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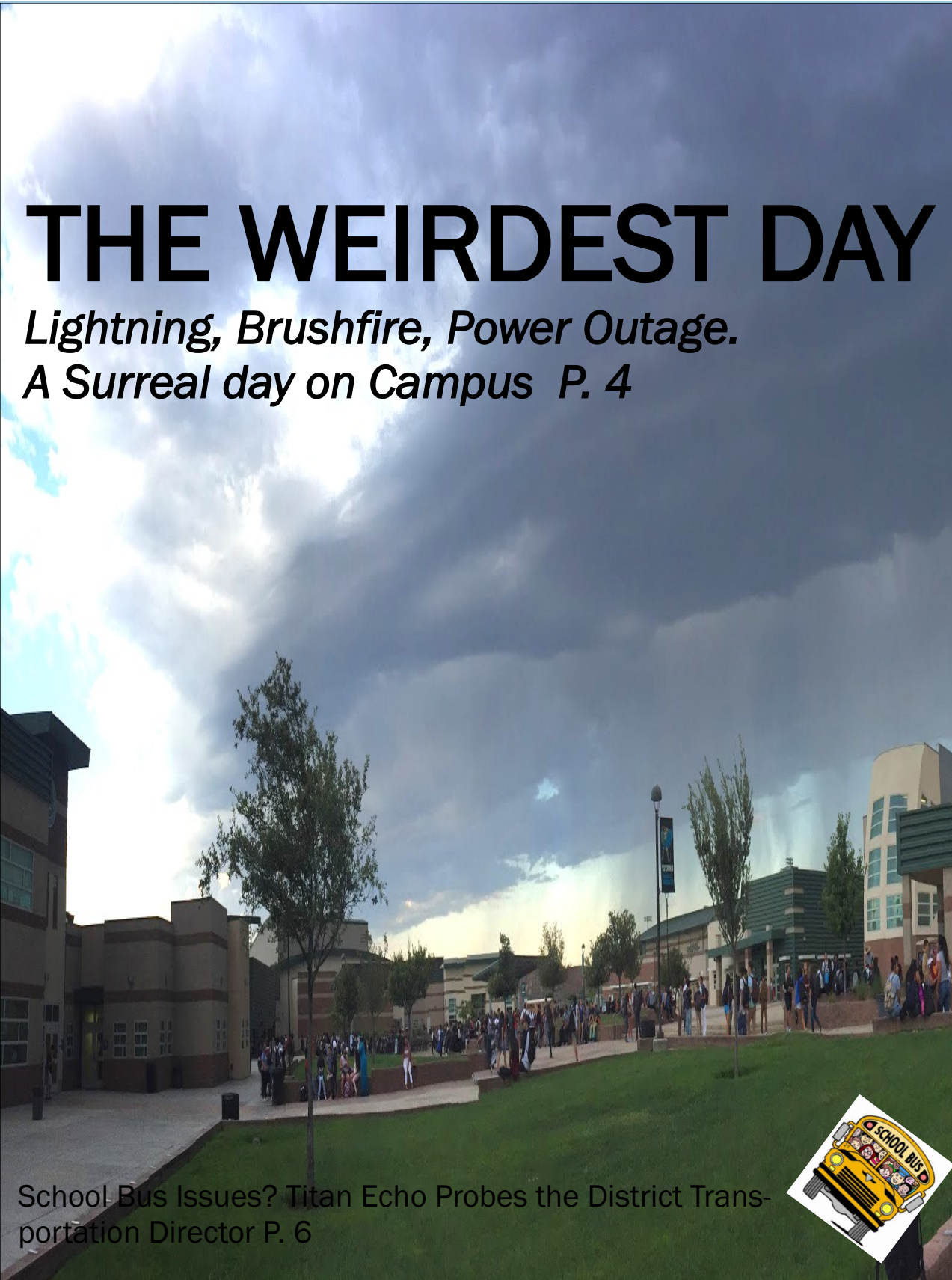
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# Trump's Actions Hit Home: A Titan Ponders his future with the end of DACA

By Angie Sanchez (2018), Editor-in-Chief

**TITAN TOWN-** As we near the end of Donald Trump's first year as president, we have seen new policies put into effect and a very important one nearly revoked. There's doubt that a Republican-led congress won't do much to save it. I'm talking about the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, that was enacted by the Obama Presidency. It has served as protection for minors who have entered or been in the U.S. illegally- the Dreamers.

