

A who's who of new teachers  
on page 3!

Check out a full fall preview  
in our sports section!

What is it like to be a vegetarian?  
Find out on page 5!

Volume 133, Issue 1

October 2008

# The Talon



Christian Brothers High School

Non-profit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid, Permit #682, Sacramento CA

## Obama's Promising Plan Shakes up the Democratic National Convention

Albert Davalos  
Photography Editor

The presidential race is drawing to a close and it is heating up. Starting on August 25th and ending on August 28th, the Democratic National Convention took place in Denver, Colorado. The Democratic Convention reached new records of attendance with over 80,000 people there to support the Democratic Party. The theme for the first day of the Convention was "One Nation," with the objective of uniting the Democratic Party. The highlight of the first night was a speech by Michelle Obama, the wife of the Democratic candidate Barack Obama. The following day, the theme was



Townpeople survey the destruction that hit close to home in Georgia, as the conflict with Russia raged on. The damage mounted while a ceasefire was tough to reach.

## Tension Builds and Culminates in Battle between Georgia and Russia

Yato Godina

injuries and extensive damage to many buildings. Separatist officials in Georgia reported that during Georgia's first retaliation, 15 civilians were killed in South Ossetia. Also, two Russian combat planes were reported by Georgia's Interior Ministry spokesman, Shota Utiashvili, to have been shot down during a Russian raid of Georgian territory.

## Stay the Course: McCain and Palin Electrify the GOP Despite a Delayed Convention Start

Ally Watt  
Head Copy Editor

As we all know, the time for a new president is fast approaching. The two political parties hosted conventions officially accepting their nominations. The Republican National Convention occurred from September 1st through the 4th, coinciding with the arrival of Hurricane Gustav. Republican nominee John McCain insisted on a to-the-point presentation because he felt it necessary to support the affected states during their time of need. McCain stated that "this is the time when we take off our Republican hats and put on our American hats."

Ven-a-Ver New Orleans: Reaching Out to a Rebounding Region, page 6

Coach Profile: Cross Country Head Coach Danny Delgado, page 12

Ms. Shackel - whatever you do, don't look at page 4!

Volume 133, Issue 2

November 2008



# The Talon

Christian Brothers High School

Non-profit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid, Permit #682, Sacramento CA

## Californians Have Spoken AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSITIONS

Ally Watt  
Head Copy Editor

The propositions in our latest election included many controversies in different areas. Prop 1A is a \$9.5 billion bond measure that would create a high-speed passenger train spanning California's biggest cities. Between the Senate and Assembly there was an overwhelming amount of "yes" votes.

Prop 2 would prevent animal cruelty and improve our health and food safety. However, many believed that establishments would start recruiting their meat from Mexico, and America would face other diseases. Despite these concerns, the animals' welfare was more important. Prop 3, which passed, would provide \$980,000,000 to childcare hospitals. This would require \$64 million yearly from

this also means convicted prisoners skipping out on the jail time they deserve. The prop did not pass.

Prop 6 would take billions of dollars to provide funds for police to reduce crime. This did not pass. Prop 7 would promote more renewable energy, but would also require over \$3 million. Once again, this prop did not pass.

Prop 8 was one of the most controversial measures, attempting to eliminate the rights of same-sex couples to marry. Ultimately, it came down to opinion. Yes supporters agreed, where No supporters simply believed that everyone deserves equal rights. This prop did pass, but there is now a legal suit against it.

Prop 9 would protect the safety of victims and allow more ways to help the victim in court. Luckily, this proposition passed. Prop 10 was meant to improve



ough every election day goes down in history, this November fourth became a historic, groundbreaking event for Americans everywhere, as an African American man elected President for the first time in history. Clearly, change is upon us.

## OBAMA WINS ELECTION AND MAKES HISTORY

ir Stenvick  
tor-in-Chief

nia, an indispensable part of the McCain strategy. Obama went on to win a total of 375 electoral votes, carrying such 2004 "Bush states" as New Mexico, Colorado,

Sink your teeth into the twilight article on page 13!

Check out the theme section and draw your own conclusion about conspiracies.

For an update on mayor Kevin Johnson, see page 3!

Volume 130, Issue 3

December 2008



# The Talon

Non-profit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid, Permit #682, Sacramento CA

Christian Brothers High School

## CB Families Cutting Back as the Economic Trouble Hits Home

an Yamamura  
Computer Technician

With statistics stating that this economic dilemma is the worst since the 1930s, it is even more important to find out what is going on with our economy and what it likely means for our future.

One crisis we still have yet to deal with is that the dollar is worth less and less every week. A record 111.9 billion dollars is being loaned from the Federal

Reserve Bank to the states. The side saying that "Obama will lead us out of it." Hopefully Obama will but right now and for the next couple years we are going to be stuck in this recession.

On another note, you or your parents could be suffering huge losses due to this economic disaster. From gas prices to school tuition, to even you or your parent's jobs, everyone is affected in some way. With Wall Street having a bonus problem and a CEO pay problem, the worse could be yet to come. All partly due to "over-speculation" in the stock market, many families and major companies including AIG had to ask for major loans from the Federal Government or file for bankruptcy. With so many banks closing and numerous families losing their money, what do we have to look forward to in the upcoming decade?

With such high expectations for our 1st African American President, can he lead us out of this desperate time?



## The End of an Era: Bush's Presidency Comes to a Close

NEWS ANALYSIS

Josh Walters  
Staff Writer

Whether the attacks were preventable or not has sparked an appropriate amount of controversy, but I truly believe