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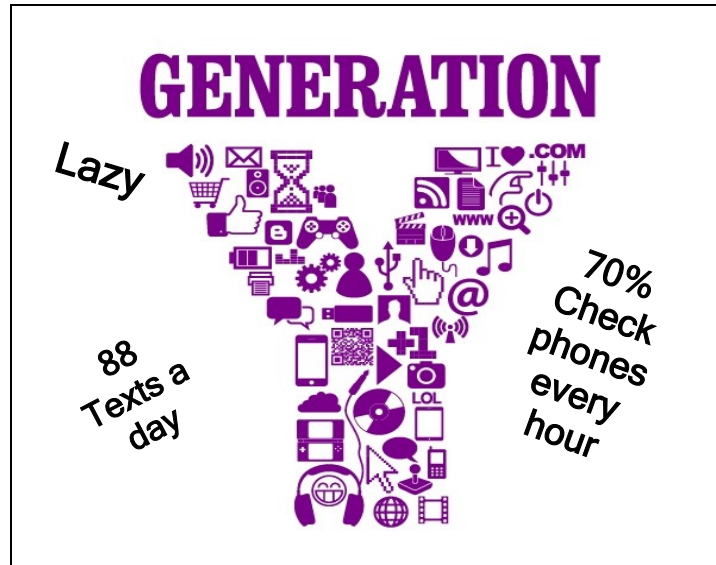
Is Our Generation Blatantly Corrupt or Simply Misunderstood?

By Chase Preciado (2016), Assistant Editor and Vivian Meza (2015), Campus Writer

Today, there is great debate on whether the lifestyle, mentality, and contributions of our generation are helping society or destroying it.

Some claim that our generation of high school and college students, born between 1982 and 2002 and known as Generation Y, is destroying the crucial and valuable morals that were developed by previous generations. Others state that Generation Y is simply overwhelmed with high expectations. People expect too much of us. But, we are nonetheless creating a better and more advanced environment. Neither opinion is generally favored. So, the debate continues.

Those who take a negative position on Generation Y claim that young people today are less motivated or ambitious, and therefore less likely to succeed. A study conducted by the Heldrich Center for Work Force Development showed that 58 percent of those tested believe that our generation will be less successful than the generations before it. Although, 48 percent believed that Generation Y will be more successful financially, the participants of the survey, interestingly enough, were all members of Generation Y.



Contributor to Forbes, Linda Gratton, however, found that Generation Y members are quite good at setting themselves up for success, stating that although they focus more on short-term goals, they are equally committed to do their work. Even Dennis Finn of Global Human Capital Leader at Price waterhouse Coopers (a multinational professional services network) stated, "this generation is as engaged, committed and prepared to work as hard as previous generations." Gratton also added that "they don't mind working; they just think there are better ways to work."

Another argument that comes from the negative side of this debate is young people are too focused on technology and destroying the importance and value of face-to-face interaction. While research by the Pew Research Center has shown that Generation Y send and receive around 88 texts a day,

and 70 percent check their phones every hour, a study conducted by the PwC claims that rather than making actual human contact obsolete, Generation Y's aptitude for electronics and the internet is actually beneficial. The connections and interactions made, especially in the workplace, are actually enhanced from the accessibility and ease of electronic correspondence.

According to Christopher A. Brueningsen of post-gazette.com, a lifelong educator, Generation Y is the most educated generation of students he has seen in his career. He cites

a Census study which shows that 40 percent of Generation Y students were enrolled in college in 2008. He states that the generation's education, combined with their intense political activism, social tolerance, optimism and desire to have accomplishments and make a difference in the world will enable them to overcome the complex challenges of today.

There is great debate today with regards to the role that Generation Y, our generation, plays in society. Some view Generation Y positively and others view them negatively, but despite the criticism, Generation Y has in fact made beneficial contributions to society. No one knows for sure what the future of our generation will hold, but one thing is for sure: our desire to make a difference in the world will push the world forward through all of the challenges ahead. TE

Turned Down Rallies Not the Way to Honor Seniors or Answers to Spirit and Litter

By Crystal DeBerry (2015), Campus Editor

The rules for pep rallies changed this year. Instead of all classes being invited to attend rallies as they were in previous years, a select amount of tickets are given to teachers who sign up their classes for rallies. The tickets prevent students from sneaking into the gym without teacher consent.

This has become an issue for seniors since this is the last year they get to enjoy high school activities.

"Seniors are missing out on good memories," said Michael Everett (2015).

Traditionally, the purpose of pep rallies are to boost confidence for athletes before games. The lack of the support of all classmates could cause discouragement. According to a Titan Echo Poll, school spirit is down, so one could say to increase spirit, the need for fully-attended pep rallies is a priority. It is even possible that more spirited school events could be a cure for the litter bug traveling around campus. This could all be helped by having all students attend the pep

rallies.

"...students might respect the school more," said Bryan Tinoco (2015).

Seniors are also disappointed that they may not be able to attend all of the pep rallies in their last school year. We only go to high school once, taking advantage of the privileges that occur on our campus could make the memory of GTHS something worth remembering.