This has been important because it's allowed many to get work permits and study without the fear of facing deportation. In the long run, this has helped individuals and our country because more educational opportunities created growth in different aspects of our society. However, Trump has called for the repeal of DACA, saying that its implementation was an "abuse of executive power."

Most legislative actions from Washington seem moot to us at GTHS, but not this one. It directly impacts at least one of us, and probably more, at our campus.

Senior **Alejandro Rosales** played on the GTHS' varsity football team, balanced school, a job, and was in a musical group. Alejandro and his family moved from El Salvador to the United States when he was only six. He said his parents brought him over

so his life could improve. He is also the oldest and sole Rosales kid born in El Salvador. This has not hampered his work ethic, rather he was motivated to work from the moment he turned 16. Under DACA, he has legally worked as a gardener, custodian, and fast-food worker. He was able to do this through DACA, seeing he met the requirements; but, now his work permit has expired. He recently renewed with some hesitancy.

His first career choice is music. He plays in a Mexican group and you may have heard him sing the national anthem at a rally earlier this year.

"We play at far away places so we end late, and just because we are Latino, we're an easier target," he says about driving late on the road. Rosales mentions his previous backup plan saying, "My 'Plan B' is (law enforcement) officer, but I can't do that because I don't have citizenship... if they know we've been here for the longest, working and studying, then why can't they let us be officers?"

Alejandro and I discussed the matter of how our economy and society would be affected if the "future generation"- us and those in their early 20s- is halted. Rosales shows empathy more than he does pity for himself.

"I'm probably one of the youngest ones. Older people than me who have a family and have to work for their kids and house... if you take this away you're taking their jobs away- important jobs."

This is true, DACA has been



Alejandro Rosales (2018) sings the national anthem on Aug. 18. Photo Courtesy of Zoe Pamintuan

around for years and many seized the opportunity and began settling into adulthood, believing they were protected and on their path to citizenship. This is why it is imperative that the extension of DACA (open to Congress for a short while longer) turns into a solution.

In which context does our democratic republic have the right to nullify and diminish a life's (or more than half a million's) hard work? Being one of the most progressive countries in the world- socially, politically, economically- we have to keep taking one step forward, not two steps backward. We have found

a way to give hope to others through opportunities that stem from compassion.

"They've invested so much," Rosales adds empathetically with a palpable sense of dismay.

Alejandro's situation is only one of hundreds of thousands that will go unheard. "This is all I know," he adds pensively.

**"...we're an easier target,"**

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## Yearbook Update: Senior Quotes Will Change, Not Disappear

By Jillian Deuel, (2019) Campus Editor

**TITANTOWN-** Senior quotes are one of the most loved features of a high school yearbook. Students scour through works of literature, song lyrics, and sayings by their favorite celebrities or movie characters. Some even include their own clever quip, personal piece of advice, or catch phrase. The edition of a small quote underneath a name may seem insignificant, but it provides the opportunity for creative expression, that in a way, expresses identity.

The upcoming yearbook will not include a senior quote under a student's main picture. Instead the quote will be featured on a separate page accompanied with a different, less formal picture of the student. This is similar to the style used for 2015 yearbook senior quote pages, according to Mrs. **Leilani Bautista**, the yearbook advisor.

Some seniors are unhappy about the change. Senior **Jose Mojica** said, "I was very disappointed because I waited four years for this moment."

"I think they are changing the tradition and that's why people are upset," said senior **Millennia Sagura**.

Mr. **Victor Morales**, the student newspaper advisor, said the yearbook staff has always produced great products and advised not to jump to criticize. "Ms. Leilani and her staff created a spectacular yearbook last year. You got to have faith in their decisions," he said.

There are several reasons why the yearbook staff decided on it. One of the big issues was with students submitting quotes containing innuendos or other inappropriate content. Another was the lack of quote submissions, which resulted in pages filled with the default phrase "BE GREAT GRADUATE!" In addition, the process interfered with class time, as economics and principles of democracy classes were interrupted to give out the senior quote forms.

Overall, the process took a big toll on the yearbook's efficiency, said Mrs. Bautista. She reported that she spent hours rifling through quotes, making sure they were accounted for, and matching them to each senior.

"I don't mind, but there's deadlines," she stated. The theme of the yearbook differs each year as well, so new ideas or changes to aspects of the book are an annual occurrence.

"Staff has tons of ideas, but they don't realize all the work going into it," Mrs. Bautista said. The way senior quotes will be done in the 2017-2018 yearbook will result in increased efficiency in its creation.

## Link Crew is the Support Program You Wish You had as a Freshman



Link Crew members **Jade Huckaby** and **Nicholas Hartzell** lead their group of freshman.

