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- Oct. 13th—  
Southwest Col-  
lege presenta-  
tion
- Oct. 28th—  
Halloween Party  
at Oiwake.  
Dress in your  
scariest or funni-  
est outfit and  
win a prize!
- Oct. 31st—Halloween Day!



# Experiencing Los Angeles

## MY FIRST DAY IN L.A.

BY R.

Yesterday was my first day in L.A. I decided to come here to improve my speaking ability, and the reason I wanted to come to the US was because I was born here. However, since I went back to Japan at the age of one, I didn't remember anything about the US, and so I wanted to see what it was like in the country where I was born.

The host family has been really good to me as I had expected they would be. I love the place. There are so many places to go shopping, and I like the weather here. I have also made many friends in ESL and am having a great time with them. I only have three days left, but I would like to enjoy the rest of my days in L.A. After that, I am going to Las Vegas and staying there for four days. I am looking forward to going there, too. I hope to have the chance to come back here again!



## AWESOME INTERNET IN L.A.

BY X.

Coming to L.A. is not easy for a foreigner. I was one of them who found everything I needed on the internet. You have really useful websites to help you in your stay in L.A., such as [www.losangeles.craigslist.org](http://www.losangeles.craigslist.org). It is the top website that you can use for everything. Anything you want, you can get it there, such as places to live, jobs, friends, free stuff, etc. It is probably the most popular website there is, with plenty of new ads

every day.

If you want to practice your English and meet new people, [www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com) is for sure the best website. You can see pictures, the interests of people, etc. This has become so popular, even though it only began three years ago.

If you are moving or traveling around L.A. or California, [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) is the best website. It is easy to use and has really great explanations with good maps. You will never get lost in L.A. with mapquest!

In my opinion, the websites above are the most helpful and most popular in helping you to live in the City of Angels!



## DREAMING IN L.A.

BY R.

I always thought that some day I would come to L.A. I did not like my own reality when I lived in Spain, so I needed to build a perfect world to get away. I then discovered Los Angeles. As a movie fan, I used to watch American movies and listen to the Billboard Charts broadcast from Hollywood. From a distance, I could imagine the beaches, the sunsets and how it would be to live in this magical city. I also watched the TV show *Melrose Place*, feeling very close to their characters. They were young people fighting for their dreams, so I think the most memorable experience for me is just to be here.

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## AN EXPERIENCE IN THE DORMS

BY T.

In my dormitory, there are so many friendly people. All of them are the students from LSI, and they are all from Japan. Last Friday, it was the final day in L.A. for one of the students, so we planned a farewell party that night. We bought a cake and made a card for her. After the dinner, we enjoyed the cake with her. Then, suddenly, someone began throwing his piece of cake at another person's face. We got excited and began throwing the rest of the cake at each other, laughing. The girl who was leaving also looked happy. After cleaning up the kitchen, she said that she was so glad to meet us and that she would never forget her experience in L.A. and at the dormitory. I think that there are good, kind, nice, fun and beautiful people, and I am so happy to be here. I will be leaving this dormitory at the end of the year and I can't help wishing that the day will never come.



## MAKING NEW FRIENDS OVERSEAS

BY P.

Like in the USA is totally different from my homeland. I had already prepared everything for this huge change, but one thing I always wonder about is how do people get to know each other in a foreign language?

Here at LSI in Los Angeles, I have many friends from many different countries. They are so nice. There is something inside a person that makes it so you don't need any words to make friends or get to know each other. Now I understand that it is not difficult to make new friends. All I need are my willingness to adapt and my friendly heart.

## A DAY IN HOLLYWOOD

BY D.

I have lived in Hollywood for around eight months, so I am going to plan a day for you.

Your day should start at Hollywood Boulevard and Vine. Start walking to west and you will see the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Keep walking until you see Highland.

There is a big mall just beside the Chinese Theater. On the left-hand side of the main entrance to the mall, there is a place called Beard Papa where they sell delicious cream puffs.

Once you have eaten there, if you like movies, I recommend going to the ArcLight Cinema. If you have a chance, go to the Dome. It is an oval theater, so that screen surrounds you.

When the movie is finished, it will be night time, which means that you will get to see the party ambiance. There are many different nightclubs and bars. All of them are different from each other. I would say that if you want something relaxed, go to Pig 'N Whistle. If you want something more "clubby", go to the Highlands located at the mall I previously mentioned. However, if you want to see the real Hollywood party scene, try Avalon Club or Spider Club. No matter which one you choose, go inside, grab a seat and enjoy!



# Halloween Festivities

LSI will be having our annual Halloween party on Friday, October 28th, so don't forget to wear a costume!! We will be having the following activities:



- \*Costume contests
- \*Pumpkin carving contest
- \*Live-Dead DJ
- \*T-shirt design contest
- \*Fear factor



The Halloween Party ticket price is only \$20. This includes Oiwake's famous dinner buffet. Costumes are mandatory (must wear). Oiwake is located downtown in Little Tokyo. Doors open at 6:30! BE THEREEE!



## October 2011 - Calender

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Orientation	4 First Day of Classes	5	6	7	8
9	10 Columbus Day	11	12	13 L.A. South- West College	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Halloween Party!	29
30	31 Halloween	31				

# HALLOWEEN SYMBOLS by T.



## COSTUMES

Originally, many people believed that ghosts came back to the earthly world on Halloween day a long time ago. So, people thought if they wore costumes or masks, the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits so that people could keep ghosts away from them. Today, people still dress up in a typical costume such as ghosts, witches, and devils, and also TV or movie characters and just silly cre-



ated looking costumes become popular.

## HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN (JACK-O-LANTERN)



The Halloween Pumpkin is also called the Jack-O-Lantern. Its name came from a character in Irish folktales. Pumpkins are carved into a scary face, a candle is placed inside, and then it is placed on the doorstep of the home in order to scare evil spirits away.

## TRICK-OR-TREATING

The main event of Halloween is Trick-or-Treating, whereby costumed children go from house to house and get some candy.

The origin of this event was the early celebrations of all Soul's Day in Britain. Poor people begged for food so that families gave them special treats called soul cakes. It was called "going a-souling," and the soulers would promise to say a prayer for



their dead relatives. So, they would help the relatives



Ligia on her way to class!!!

# Movies for Halloween... by Iain

'Tis that time of year again...when the undead rise, spirits hunt for living bodies, and werewolves thirst after a full "mooooooon." Yes, Halloween is nearing. And what better way to celebrate than to pay respects to the film that get our adrenaline running and hearts pumping with fear?

The following is a short list of the best horror films available...

1. The Omen. What would happen if the spawn of Satan were an innocent-looking little boy adopted into a loving family? Watch this film and find out.
2. The Shining. A husband, wife and their young son move into an old hotel for the winter — and the hus-

band starts to go crazy — or is the hotel haunted?

3. Halloween. Michael Myers was a sick little boy, but he grew up to be a devious, psychotic killer. Can anyone stop him before he kills the whole neighborhood on Halloween night?
4. Alien. Not really a Halloween film, but it may be the scariest film ever made. An alien hunts the crew of a space ship.
5. The Texas Chainsaw Massacre. A flesh-lusting family traps a group of teens on their property. Will any escape?
6. Trick'R'Treat. A modern Halloween classic, featuring werewolves, psycho-killers, and undead school children. Many short-stories, one great film.