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Trees on Campus To Give Natural Shade in Ten Years

By Jennie Koning (2015), Campus Writer

TITAN TOWN- Grand Terrace High School can expect to enjoy much natural shade in at least ten years. Of the many different types of trees on campus, two of them are expected to grow tall and have a wide spread. A tree's spread is the width, or how much shade it can produce.

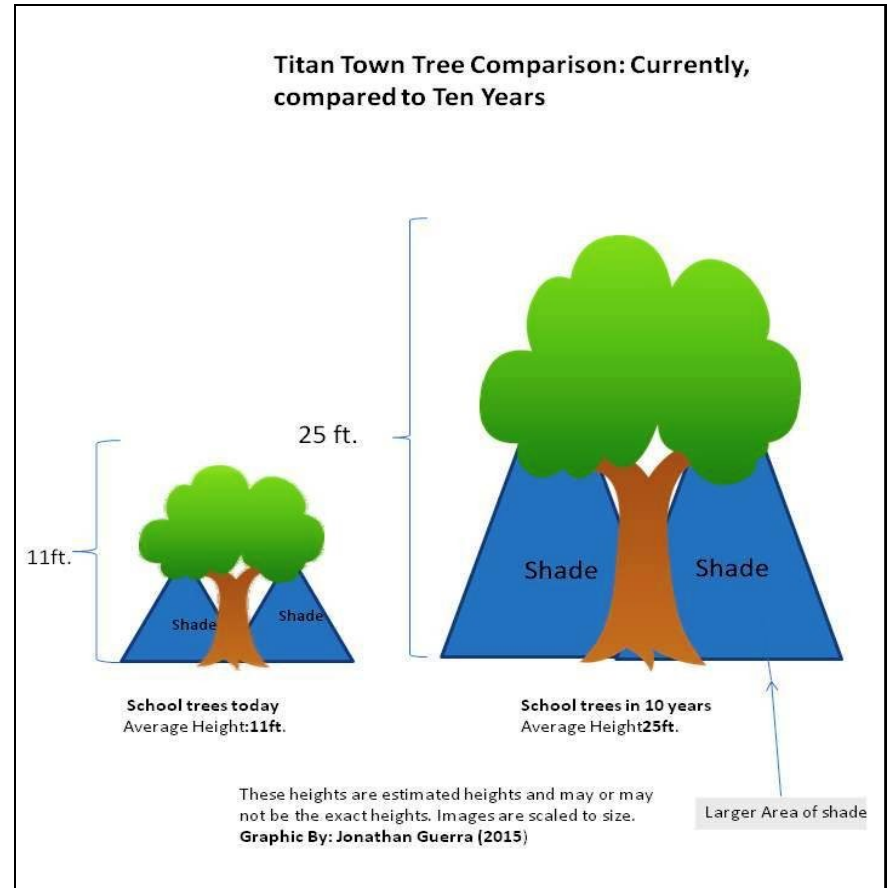
Shade has been an issue at GTHS. The start of the school year left many students upset due to the lack of natural and artificial shade, such as table umbrellas. Students had little protection from the hot summer sun and natural shade would have provided some comfort. However small now, the trees will provide natural shade in the future.

One of the two trees is a Honey Locust, according to an app called Leafsnap. According to the Iowa State University Forestry Extension, as a young tree, the Honey Locust can grow two feet or more over a ten-year period. The Forestry Extension says the tree can grow from 70 to 80 feet, and have a spread of 20 to 40 feet. That is a lot of shade.

The Honey Locust trees on the GTHS campus are currently about seven feet tall. If they grow two feet a year, the trees can grow about twenty feet in the next ten years, giving the tree an estimated height of about 27 feet for the Honey Locust to reach its expected height of around 70 feet. This can take around 30 years.

The other tree on campus, according to Leafsnap, is a Shingle Oak. These trees can be found between the C and D buildings, and in some of the planters. According to the Iowa State University Forestry Extension, this tree can grow from 50 to 70 feet tall, with a spread of 40 to 70 feet. Other internet sources say the tree is rather slow-growing, only one to one-and a-half feet a year.

The Shingle Oak trees on campus



currently seem to be around 15 feet. If it grows one foot a year, the tree can possibly be 25 feet tall in the next ten years to reach its expected height of about 70 feet. The Shingle Oak can take close to 80 years. These trees will obviously not grow in time for the current GTHS students to enjoy protection from the sun, but they will

one day be the trees our children will take refuge under.

Imagine seeing GTHS 30 years from now with tall trees branching out over the school. These baby trees today can be a symbol of hope on campus. As the students grow and mature, the trees will grow with them. **TE**

Gunfire at the Skating Rink

By Crystal DeBerry (2015), Campus Editor

GRAND TERRACE - On New Year's Eve, Nathaniel Williamson was shot and killed at the Cal Skate parking lot.

According to KTLA, he was the owner of a security business who provided services for clubs and minor businesses. He and one other security guard, whom had minor injuries, were taken to Loma Linda Hospital, where he died, KTLA said.