*Photo by Rodri Smith*

By Jillian Deuel (2019), Campus Editor

**TITAN TOWN-** Students often associate freshman year with looming feelings of dread, unfamiliarity, intimidation, and confusion. The sudden change from middle school to the high school routine can be overwhelming as they attempt to juggle sports, clubs, a heavier workload (and backpack) along with their personal life.

Link Crew is a new organization on campus whose goal is to "link" freshmen with upperclassmen to make the seemingly foreboding transition easier.

Although GTHS was the last high school in the district to adopt the nationwide program, it is showing promising results.

"It helps me be friends with others. I probably wouldn't have friends if it weren't for Link," said Freshman **Jesse Gomez**.

Link Crew's main focuses are on successful academic performance and social interaction between freshman and upperclassmen. "Kids who are most involved [in school] do well," said Ms. **Syreeta Afadonis**, the Link Crew advisor.

There are 116 "Link Leaders" to cover 850 freshmen. Two leaders are assigned a group of 10 freshmen. Phone numbers are exchanged and communication is maintained through calls and texts. Leaders send reminders, pass on important information, or

Just provide support, encouragement, and advice.

"I didn't want people to go through what I went through as a freshman," said Link leader **Marisa Lopez** (2018).

The support group wants to dispel feelings of inferiority and make sure freshman are recognized as a significant part of the student body. Link crew plans activities and ways to reward freshmen. For example, the crew wants to celebrate birthdays on a regular basis, host ice cream socials, and congratulate freshmen at grading periods.

Being a Link Leader requires a lot more than just having seniority around campus. Students had to be nominated by a teacher to even be considered for a position on the team. They filled out an application and went through an interviewing process. Other requirements include good behavior and a 2.0 minimum GPA. Personality is also a very important trait.

As the school year progresses, Link Crew will continue to work toward supporting freshmen and dedicate time and effort toward their success. Its first year at GTHS is off to a good start, and there is much more in store for this school year and others afterward. "My hope is that link crew makes high school a positive experience, starting with our freshmen," Ms. Afadonis cheerfully said.

## The Weirdest Day at Titan Town

By Angie Sanchez (2018), Editor-in-Chief

August 31, 2017 was a strange day for parts of the Inland Empire, more specifically Colton and Grand Terrace, our homes. We experienced a day nothing short of peculiarity from the blazing heat, thunderstorms, power outage, and our neighboring mountain catching ablaze. These events seemed to fit in with the current condition of the world, with the natural disasters and Hurricane Harvey and Irma.

The day began at a whopping 90 degrees which only increased as the hours passed by along with an uncomfortable humidity settling in. As the school continued to fill up with restless and exasperated students there was an atmosphere of uncertainty due to unexpected appearances of thunder and sporadic flashes of lightning. Furthermore, the rain could be seen from far away, but it never came.

By 7 a.m. the power went out in all the buildings and faculty was as unsure as students, if not more so, of what was to proceed. Solar panels came to the rescue and the power was back on minutes before the first bell rang and class officially began. The groans of disappointment were evident as the student

body realized that school was still in session for the day. These feelings only increased as we soon discovered that most schools in the school district had their school day cancelled.

Around third period, a mountain in close proximity of the school caught on fire. The smoke was visible from almost everywhere on campus and with it being so close, we thought school would be let out as it seemed that impending disasters awaited at every corner.

However, this went unacknowledged and we continued our day as normal- or as normal as it could be. Some students were reported leaving campus. There was also fire alarms that would not have been so mysterious if weren't for the events that took place.

It turns out that the power failed due to lightning striking the main electrical substation used for Colton which caused thousands in not only Colton, but Grand Terrace, parts of San Bernardino, Rialto, Riverside, to go several hours without electricity. As the heat persisted, cooling centers around the city were open for its residents to take a break from the broiling weather. The intensity of the heat died down later in the day (90 degrees!), but we still had to fan through invisible waves of water vapor which only increased the prickling-like sensation on skin.

This indeed was a strange day for Titans and residents. Fortunately, it is now the beginning of fall and we will not have to bear through intense heat or frizzy hair until next summer if the weather strikes as so.



