



The Flip Side

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Ask Megan

Dear Megan,

How many hairs do you have on your head?

-LMNOP

Dear LMNOP,

This question made me laugh when I first read it and I wasn't quite sure how I would answer it. Then I came up with this: There are as many hairs on your head as there are stars in the sky.

-Megan

Want to ask Megan a Question?

Just write your question on any piece of paper and enclose it in a sealed envelope. Then give it to Sherry Housely (Vice Principal), who will then give the questions to Megan.

Leadership and Student Body By: Gabriella Thatcher

Many of us have a leader inside of us, just waiting to come out. People just need the opportunity to become a leader. Student Body and Leadership will help you find the leader inside. Sometimes people just need help developing the qualities to become a strong leader. In Student Body and Leadership, they'll teach you

how to be strong but be understanding of all sides. Also we'll discuss three inspiring books: [The 17 Essential Qualities of a Team Player](#), [The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader](#), and [Developing a Leader in You](#). We learn to lend a hand in the community with community service like a fundraiser event for the Women's



Place, aiding abused women. Furthermore we assist the school with field trips throughout the year. We have jobs for everyone whether helping with

dances (informal and formal), managing our website with all our activities (including pictures), or assisting with making our yearbook. We always provide our students with fun activities that help the leader in you. So come and join our Student Body and Leadership. Help us by helping yourself.

Movie Review: Stardust By: Michelle Bullock

Stardust is a fast paced fantasy film about a boy's journey towards manhood, self discovery, and true love. Tristan lives in a small town where nothing exciting has ever happened, until he sets off to find a fallen star in order to present it to the girl of his dreams as a token of his love. Once he finds the

star his journey is detoured in all different directions. He faces certain death, vengeful princes chasing the throne, and evil witches searching for everlasting youth. With the help of flying pirates and his own fast thinking Tristan discovers himself and his one true love. Big names such as, Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert De Nero along with a colorful cast bring to life this

Facebook By: Alex Montiel

Facebook is a safe online community where people of all ages can express themselves freely and communicate with their friends. Unlike Myspace, there are no pop-up ads or inappropriate pictures. You can also add fun applications to your profile like the compare people application where you compare your friends. For a good fun safe time online, try Facebook, you won't regret it!



fantastic film. Special effects brighten up the screen with witchcraft, lightning storms, and ghosts. Humor and wit are around every corner of the story. If you enjoy fantasy films and the unexpected, Stardust will not disappoint. Not knowing the outcome will have you biting your nails. An, out-of-this-world film, Stardust will leave you hungry for more far after it has ended.

The Local Skate Parks

By Robert A. Fuentes

Which skate park is best, the Atwater Skate Park or Merced Skate Park? Many say Merced, and many say Atwater is best. This will kind of sum up everything so you can pick a place to start. Do remember to wear your pads and helmet for safety, and you can and will have many bails, cuts, bones broken, and much more.



we can cool down, and the whole skate park is completely tagged. To the eyes of many people, some see it as a bad area but the truth is, it's many peoples character and lifestyle of skaters. Here you can get massive air and speed, so if your wanting to get creative you can jump over trash cans, decks, even people. The pain here hurts cause its concrete, really solid hard ground.

You can't be scared or nervous when you want to learn something, you just gotta go and get it done. You will bail here and there but don't feel bad we all eat it and start somewhere. There are many people that will help ya out so you'll be fine.

The Atwater Skate Park, Osborn Park

501 E. Bellevue Rd, Atwater CA, is your next option. This skate park is what many local skaters call "Home." This park has a lot to offer and many rules to go by. The skate park offers a lot of street and vert. skating, they have a nice half pipe and vert. ramps for skaters that like the air and little areas for skaters that love street skating. Rules just gotta wear pads and helmet, again your choice.

My opinion is that Atwater's best just because I learned faster in Atwater than Merced. There are more skate parks, but these are local. Before you go to one though, have a good deck, trucks, and tires. The skater style never changed, we annoy pedestrians, proudly annoyed them for years, and breaking rules. Go out and skate and hopefully I don't see you on Scarred.

The Merced Skate Park, 678 West 18th Street, is a free concrete park with many gaps, mini ramps, and rails to hit. The skate park requires knee and elbow pads, and also a helmet, however it's your choice. It's got a nice street course and little areas here and there for vert. The area has shade, so

Fashion and Beauty

By: Gabriella Thatcher

One of the first things that people notice about you is your complexion, and one of the most important things to do for your complexion is to wash it morning and night. I have tried a lot of cleansers and cleaners for my skin that I have used in the past while washing my face in the morning and night, but my skin would become immune to it and the cleanser wouldn't work anymore and causing damage. The best thing that works is just using warm water to wash your face; it never gets old and always keeps your skin in balance. If you have normal to oily complexion the best moisturizer to use in the morning after you wash is Aloe Vera, from my experience and recommended in the Vogue magazine. You are probably thinking that's what you use on sunburns, which is true, but actually it keeps your skin lightly moisturized and healthy

by restoring any damage and keeping it in good condition. Now, if you have a dry, flakey, or sensitive complexion an awesome moisturizer is Roger & Gallet Rose Body Cream at beautyexclusive.com. Also, do you have acne scars or blemishes? This can really cause a problem and in your complexion, one thing that you can use is a spot-fading potent on areas of mishap. It's called Korres Wild Rose Imperfection-Targeting Oil, sephora.com. After fixing all of these basic problems go to a makeup store and find a type of concealer/foundation that matches your skin tone. This is to hide your red spots, blemishes, acne scars, and acne that your on your way of fixing to make a flawless complexion. Some of the top concealers are Rimmel Hide the Blemish. This is used as a makeup artists' secret weapon. This should be used as the first basic thing that you apply as a foundation around

areas that need smoothing and milky finish. Next is a Clinique Blemish solution this is used for harder to fix spots that effortlessly blend into your complexion it also helps reduce the blemishes as your working to conceal it. Finally the perfect finish to your overall face and complexion. After this to add a little something to your face as an all-natural and beautiful look at a little something to your face as an all-natural and beautiful look at a little bronzer to your cheek-bones, moving up your cheek-bone with a brush applicator. These will give anyone's overall appearance a little happiness and warmth.