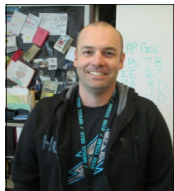
He was a husband and a father. It was discovered that the shooting was gang related, KTLA said. Days after the incident, the perpetrators, three minors, were charged as adults after pleading not guilty, KTLA said. A candlelit vigil was held at the skate park. Cameron Terry (2015) works at the skating rink. He said business has not declined but hours have been cut to the 10 p.m. curfew. Cal Skate is one of the few family-friendly establishments located in Grand Terrace, a city with a population of 12,000. **TE**

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Has Obama Gone Too Far? Issues Executive Order Legalizing Millions of Undocumented Immigrants Titan Town's Social Science Teachers Join the Debate



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"The president's job is to enforce, not be a lawmaker." - Mrs. Ramsden.

By, Lorena Hernandez (2015) Editor-In-Chief

TITAN TOWN - It is estimated that there are 11.4 million unauthorized immigrants currently living in the United States and 61 percent are between the ages of 25-44, according to CNN. Many of them are living off the grid.

President Barack Obama's plan will allow 4 to 5 million of undocumented immigrants who are parents to U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents to legally live and work in the U.S. for three years. This would increase our nation's workforce, create more jobs, and boost local, state and national tax revenue streams, according to Mr. Obama.

Immigration reform has been a topic debated for years. Due to this astonishing amount of illegal immigrants in our country, President Obama has declared this controversial executive action. A poll released from the Wall Street Journal suggests that Mr. Obama is entering risky politi-

cal territory. This danger zone for the president will come from the Republicans, who are now in control of both legislative houses.

"The action he's proposed would ignore the law, would reject the voice of the voters, and would impose new unfairness on law abiding immigrants all without solving the problem. In fact, this action is more likely to make it even worse" stated Mitch McConnell, Senior U.S. Senator from Kentucky and the Republican leader.

McConnell isn't the only person who is opposing Obama's executive action. John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, stated that the House will in fact act.

"Time after time, the president has chosen to ignore the will of the American people and re-write federal law on his own without a vote of Congress," stated Boehner "That's not the way our system was designed to work."

"I agree with Obama. I think there should be some kind of system to help the immigrants that are already here, but there should be some control on how they

come in. There needs to be stricter guidelines to allow them to come in," said Ms. Joanna Lalas, a social studies teacher.

But, Mrs. Tamara Ramsden, also a social studies teacher, implied the President may be overstepping.

"The president's job is to enforce, not be a law maker. He can influence and push but not make his own."

"I believe that there needs to be strict guidelines (on legalizing) but the president should not make an executive order...it should come from Congress," said Mr. Mathew Welzel (Social Science).

Despite the controversy, Mr. Obama sent a clear message Nov. 20 that he will follow through with his order.

"Scripture tells us we shall not oppress a stranger, for we know the heart of a stranger we were strangers once too. My fellow Americans we are and will always be a nation of immigrants. We were strangers once too," Mr. Obama said. **TE**

Mock Trial Convicts Thief

By Elisabeth Martin (2015), Campus Writer

TITAN TOWN- After an entire semester of "objections!" and strong defenses, Mock Trial came to an end recently. They finished a trial that ended in a great success. The final trial convicted a painting thief guilty after four two-hour long trials.

Mock Trial is a club that trains lawyers. They are placed in a simulated environment and are required to come up with defense and prosecution strategies for the defendant. There is a judge, jury, defense attorney, prosecutor and the accused. The events are

not scripted and the defenses are thought up by students. The scenario is the only thing given. The students work out the rest.

Alex Mower (2015), one of the mock attorneys, said "...it would have been an easier choice to say that the man was innocent, but they had tried to go the route of justice, even though it was a difficult path." With only a week of school prep time and the week of solitary prep time over the Winter Break, students had to learn every facet of this case.

Due to the intensity of the club, good skills are developed in each of the students. The members learn how to think quickly in order to make justified comebacks, learn the value of researching and credible sources, and how to use their

extensive vocabulary in ways that will benefit them. Mock Trial is no matter to be mocked. This activity trains students to be the best around.

Mock Trial isn't just a club for those students who are aspiring to be lawyers. Each of the students are comfortable around each other, and don't fret if the room gets a little hot. The speakers mean well. They're passionately speaking of the things they feel strongly about.

"At first I didn't like it, but as the year went on I grew closer to the team and it became fun to be around them and in the trials," Mower said. Interested in Mock Trial? See Mrs. Esmeralda Shreiner in room A150. **TE**

PSAT Numbers Suggest Increase in College-Bound Students at GTHS

By Chase Preciado (2016), Assistant Editor

TITAN TOWN - For 2014-2015, Grand Terrace High School saw a high number of students registering for the PSAT, the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test.

According to the staff of the Grand Terrace High School student store, there was an increased demand for the PSAT. This test gets you into college, as it is a requirement for most four-year universities; however, it is only practice.

Sales of the PSAT were so high this year that a second order, consisting of 25 tests was sent out after the original 215 tests sold out in October.