Students in an A-Building classroom were distracted by a brush fire a mile away from campus. *Contributed Photo*



A brush fire at a hill top one mile away from campus erupted. Planes dropped water, creating a surreal scene for students. *Contributed Photo*

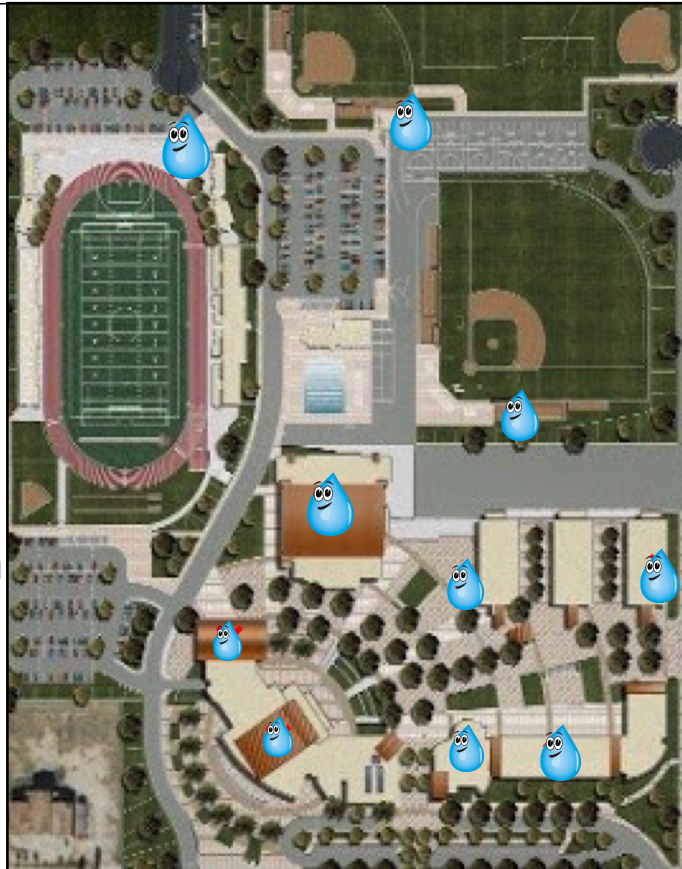
## Where's the Water?: The Titan Echo Searches for Water on Campus

By Cedric Robinson (2018), Staff Writer

**TITAN TOWN-** With temperatures soaring in the hundreds at the beginning and end of each school year, students often complain about the lack of access to water. And, with the \$1-price tag on a water bottle that you may or not get at the vending machines, access to water can suddenly be an issue for students.

"Yes, there should be more water fountains around campus because there is no easy access to water. It also affects us as students because we have to rush to class and it will make us late," said **Shylehn Thompson** (2018).

**Desiree Romero** (2018) added, "Yes we should have more water fountains because we only have a limited time to get to our classes, and the water fountains are also hidden in very isolated areas."



So, Where's the water? By our count, there are at least ten water fountains on campus and ten vending machines. According to Assistant Principal, Mr. **Mitch Hovey**, there are currently no known plans to install more water fountains on campus.

So, we're are stuck with what we got.

### Where you can locate the Water Fountains:

- **A Building, First floor**
- **Gym**
- **Gym hallway**
- **Library**
- **Cafeteria**
- **D building, Outside**
- **PE Fields**
- **Adjacent to Counseling office**

*Graphic by Corina Magruder*

## New Racks Give Skaters A Parking Space

By Sakinah Storks (2020), Campus Writer

**TITAN TOWN-** This year, a new skateboard rack was installed near the B Building. This could be useful to the estimated 12 students who bring skateboards to school daily.

The GTHS Student Handbook states, "Skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, bicycles, or any other modality of transportation are not to be ridden on campus at any time, day or night. These items will be confiscated. Bicycles shall be locked in bike racks during school hours."

This means that while it is against the rules to ride skateboards on campus, it is not against the rules to carry them. However, lugging a five-pound cumbersome board, along with a backpack all day, can tire a student out.

**Phoenix Amperan** (2019), a GTHS student who rides a skateboard as a mode of transportation to and from school, said the new rack is convenient. He lives about three miles from GTHS and said he prefers to leave his board somewhere he knows is safe. He even trusts the racks enough to leave his board overnight, he said.



A skateboard hangs on the new racks just outside the B Building.

*Photo by Sakinah Storks*

## You Have Bus Rider Questions? We Have Answers. The Titan Echo Asks the Top Man at the District

By Eybin Heraz (2020), Campus Writer

**TITAN TOWN**– Mandated school buses are a very popular, and for some, the only way of transportation to and from school. Seeing the huge crowds on sides of the school will show you just how important they are.

