of Scotland, young centurion Marcus Aquila (Tatum) arrives from Rome to solve the mystery and restore the reputation of his father, the

pretending to be in an awful marriage but once he meets a woman he actually wants to be with everything changes.



Katherine (Aniston). The lies go deeper and deeper by the minute and soon they have all planned a trip to Hawaii together that changes all their lives.

By: Christina Smith

He acts like himself, until she finds the wedding band, and then he claims to be getting a divorce. With that, she decides she must meet the soon to be ex-wife.

Book Reviews



"The House on Mango Street" is a short novel written with the view of a young girl named Esperanza Cordero.

She talks about her life as a hispanic living in a ghetto area in Chicago.

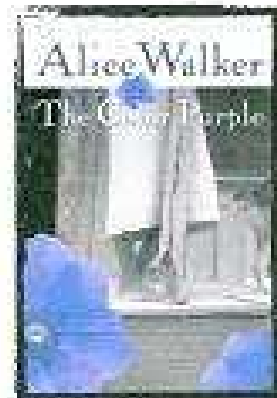
Each chapter is a story about her life or people around her and how they have affected the way that she is.

Rating: 3/5

"The Color Purple" is a novel on friendship, sisterhood, love, failure, success, happiness, and sadness. This novel opened my eyes to a world none of us can relate to.

It is mainly about two sisters, one is named Nettie, and the other is Celie. Nettie marries Mr. _____ and raises his children, but they have an abusive and terrible relationship, however he treats her better when a woman named Shug moves in with them.

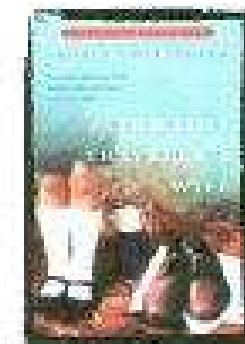
Nettie and Shug then fall in love and soon after Nettie moves out into her old house once her father dies.



Meanwhile, Celie is in Africa with a family on a mission trip and the sisters have not talked in years. It turns out Celie had been writing many letters but Mr. _____ had confiscated them. One day Celie returns with the children and her husband to find her sister where she belongs, and they become reunited by the force of love.

Rating: 5/5

"The Time Traveler's Wife" is the story about Clare, a beautiful art student, and Henry, an adventurous librarian, who have known each other since Clare was six and Henry was thirty-six. They got married when Clare was twenty-three and



Henry thirty-one. Impossible yet true, because Henry is one of the first people diagnosed with Chrono-Displacement Disorder: periodically his genetic clock resets and he finds himself misplaced in time, pulled to moments of emotional gravity in his life, past and future. "His disappearances are spontaneous, his experiences unpredictable, alternately harrowing and amusing."

The "Time Traveler's Wife" shows the effects of time travel on Henry and Clare's marriage and their passionate love for each other as the story is told from both points of view. "Clare and Henry attempt to live normal lives, pursuing familiar goals—steady jobs, good friends, children of their own. All of this is threatened by something they can neither prevent nor control, making their story intensely moving and entirely unforgettable."

By: Christina Smith

Top Songs

1. Black & White - Wiz Khalifa
2. F**kin' Perfect - Pink
3. Grenade- Bruno Mars
4. Tonight (I'm Lovin' You) - Enrique Iglesias featuring Ludacris & DJ Frank E
5. I Need A Doctor - Dr Dre Featuring Eminem & Skylar Grey
6. Firework - Katy Perry
7. The Time (Dirty Bit) - Black Eyed Peas
8. Rocketeer - Far East Movement Featuring Ryan Tedder
9. Coming Home - Diddy - Dirty Money Featuring Skylar Grey
10. Jar of Hearts - Christina Perri



By: Cheridan Smith

Poem of the Month

You
Sarah Rosberg

I woke up and had no purpose
I didnt know how to make it through this
I dreamt of fear instead of what i wanted
so near

I saw you I thought of you
I went after you, a comfort, something
new
Not a second of hesitation
I didnt even think it through

My mind raced
My mind races
I have you even though i didnt deserve
you
You saw me lonesome,
Wanting to stop seeing other faces

I wake up and have a purpose
I do know how to make it through
Now its me and you
Just us two
I dream of you nearer to me
Never again ill dream of fear