The test costs \$15, which, according to sources, is \$1 extra than what the College Board sells the

tests for. The extra dollar from each purchase is then put into a scholarship fund by the GTHS Counseling Department. Fee waivers for the PSAT were offered to juniors with financial difficulty. However, GTHS ordered 10 waivers and only used three of them. This suggests that something else has sparked the high demand for PSAT tests. According to the staff of the GTHS Student Store, the rise in PSAT registration was due to both an increase in college-bound students, as well as encouragement from AVID.

According to GTHS AVID and AP World History teacher, Ms. Lauren Tyler, the AVID program requires all sophomores and juniors in the program to register for and take the PSAT.

Ms. Tyler stated that this require-

ment and others related to it are due to AVID's goal to put students whom are motivated to attend college on the right path.

"It makes sure they have all the boxes checked," she stated.

According to Ms. Tyler, AVID juniors are also required to take the SAT, and that the AVID program encourages students to take it early.

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a standardized test taken every school year by high school students in the United States. The test, consisting of critical reading, mathematics and writing skills sections, is administered by the College Board, an organization that also administers the Advanced Placement (AP) program and exams to high school students every year. **TE**

GTHS Drama Pays Homage to Holocaust in Fall Play

By Vivian Meza, Staff Writer (2015)

TITAN TOWN - The drama department's first show of the year was *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*.

The play is based on a book of the same name that tells the story of the children who suffered in the concentration camp, Terezin during World War II.

There were four showings of this production in total: one on Dec. 4 and 5, and two on Dec. 6. All shows brought in crowds of students, teachers, and area residents alike.

Although it was a short and serious play, lasting only about 50 minutes, it held great entertainment value for audience members.

"For a high school play, it was dark but not dark enough that a child couldn't watch it and understand what was going on. The way (they used) audio was good, like the train noises and children voices, because they sounded really cool," said Drew Williams (2015).

The cast consisted of more than

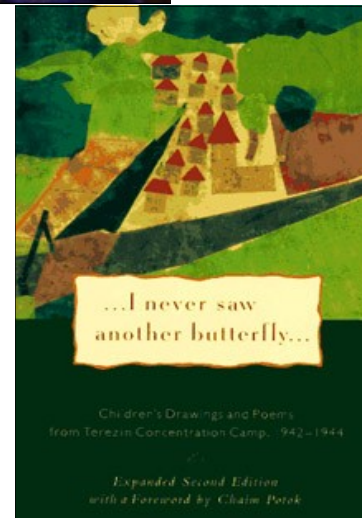


The cast of *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* rehearse the opening scene of the show. **Photo by Vivian Meza**

20 members, who spent a period of more than two months working on the show alongside drama teacher and director, Mrs. Kimberly Guadagnoli. The time spent working on the production certainly paid off in the quality of the show, cast members said.

"I didn't think it would turn out well in the beginning, but in the end it ended up being the most enjoyable play I've ever done," said Maile Wong (2015), a member of the cast who gave a riveting performance as the mother of the main character.

The department's next production will be Lewis Carroll's classic fairytale *Alice in Wonderland* set in early March of 2015. **TE**



Army Develops “Iron Man Suit” Future GT Soldiers could wear by 2018

By James Munoz (2015), Editor-at-Large

If you are thinking about joining the military, you may be wearing the military’s new Tactical Assault Light Operator Suit, TALOS. It is the first of high-tech suits that are meant to augment a soldier’s abilities.

The TALOS is being developed at MIT and other researchers and developers, according to the Washington Post.

At first glance, many would think that the military is making an Iron Man suit but TALOS is a bit different. TALOS is only meant to protect you from light fire and not to be a bullet sponge. Developers have stated that it is meant to give soldiers a better situational awareness with a 360-degree camera with night vision capabilities, sensors that can detect injuries and apply wound-sealing foam, and bulletproof armor.

The US military has hopes that the equipment can be fully implemented by 2018. Some may be asking why they aren’t making one-man armies out of our troops. The military is already working on another project. It is called ATLAS. This is the next step in land-use drone technology. Boston Dynamics and the U.S military’s Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) unveiled it in a bold and terrifying video on YouTube. The robot is shown to be able to move around eerily similar to a human (albeit stiff) and perform other simple tasks.

New protective military suit

The U.S. Special Operations Command is asking designers for ideas to produce a suit to protect soldiers of the future. The suit will have advanced armor, a built-in power supply and a see-through display that will show live data feeds in the helmet.

Government requirements for the suit

- **Displays**

Give wearer feedback information relevant to the environment from an array of sensors

- **Armor**

Protects the head and body, especially from explosions, by using advanced materials

Screenshot from Army video



- **Health status**

Embedded systems monitor the body’s vital statistics such as oxygen levels and body heat

- **Power**

Built-in management systems along with wearable computers, antennas and a programmable radio

- **Lightweight design**

Minimizes load and maximizes protection

- **Mobility**

Exoskeleton will be powered to enhance endurance and agility

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Source: U.S. Special Operations Command, Chicago Tribune

With these new technologies, it seems as if we have finally caught up with Sci-Fi, such as Halo and Iron Man. While that can be debated considering what is out there, it can’t be denied that TALOS is cool. **TE**

GAME REVIEW: The Evil Within

By James Munoz (2015), Editor-at-Large

In the video game world, Shinji Mikami’s name has the same cachet as George Romero does to moviegoers. Mikami created Resident Evil, the 1996 classic which is usually credited as the first survival horror game.

