

THE LSI BEACH PARTY & VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

More than three hundred of the world's brightest minds gathered for some fun in the sun in Huntington Beach. That was the place to be as LSI students showcased their volleyball talents. MLI captured the title in volleyball, but LSI LA displayed its might and strength by winning the grueling Tug of War. The fastest feet went to the men from Torrance and the women from MLI, as they raced their way to the coveted gleaming white stick of the Stick Race. Alhambra had the biggest appetite as it consumed everything in its way of conquering the title of Gladiator of Gluttony. Students devoured everything from squash, to chili peppers, to dark chocolate. It took those brave souls only a matter of minutes to digest these hot and savory delights. This marks the fourth year LSI hosted its annual beach party. Organizers say it was also the largest among the four.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

TESTS

IBT TOEIC
September 10
10am

Institutional
TOEFL
September 16

TOEIC L&R
September 17
10am

EVENTS

September 5
Labor Day
No School

September 23
Graduation
Party

Film Group
Project:
Tuesdays
1:30pm-5pm

Student showcase: What if...

I'm very compassionate and I always listen to my friends when they are worried about something because they feel more comfortable talking with a friend who maybe understands them better than an adult. So if I hadn't been born, my friends couldn't have solved their problems with someone as young as them. I love making them laugh and I think if I hadn't been born, they might not have had as much fun as we have actually had.

I'm the youngest daughter of my family. In fact, my two sisters have already moved on to their own houses and now my parents and I live in a house without MaAngeles and Beatriz. If I hadn't been born, my parents could have felt alone when my sisters moved on.

If I hadn't been born, I couldn't have gone to my sister's wedding and I couldn't have known how wonderful my family is. Besides, my mom and dad couldn't have said their daughter will be a doctor if I hadn't been born!

(Alicia)

The History of Labor Day

The first Labor Day in the United States was observed on August 26, 1878, in Boston, by the Central Labor Union of New York, the nation's first integrated major trade union. It became a federal holiday in 1894, when, following the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of the U.S. military and U.S. Marshals during the Pullman Strike, President Grover Cleveland put reconciliation with the labor movement as a top political priority. Fearing further conflict, legislation making Labor Day a national holiday was rushed through Congress unanimously and signed into law a mere six days after the end of the strike. The September date originally chosen by the CLU of NY and observed by many of the nation's trade unions for the past several years was selected rather than the more widespread International Workers' Day because Cleveland was concerned that observance of the latter would stir up negative emotions linked to the Haymarket Affair, which it had been observed to commemorate. All U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the territories have made it a statutory holiday.

The holiday is often regarded as a day of rest and parties. Forms of celebration include picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays, water sports, and public art events. Families with school-age children take it as the last chance to travel before the end of summer recess. Similarly, some teenagers and young adults view it as the last weekend for parties before returning to school, although school starting times now vary.

Traditionally, Labor Day is celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of the summer. In high society, Labor Day is (or was) considered the last day of the year when it is fashionable for women to wear white.



The Essay Spot

Learning to Write in Thai

I learned to write the Thai language when I was young. I remember the first time I had to write it on a test and it was very difficult for me because Thai has many vowels in writing. Some words have three sounds and some words have five sounds, so it's not easy to write in the Thai language. My teachers always said that Thai is not hard to speak, but it's difficult to write.

The language has 44 characters, so you need to know which ones have three sounds and which ones have five sounds. After that, it's easy to write.

The first time I wrote a letter to a friend, I thought it wasn't hard for me, but I realized that I should read a book and practice writing! :) (Sirivut)



Horoscopes 2011

Aries

Exploring new opportunities in an old relationship could leave you confused today. Get moving as soon as you can today -- you've got too much great energy to waste it on planning or pondering. Action is the name of the game, so make sure that you are burning things up!

Taurus

Big changes are coming, but you shouldn't be in a hurry to see them. Wait. Listen to your instincts and work at the pace that feels right to you, no matter how tempted you may be to rush -- or how much the people around you are trying to get you to speed things up.

Gemini

Take the advice of friends and associates today. Your objectivity just isn't enough. Communication is your specialty, and today your energy is totally focused on other people -- so get the message out! It's a great time to spread the word about an upcoming event or a recent success.

Cancer

Your quick mind is a handy thing most of the time, but today you need to slow down. Fall back on your memories today -- they are sure to cheer you up, especially if you focus on times when you were especially active or engaged with some deep issue. It may inspire you, in fact!

Leo

You'll be at your brightest and happiest when you are learning something new today. You are sure to pick up on someone's real meaning today -- despite their best efforts to cover it up! It's all in good fun, and your great energy helps you keep their secret, if you're so inclined.

Virgo

After being proved right today, you will start feeling high-spirited and confident. Focus inward today -- even if that means excluding those closest to you. It's all temporary, of course, but that doesn't mean you don't have to make up for it a little later on!

Libra

Book some one-on-one time with that person in your life who always speaks the truth. It's all about who you know today, as with so many other days -- but the quality of your relationships gives you a head start! You may find it much easier to get that interview or date, thanks to a timely intervention.

Scorpio

The more you can avoid conflict today, the better. Focus on positive things. Get organized and work as methodically as possible to get things done today. You've certainly got what it takes, but you may have to push yourself harder than usual. Don't fret!

Sagittarius

A person who has been playing some childish games will be exposed today. Your sense of romance is getting ever stronger today, and you may need to plan for a super-fun date or just grab someone and tell them how you feel at long last. It should all go well for you!

Capricorn

You can't give everyone equal time today. Your family or your career must wait. You need to get in touch with your ancestors -- who may be just a phone call or email away, or may be in need of more spiritual communication systems. Your energy is just right for making the connection.

Aquarius

Talk about your advanced ideas with someone smart who can help fill in the blanks. Try not to worry too much about how others see you today -- you've got enough going on that you can tell that they will one day catch up with you. If anything, you may look back on this time of confusion with fondness.

Pisces

It's fine to have your head in the clouds today, but keep a foot in reality. You're stuck in the middle of an extraordinarily complex situation -- it may feel like a labyrinth, but your intuition can help guide you to the exit, with enough time left over for happy hour.