I have you

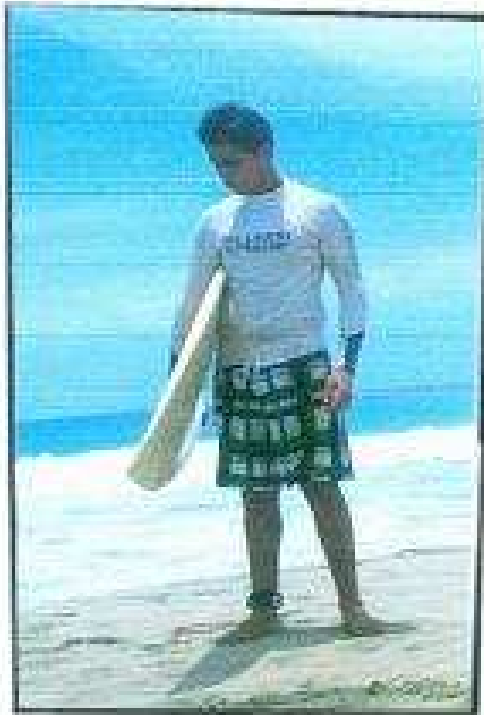
Painting of the Month



By: Totto Cabrero

Sports

Sports Interview - Toño Cabrero



Toño Cabrero from 12th grade may not be on the sports teams at school, but that does not mean that he does not have a passion. He loves surfing and goes out on the waves every chance that he gets!

So Toño why surfing?

"Why surfing? Well, surfing it's a really crazy and fun sport to practice. It consists of balance and strength to paddle for a wave. It requires courage to surf bigger waves and not be afraid of drowning and

it also its tons of fun when you practice it with friends."

Sounds cool, but doesn't it get dangerous sometimes? I mean with big waves strong currents and even sharks!

"Well it does to certain point. With rough tides or huge waves also coral reefs are something deadly in this manner, as for sharks, well sharks won't mind if they are not hungry but if they are you better be aware of the danger you are to face in the situation of encountering on, but I'm more afraid of drowning or getting slammed into a rock or something."

So where are some good surf spots in Cancun?

"Well, there is Chacmool beach, the one right behind Forum plaza, we go sometimes in the summer Martin, which is located behind Kukulcan Mall, there is also Delfines or Mirador which used to be the best beach to surf back then before hurricane Wilma came, though I did not surf until to year ago, and there is also Punta Brava which is located in Puerto Morelos, which I don't recommend for beginner surfers, because the entire bottom is rocks and it's quite shallow."

Awww! So what's the biggest wave you've ever surfed?

"I'd say about 2.5 meters, though it could have been smaller, but really I don't think so since when I was standing on my board that thing was twice as huge as me."

Sounds intense! What has been your worst slam?

"Well, I was taking off to this wave about 2 meters tall, it was already closing in, but I thought I could still make it so I paddled for it and when I tried to stand

up the lip of the wave through me out of my board making me fall from a 2 meters drop flat to my stomach. The impact felt like solid ground, it took my breath away, the wave started washing me like a rag doll. I needed to breathe and started struggling for air but then I could not realize which way was up or down, until my feet touched the bottom, I crouched on my feet gathered all the strength I had left and pushed myself to the surface. When I reached the surface I took a BIG gulp of air. Then reached for my board and just tried to calm myself down from



the moment I just experienced. And that's it."

Sounds crazy, why would you continue surfing after such a slam? That type of thing is a close death experience!

"You see, I would feel like a coward to let go of something so fun and so extreme, just for a close death experience you know? Plus, I love the adrenaline that runs around my body and actually it doesn't make me want to stop, it makes me want to try to dominate the wave and then try one bigger and maybe more dangerous it's just how that is. Plus if I died, I would at least die doing what I love doing the most."

Wow that's deep Toño, thanks for your time and we appreciate your individualist spirit.

By: Danny Duarte





We want YOU to write for us too! Please, send me an e-mail if you would like to be a guest writer for the next issue!

We are looking for a permanent Sports writer as well! So, if you are interested please see me in school or email me!

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If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please feel free to talk to me in school or send me an e-mail at dustindena@live.com

On behalf of myself and the other writers, we would like to say thank you to the interviewees, thank you for your time, this newspaper would not be as fun and interesting if it were not for all of you!

Also, thank you all for reading this, we hope that you had fun reading it and will check out the next issue!

Dustin Smith, Cheridan Smith, Yaito Batista, Rosa Sanchez and Thomas Kinckwort