Mikami abandoned the franchise after 2005’s beautifully created Resident Evil 4, and it hasn’t been the same since, rejecting jittery terror for a more Hollywood blockbuster approach. Mikami fans have been waiting patiently for a follow up and The Evil Within will definitely scratch their survival horror itch.

The story begins with three cops investigating the scene of a mass murder, which quickly turns into something even more disturbing. The player is a detective named Sebastian Castellanos who soon finds himself hanging upside down in a slaughterhouse, while a chainsaw-wielding

behemoth goes about his business. The descent into madness that is Evil Within might seem familiar with the hordes of shuffling zombies and disfigured beings. But you will find yourself indulging in a little recreational surgeon simulator on a poor soul, and wonder what next terror is right around the corner.

The game has some graphical issues that might take away from the experience and Sebastian moves rather sluggishly, but all these components gives the game a very retro feel. The game is solid, a 3.5 to 5 in this writer’s book. **TE**



Carrier Stores and Operates Game Consoles



By James Munoz (2015), Editor-at-Large The portable gaming console is here.

The GAEMS GI55 Sentry is a personal carrier loaded with an integrated 15.6” HD LED display and custom HDMI connection. A dual 3.5mm headphone jacks allow you to play your Xbox 360, Playstation 3, Xbox one and PlayStation 4 without disturbing anyone or letting the world know you just beat the final boss!

The Sentry in layman’s terms is a shell that holds your screen, console, speakers and everything in between. It also has the advantage of being easy to use. Simply secure your game console, store your power supply and accessories and you’re all set according to GameStop’s product menu. **Continued on page 11**

GTHS Coach Shares Advice on How to Play Sports Beyond High School: Played NCAA Ball in Texas

By Jaelyn Soto (2016),
Sports Writer

TITAN TOWN - Grand Terrace High School produces many scholar athletes.

Some of these athletes may never play the game or match in organized play after high school. But, Mr. Ray Rodriguez, a GT varsity football coach, substitute teacher and former football player at Colton High School, played at a division one university after high school.

Mr. Rodriguez accomplished this first by attending San Bernardino Valley College, only nine miles away from campus. He played football there and maintained a good GPA. It was there that he was recruited by Texas Southern University (TSU).

Soon after he found himself doing what many wish to do, which is playing right tackle at the university.

"It was a lot of fun," Mr. Rodriguez said about playing at TSU. "It was very
Photos Courtesy of Mr. Rodriguez



fast-paced and the games were played at a faster pace at the university level."

Mr. Rodriguez also mentioned there was not only work on the field, but also off the field such as having to go to meetings and watch film of previous games.

The Titan Echo asked Mr. Rodriguez questions on how he achieved that level of play when so many potential athletes do not. His experience is a lesson to those who want to continue to play after high school while getting an education. **TE**

Top 5 Pieces of Advice From Mr. Rodriguez on Extending Play into College:

- 1) "Always go to school."
- 2) "Stay on top of your grades."
- 3) "Put in the work you're asked to do."
- 4) "Be precise in what you do."
- 5) "Work hard and always push yourself to your full potential."

Super Bowl XLIX: More Than Just a Championship Game

By Vivian Meza (2015),
Sports Writer

PHOENIX, AZ - The New England Patriots took on the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XLIX here Sunday, Feb. 1. After a long and intense game, the Patriots defeated the Seahawks 28-24 in a surprising last quarter.

The game opened with John Legend performing his rendition of "America the Beautiful" and Idina

Menzel singing the National Anthem. Later, Katy Perry gave an exciting halftime show filled with fireworks, dancing sharks, and guest appearances by Missy Elliott and Lenny Kravitz.

But, by far the most talked-about play of the game was that of the Seahawks decision to throw the ball when they were only one yard from a touchdown and with only 20 seconds left. It was their last opportunity to score and get

ahead of the Patriots. However, the throw resulted in an interception. The Patriots proceeded to run the clock and become the victors of the game.

New England fans rejoiced as the team took back their first Super Bowl in ten years, and their fourth in team history. On the other side of the spectrum, Seahawks fans were disappointed that the team could not repeat last year's Super Bowl win.

The streets of Phoenix

were filled with football fans from all over the country as it was decked out in fan zones and events on game day and the week leading up to it. However, when the game was over, the city was crowded with workers dismantling the festivities. Nearby, Sky Harbor Airport had its busiest day ever with fans flocking home. Unfortunately, with the relentless snow storms on the East Coast, many flights were

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Titan Cheerleaders Perform in London

By Vivian Meza, Sports Writer (2015)

LONDON- Dominique Hicks (2015), Ashley Paige (2015), and Andrea Stratmoen (2015), all varsity cheerleaders for GTHS, were invited to perform for the New Year's Day Parade in London, England on Jan. 1 2015.