However, many of the bus riders tend to have less than pleasant things to say about them, and many students first instinct is to blame the staff. But, does all the responsibility lay on the district staff? Or are the students entitled to some of the blame? It appears that they share most of the blame. The district bus policy clearly states that there is “no eating on the bus at any time.” It also states that students “stay in your seat at all times.”

Still, the Echo fielded questions from anonymous bus riders to present to Mr. **Erick Richardson**, the director of transportation for the Colton Unified School District. Here is how Mr. Richardson answered.

### Air-Conditioning

**Q:** “When it is really hot, (over 100 degrees) all we get is a small fan in front of the bus, usually pointed only at the bus driver. Why can't there be air conditioning?”

**A:** “Each bus that is not air conditioned contains 2 fans. The fan in the front center is pointed in the direction of the passengers. There is also another small fan located in the front of the bus, left of the driver. That fan is pointed in the direction of the driver. We have a total of 77 buses and 39 of those have AC.”

### Security

**Q:** “The buses have cameras, but students still tend to break the bus policies without punishment. Why is this?”

**A:** “The cameras are not recording at this time. However, if students are breaking rules and the drivers are aware, he/she will follow proper disciplinary procedures.”

### Behavior

**Q:** “Every day, it is absolute chaos on the bus. Kids are pushing and pulling like crazy and half the time I can't even find a seat due to kids being greedy. Can anything be done about this?”

**A:** “The students should be seated from back to front.”

### Cleanliness

**Q:** “The floors, the seats, the windows, are always unclean, and gross to be around. The buses have a maintenance crew. Why can't this sanitary problem be fixed?”

**A:** “The drivers are to clean and maintain their buses on a daily basis. However, they do not clean their buses until the end of each day.”



**Hundreds of students walk toward the buses after school.**

*Photo by Corina Magruder*

## PBIS Winners Recognized

Students recognized for exemplifying positive behavior are given prizes. Students who meet certain school requirements are noticed for their academic success and are given a prize. The prizes included: 2 football game tickets, 2 football game tickets with a front of the line pass, and 2 football game tickets with a Titan Shirt. *Compiled by Jocelyn Baca*

The latest PBIS prizes were given out on Sep. 29. The winners were:

~Mia Sambol~

~Erin Martinez~

~Jordan Garcia~

~ Emily Moreno~

~ Cristian Ochoa~

~Isabella Morales~

~Bailee Ulloa~

~Christopher Parra ~



A row of broken cardio machines sit idle in the weight room.  
Photo by Rodri Smith

## Weight Room Equipment in Need of Repair By Rodri Smith (2019), Sports Editor

**TITAN TOWN** - According to students, the weight room in the gym is not really a weight room anymore. Many say that it's almost useless and it's just a room filled with broken fitness equipment. They're irritated and frustrated and asking why the school has not repaired or acquired new equipment. The athletic director, Ms. **Tiffany Gordon**, said "On average we spend \$1,500 a year on the weight room." Every year the school repairs the room with that money. This does not cover all the equipment in the room, but it does some good for the athletes, she added.

A new club on campus, the Fitness Club, uses the room extensively.

"We have barbells and weight plates, which will give us good compound movements. But, the machines could be useful to isolate certain muscles. We'll get by," said **Jorge Estrada** (2018), the president of the club.

## LaMelo Ball Goes Homeschool To Focus On Basketball

By **Mujahid Ahmad** (2018), Sports Writer  
**CHINO HILLS, CA** - LaMelo Ball, arguably the most famous high school basketball player, is dropping out of public high school. He will be home-schooled to focus on basketball.

LaVar Ball, father of LaMelo Ball and also his coach, will be pulling LaMelo out of school. "I'm not dealing with the administration over there. I don't want distractions on Melo. So, therefore I'm going to home-school him and make him the best basketball player ever," said LaVar Ball in media reports.



LaMelo also had a few words about the current situation and how he feels about moving to be home-schooled. "I can spend all my time now and dedication into it instead of going to school and doing book work," he said according to a website.

The Grand Terrace varsity basketball coach, **Joe Ray** believes that it wasn't a good idea because LaMelo Ball will be missing out on a lot of things such as playing with friends, socializing and such which are essential to teenagers. Coach Ray says " I just don't think it's a good decision. I wouldn't be surprised to see him at another school, " said Coach Ray.

One of Coach Rays' varsity basketball players, **Marc Docarmo** (2018) believes it's a good idea and says, "I think it's smart. He gets to train for two years to get stronger and faster."



## Kyrie Irving Reportedly ditching the Cavaliers

By Mujahid Ahmad (2018), Sports writer

**CLEVELAND, OH** - Kyrie Irving, who previously played for the Cleveland Cavaliers, has requested a trade to the Boston Celtics, according to ESPN and other news sources.