They were chosen by the Varsity Organization for the skills and spirit they displayed while at a previous UCA Cheer event.

For accepting their invitation, they received full uniforms which included pom-poms, skirts, shirts, and pullovers, all embroidered with the letters for their respective organization (UCA). All three donned this outfit for the main event, as did thousands of other high school cheerleaders and dancers from across the U.S. who were also part of the parade.

The girls arrived in London on Dec. 27, 2014, and spent the entire week taking tours of the city and



From left, seniors Dominique Hicks, Andrea Stratmoen, and Ashley Paige pose in their UCA uniforms in front of the London Bridge. Photo Courtesy of Andrea Stratmoen

visiting iconic landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Tower of London.

On Jan. 1, the girls performed and cheered along the crowded streets in London's New Year's Day Parade, an event

attended by more than a million spectators and televised to more than a million homes throughout the United Kingdom.

"We had to actually wait two hours out of the three-hour performance because we performed last, so we had to spend an hour just running and walking and doing all kinds of things. We had to stop and perform in front of tons of people," said Andrea Stratmoen.

On visiting the city of London, Stratmoen commented, "there's no words to describe it. It's so beautiful. It's so different from here. Their buildings are hundreds of years old. My favorite [memory] was a tie between St. Pauls Cathedral and the performance itself. It was an amazing experience to have and it was amazing to get to travel there."

The girls returned to the U.S. on Jan. 2, after what must have been a major highlight in their already memorable senior year. **TE**

Ohio State Upsets Oregon

By Vivian Meza, Sports Writer (2015)

The Ohio State University Buckeyes defeated the University of Oregon Ducks 42-20 in the first official College Football Playoff National Championship on Monday, Jan. 12 in Arlington, Texas. The game was reportedly viewed by over 33 million people across the nation.

The Buckeyes dominated the Ducks at the start of the game, ending the first half with the score at 21-10. Coming back into the second half, things heated up as the Ducks caught up, making the score incredibly close at 20-21 by the end of the third quarter, but unfortunately this is where the Ducks score would remain. The Buckeyes were quick to retaliate and shut down their opponents, ending the game with a score of 42-20.

Celebrations over Ohio State's victory quickly ensued in Columbus,

Ohio. However, Buckeye supporters became carried away over the course of the night, starting riots and burning items in the streets. According to NBC News, police had to implement the use of tear-gas in order to break up crowds that had formed. There were no injuries or arrests reported.

The Buckeyes were obviously ecstatic over the championship win, but how did the Ducks take it? "Coming on the heels of what was arguably Oregon's greatest win of all time, a 59-20 rout of defending national champion Florida State in the Rose Bowl two weeks ago, no Duck fan expected this battering" said Mark Baker of The Register-Guard, a newspaper in Oregon.

Though there were no angry riots from Oregon fans over the outcome of the game, there were many tears shed, especially since this was the team's' second time losing in a national title game in the past five seasons.

The Ducks lost to Auburn University back in 2011 in the BCS National Championship, but only by a miniscule three points rather than 22. **TE**

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Super Bowl Was More Than a Game

delayed for the Patriot fans in particular.

The atmosphere for the city was unimaginably chaotic, but many were pleased with how the weekend and the show turned out. According to the Los Angeles Times, NBC (the network that puts on the big game) hauled in record sales from the game and its many commercials.

Next year's big game, Super Bowl 50, will be held at Levi's Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers in Santa Clara, CA, on Feb. 7, 2016. **TE**

TV Network for Children Raises Controversy

By Maile Wong (2015), A&E Writer

The majority of adults can agree that modern entertainment is not so innocent and maybe a tad inappropriate. Cartoon Network, a network for kids ages 7-15, is receiving the attention of upset parents.

Cartoon programs are primarily made to entertain children and promote some type of a moral standard. Back when CN was founded in 1992, its shows included some favored classics still loved today such as Looney Tunes, Powerpuff Girls and Samurai Jack. The content in those classics had mild violence and clean humor.

CN's programs such as Adventure Time and Regular Show are very popular among kids and teenagers. However, some parents are not very happy with it because of their questionable

content and themes.

Common Sense Media, a review site that rates the content on multiple movies and shows, states that there are no positive messages or role models in CN's ongoing series Adventure Time. It was rated two out of five for violence. Alternative language was rated one out of five, and references to intimate behavior was rated one out of five (a cupcake was asked to take his wrapper off during a game of truth or dare).

Not only do some parents think CN's productions are inappropriate, but extremely



weird and pointless. Steven Universe and Clarence are often the target for it.

"The things I hear my son talking about in the show are weird. I can't get through one episode myself," said GTHS librarian technician, Ms. Amber Duran.

Common Sense Media's open forum also contains negative reviews from parents. One of them quoted, "After seeing two partial episodes of 'Adventure Time with Finn and Jake,' I've seen enough to NOT let my 8 year-old continue watching this program. Were he twelve, I would still not let him see this cartoon."

Another anonymous parent wrote "This show is just another slot of junk television that has no educational value

at all. It teaches our kids to be rude and unequivocally disgusting."

Interestingly enough, there is one show that has caught some adults' attention. The original content of the show comes from an old magazine distributed over fifty years, Mad Magazine.

"I remember lots of cartoons and a lot of comics in it. I didn't understand much of it because I was just a kid but I did enjoy it," said GTHS librarian Ms. Wendy Kinder. Ms. Kinder mentioned that Mad Magazine contained political satire. But the MAD cartoons on CN lampoons movies and celebrities.

However, there is no question that the 22 year-old network is still capturing the attention of people of all ages through their unique and different styled interpretation of entertainment. **TE**

Amanda Bynes' Spiral Downward

By Deveny Garcia (2018) A&E Writer

How did Amanda Bynes go from popular child TV actress to having psychiatric problems?

According to Bio.com, Bynes started acting at seven, starring in a candy commercial that eventually lead to The Amanda Show.

1999-2002

The Amanda Show aired on Nickelodeon. It included Amanda and numerous special guests putting on silly skits such as The Girls Room, Judge Trudy, and Penelope Taynt.

2007

Bynes landed a big supporting role in the 1960's-setting film Hairspray. She played Penny Lou Pingleton. Bynes won 2 awards, according to IMDb.com. She also started her own clothing line, Dear.

2010

Now at 23, Bynes posed for Maxim Magazine, She also got a role as a gossiping student in the film Easy A.

2012-2013

Bynes allegedly hit the corner of a police car and was arrested. She was charged with DUI, reckless endangerment, marijuana possession, and tampering with evidence. She was checked into a rehabilitation center, according to internet sources.

2014

Bynes was in custody again for DUI. Internet sources say Bynes accused her dad for abuse and claimed she had a microchip in her brain. She stayed at a psychiatric hospital in Pasadena.

2015

Bynes was released and managing a bi-polar condition, according to the Inquistir. **TE**

Leonard Nimoy's Last Words Touch Hearts of Many

By Maile Wong (2015), A&E Writer

Feb. 27 marked a tragic day in America. Actor Leonard Nimoy, recognized as the original Spock from Star Trek, passed away at the age of eighty-three due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

"Life is like a garden. Perfect moments can be had, but not preserved, except in memory. LLAP," he wrote on Twitter days before he passed.

He announced that he had COPD on Twitter. COPD deals with asthmatic issues dealing with the lungs and windpipes, most likely caused by smoking. Although he quit smoking thirty years ago, the effects continued to attack his lungs. Many, including President Barrak Obama mourned his loss through Twitter.



"We are deeply saddened to report the passing of Leonard Nimoy. He died this morning at the age of 83." -Star Trek (@StarTrek)

"RIP Leonard Nimoy. #LiveLongAndProsper Enjoyed watching u our whole life." -One Republic (@OneRepublic)

"Well this is all we talk about now. Thanks for everything, Leonard Nimoy. My entire childhood and on, you were greatness." #LLAP Jeff Parker (@jeffparker) **TE**

Cyber-bullying Occurs More Than You Think

By Deveny Garcia (2018), A&E Staff Writer

TITAN TOWN -You may not see bullying taking place on campus but it still exists outside of school. Cyber-bullying is a big problem, especially in this generation.

It happens when someone is being bullied using technology, such as computers, cell phones and tablets. It can include mean texts, fake profiles, embarrassing pictures and rumors. It may not seem like it but an embarrassing picture can really cause a negative impact on someone's life.

In 2013, more than 15 percent of high school students were cyber-bullied, according to the website, Stop Bullying.gov. Bullying can have serious outcomes, experts say. Someone who is being bullied can go down the wrong path, such as using drugs and alcohol, not attending school, poor grades and in

some cases suicide, according to the website.

Stop Bullying.gov also states that most people being bullied don't tell an adult at risk of being known as a "snitch" or "tattle-tale." If someone is being bullied they should tell an adult to help them but if they don't want to they should visit a couple websites for advice on how to stand above the bully and live a good life without using violence to get there.

According to the website, Do Something.org, 90 percent of teens see cyber-bullying on social-media and ignore it and 84 percent actually tell the bully to stop.

If you witness someone being bullied say something or inform an adult but still stick to no violence.

Students still see how this problem is still alive and spreading and The Titan Echo got students' opinion about what they think about this problem and if it can be stopped.