Sources say the reason Irving wants to join the Celtics is because he doesn't want to shadow franchise player LeBron James.

A source said that Irving wants to be in an environment where he can feel like he can be taught every single day. Irving says he wants to join the Celtics so he can, "maximize his potential" and he wants to, "Perfect his craft." Other sources claim that Irving wants to be transcendent like James.

"I feel like it was a great move for my Celtics. We are a young team so I think we're going to be good for the next ten years," said **Marc Docarmo** (2018), a Boston Celtics fan.

Irving went to Duke University in Durham, NC. He was selected by the Cleveland Cavaliers with the first overall pick in the 2011 NBA draft.

The 6' 3" point guard was named All-Star Game Most Valuable Player (MVP) in 2014. He won the NBA Championships with the 2015-2016 Cavaliers.



GT and Colton JV football players collided on Oct. 12.

*Photo Courtesy of Anew Photography*

## Colton Rivalry is Deep

By Rodri Smith (2019), Sports Editor

**TITAN TOWN**- Since the opening of Grand Terrace High School in 2011, there has been a growing rivalry with Colton High School.

It began with tension arising from students transferring to GTHS from Colton and students seeing it as traitorous act. That carried over into games, especially football.

The week of Oct. 9 through 13 was Rivalry Week this year. This is the time where our school transitions from Spirit Week to an emphasis on purchasing G T wear.

"School Spirit was very great during rivalry week ," said **Daytona Gardiner** (2019), who, as a cheerleader, has a bird-eye view of the crowds attending games.

Students report seeing extra security at rival games.

On Oct. 13, during the GT-Colton Varsity football game, the GT crowd got especially hyped and caused an incident worth mentioning by the school principal. The Titans won 58-6. Their matchup record is 3-3, going back to 2011, according to the MaxPrep Website.

"The games should be a fun environment for everyone but with people doing bad things it ruins the experience for others," Gardiner said.

The volleyball team beat Colton that Wednesday, Oct. 11, and the rivalry showed. "It got more stressful toward the end. The crowd was loud. Parents were screaming. A lot of families go to that game," said **Grace Chavez** (2018), a libero on the team.

GT won 3-0, increasing their lead in their match history to 10-2, according to MaxPreps.



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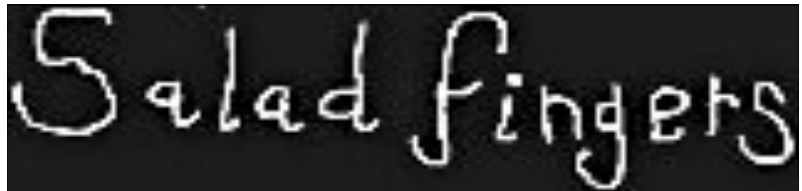
# THE DARKEST YOUTUBE VIDEOS

With Halloween around the corner, most people are looking forward to scary things. But, dark comedy is rapidly replacing traditional holiday genres. And with YouTube, it's easy to find series and videos to get you in the mood.

By Jack Garrison (2018), A&E Editor

## SALAD FINGERS

A series created in 2004 by David Firth, Salad Fingers is an animated series about a thin green man named "Salad Fingers" who lives in a world with only finger puppets and mutants. While the series is mostly dark comedy, there is plenty of dark imagery and disturbing characters.



## DON'T HUG ME I'M SCARED

While not entirely frightening, this puppet show acts like a PBS program, but ends up like a dark psychological trip. Each episode has a nursery rhyme-like song that starts innocently enough, before devolving into chaos. The creators have revealed that they are developing more episodes, however, like other episodes, it won't release for another few years.

## TIPSY DUCK

Tipsy Duck is a YouTuber that makes animations with Source Filmmaker, a free animation program licensed by the videogame company, Valve. While the videos aren't exactly scary, they start as a simple joke, such as a fake advertisement for a product called "Spray Away," which leads to dark comedy, such as a character spraying away his wife and his depression.



## HELLBENDERS

An animated series by OneyNG and psychicpebbles, the series isn't scary, but focuses on two clueless friends named Chris and Zach who unknowingly come into contact with demons and monsters that terrorize the rest of the neighborhood. The creators have developed a pilot to make the series into a show, but only parts of it have been leaked on YouTube.



## MARBLE HORNETS

Marble Hornets is a series from 2009 that was inspired by the internet phenomenon of Slenderman. The series follows a man named Jay, who investigates the events behind the filming of an amateur film directed by one of his school friends. There are 92 total episodes for the series, plus two sequels titled Clear Lakes 44 and Eckva, plus a film titled Always Watching: A Marble Hornets Story.



# Rock Album Release Radar By Jack Garrison

This year has been full of artist and band comebacks, from Gorillaz to A Tribe Called Quest. The trend hasn't stopped yet, with Primus, Weezer, and more.

Jack Garrison is the Titan Echo's A&E Editor. Look for his Hip Hop Album Release Radar in February's Issue.



**Queens of The Stone Age - Villains:**

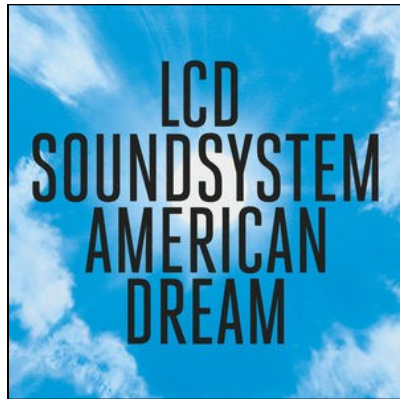
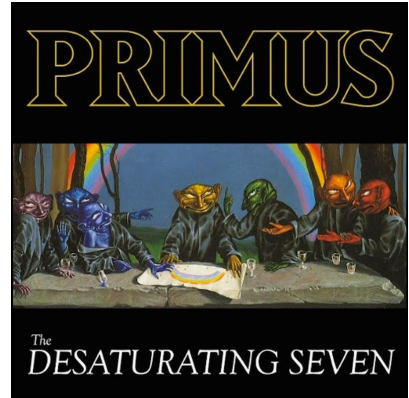
The seventh studio album from the band, and the first one in four years, Queens of the Stone returns with another solid hard rock album.

**Primus - The Desaturating Seven:** Primus' first album with all three main members since 1996, the new album is based off a book that lead singer Les Claypool read for his children, *The Rainbow Goblins*. Primus' music is slap-bass heavy experimental rock music, however, the members say they try not to fit into any type of genre of music.

**LCD Soundsystem - American Dream:** While it's been only two years since their last album, this album is technically a comeback for the band, and their first album since the 2010 *This Is Happening*.

**Foo Fighters - Concrete and Gold:** After lead singer Dave Grohl broke his leg at a concert in 2015, the band took an indefinite hiatus. Six months after the incident, Dave began writing lyrics for the single *Run*, which is released with their new album.

**Weezer - Pacific Daydream:** This is the eleventh studio album from Weezer. Two tracks have already been released: *Feels Like Summer* and *Mexican Fender*. The album releases on October 27th.



## Tom Petty Dies

By Jack Garrison (20198, A&E Editor)

**LOS ANGELES** - Tom Petty, the song artist behind "Free Fallin," has died at the age of 66. Mr. Petty went into cardiac arrest on Oct. 2, and died a few hours later, according to news sources. Mr. Petty started his musical career with his band Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, before moving on to his solo career. "When we are on a road trip, Tom Petty is the first artist we think of to put on, especially the *WILDFLOWERS* album," said Mr. Wray Frinks, an English teacher and advisor of the Real Music Club on campus.

"My son grew up listening to Tom Petty with my wife and I. When he was little, he always sang along with the lyrics to 'You don't know how it feels...to be me,'" he added. Mr. Finks said he saw him in concert twice.



# Opinion: The Hero Competitive Video Game is the New Formula

By Jack Garrison (2018), A&E Editor

In this day and age, the biggest names in gaming tend to be Overwatch, Counter Strike, Team Fortress 2, Call of Duty, and Battlefield. Whether or not you find these games enjoyable is aside the point, however, it's obvious that the current market is fixated on multiplayer shooters, especially hero shooters where you play as characters with special abilities. While these games might be good in their own right, there tends to be a formula that game developers are now following, and the market has become saturated with similar games.

Because of this, story-driven games have received much less attention from developers who favor the well-selling genre of competitive shooter games. Just recently, Valve has canceled the well-received Half-Life series, and instead now focuses on Dota 2, Counter Strike, and their new competitive card game, Artifact. While the games might be good, it only targets a community of players that enjoy more competitive games. And while games like Overwatch attempt to be accessible to all kinds of players, the simple fact is that they can't be, due to people's schedules, or their own ability.

Because of this market, single-player games are no longer a focus for triple-A developers. The most recent example being a single-player Star Wars game being developed by Visceral Games. The game was being developed for the past three years, however, Visceral was shut down by its parent company, EA. The game has since been moved over to be developed by EA's Vancouver studios, and they are entirely refocusing the game to be multiplayer.

Not all multiplayer games require a great amount of skill, but it does require a good internet connection and for people to put in more time than a single-player adventure. Even games that are made to have a single-player campaign usually include a competitive multi-player mode, such as Uncharted 4. That's not to say that single-player games aren't being made, but they aren't nearly as common nowadays.

You could chalk it up to the advance of technology, allowing people to play with more and more people, which makes sense for companies to try and scratch that itch of sociability in games. But these games take up almost all of the market, leaving less and less room for creative teams to share their ideas. Thankfully, so long as indie developers exist, the issue isn't too big, and at this point it's best to simply recognize this trend, even if at this point it isn't detrimental.

## Spongebob Hits Broadway

By Jillian Deuel (2019), Campus Editor

**NEW YORK-** One of the most recognized and beloved cartoon characters of our childhood, Spongebob Squarepants, is getting his own Broadway musical. The famous yellow fry cook is the subject of movies, video games, and memes. Add musical to that list on Nov 6.

According to the production's official website, ([spongebobbroadway.com](http://spongebobbroadway.com)) the plot revolves around an impending disaster threatening Bikini Bottom and its inhabitants. Spongebob and his friends must step up to defend their undersea home and even the entire world.

The show features original songs by Panic! At The Disco, John Legend, Aerosmith, The Plain White T's, and more artists. Cast members include: Ethan Slater as Spongebob, Gavin Lee as Squidward, Lilli Cooper as Sandy, Brian Norris as Mr. Krabs, Danny Skinner as Patrick, and Wesley Taylor as Plankton.

The musical is scheduled to run through May 27, 2018 at the Palace Theatre in New York. No information was available on whether the show will come to the Los Angeles area.



# A New Way for Photographs to Show Personal Aura

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Art and photography have been popular since they were introduced, and lately it seems that there has been a resurgence of both in the youth culture and even older generations. These mediums advocate self-expression, creativity, and revelations of life. There are different statuses a person can attain- a professional photographer or the next Picasso- but neither are a goal for many, nor are they necessary for a creator to be.

The arts are a multidimensional field, both literally and metaphorically, and are always evolving. An example of that is photographer Christina Lonsdale. She experiments with an aura imaging camera from the 1970s first introduced by Guy Coggins.

The difficult-to-grasp concept and simple technology arouses doubt. However, the combination of art, photography, and imagination, is intriguing for anyone interested in either or all. It also includes our favorite subject- ourselves.



*From Christina's Website: "Radiant Human serves as a conduit for those seeking a new kind of self-exploration – a brief, metaphysical vision quest, compelling us toward a uniquely tangible kind of self-discovery."*



Lonsdale uses a 1970s camera that detects the body's electromagnetic field through the use of sensors. Then, over two exposures, the aura appears in the second.

Certain shapes and colors identify a person's inner-workings, such as the color purple identifying a person as being a visionary, green representing growth, while white deems a person as having a higher conscious.

Lonsdale has gained a large following through her Instagram. Her work is based in Oregon; however, she has been touring for a few short years due to massive amounts of requests. The process is not too long- a few minutes for a picture and 10 for an interpretation- and the tickets are fairly affordable (\$35).

*Clockwise: Artist Chistina Lonsdale consults participants. Electromagnetic sensors are attached to participants. The artist basks in her photos capturing her participants' auras.*

## Which Colors Describe Your Aura?

<p><b>Red:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strength, Willpower, Leadership, Action, Practicality, Passion</li> </ul>	<p><b>Orange:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creative, Confident, Independent, Collaborative, Excellent People Skills, Loves challenge</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detail Oriented, Cautious, Logical, Strategic, Highly Intelligent</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yellow:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optimistic, Enthusiastic, Open-Minded, Loves Variety and Freedom, Generous, Playful, Whimsical</li> </ul>
<p><b>Green:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth, Goal Oriented, Determined, Focused, Ambitious, Competitive, Perfectionist</li> </ul>	<p><b>Blue:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depth of Feeling, Trust, Devotion, Loyalty, Nurturing, Supportive, Intuitive, Sensitive</li> </ul>
<p><b>Purple:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visionary, Unconventional, Non-Judgemental, Playful, Loves to be Inspired and Delight Others</li> </ul>	<p><b>White:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher Consciousness, Destiny, Intense Energy, Cosmic Wisdom</li> </ul>