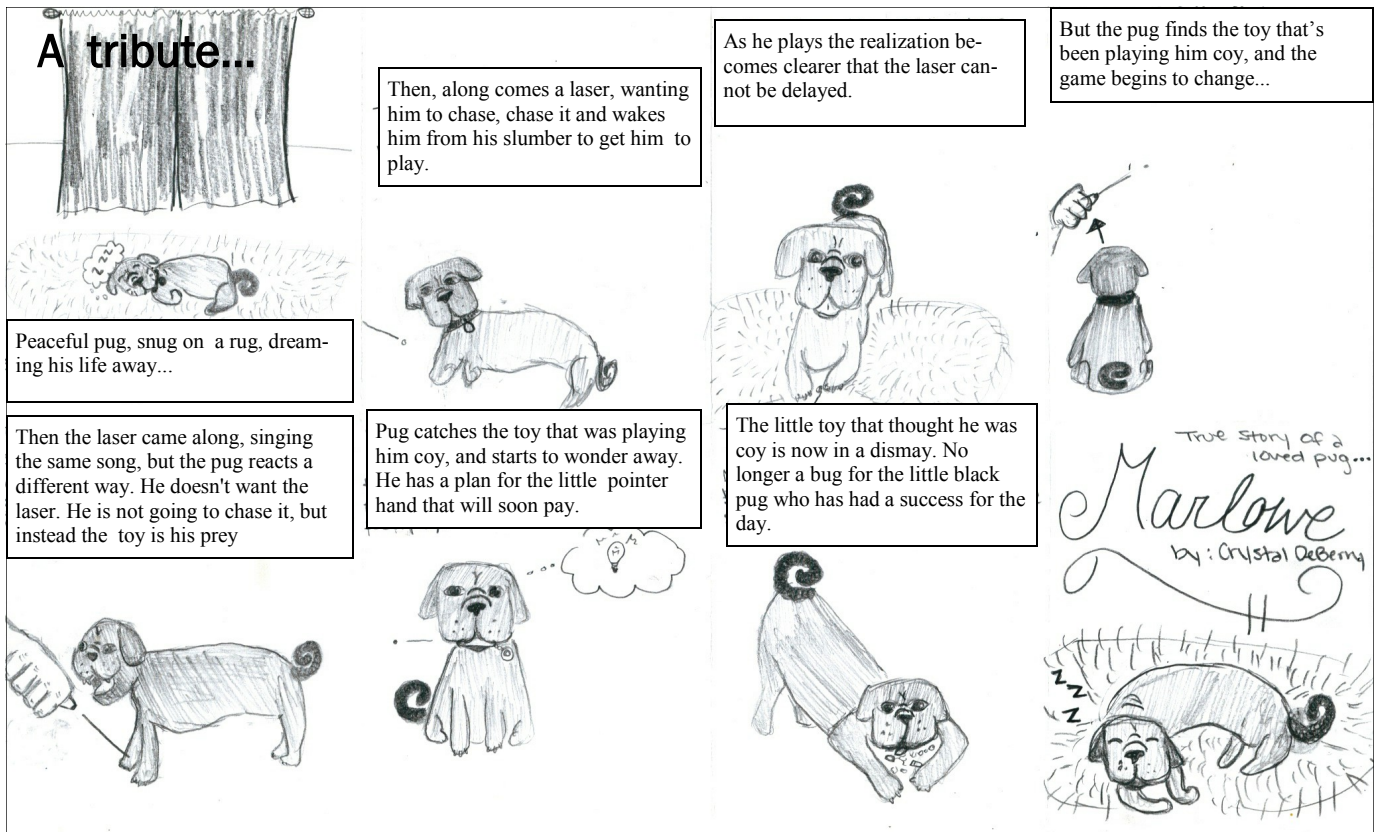
"They (the victims) are too scared to confront the person and there is no real way to stop it," said Michael Del Villar (2015).

"People should stop because it's just immature and it can never really be stopped," said Elizabeth Perez (2016)

"It's a form of jealousy and it's just low and jealousy can never really be stopped," said Victoria Melton (2015)

If you want to know what you can do to prevent bullying visit StopBullying.gov to get some tips on how you can help others. The website also recommends to remember to keep a look out for cyber-bullying when you are on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat or other social media sites.

Don't be the bully or the victim and stand up for yourself without being too mean about it and if you see someone being bullied ask an adult to take care of the problem before it gets out of hand. **TE**



Movies for 2015 Include A lot of the Old and a Little Bit of New



By Maile Wong (2015), A&E Writer

There's nothing like kicking off the new year with unforgettable movies. From comedy to drama, these movies make 2015 a great year to hang

out with friends or relax with family.

The Avengers: Age of Ultron – Questions about how Tony Stark will be Iron Man is a hot topic relating to Iron Man 3. In the third Iron Man movie, Tony Stark gives up his suits and gives a cliff hanging explanation that the beloved super hero may be no more. Loki's possible appearance in Age of Ultron is anticipated by fans everywhere. Release date is May 1.

The Wedding Ringer—This comedy tells the

to find his best man by two weeks. Starring Kevin Hart, Kaley Cuoco, and Josh Gad, this action-romance movie is guaranteed to make you laugh. Release date was Jan. 16.

Star Wars: The Force Awakens (Episode VII) – Although writer J.J. Abrams has not revealed the storyline, we can only expect what the trailer teaser has to offer. The story takes place approximately thirty years after the Return of the Jedi. Release date is Dec. 18.

Pitch Perfect 2 –The Bellas are back and it looks as if their victory at the college competition wasn't enough. The girls are stepping up and entering a contest that no American team has ever won. Release date is May 15.

The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge out of Water– We all enjoyed the first SpongeBob movie released in 2004 and it looks like there's more to anticipate. According to the trailers,

it looks as if Plankton isn't the one who has the Krabby Patty formula, but a human. Release date was Feb. 6.

American Sniper –If you like movies that keep you on the edge of your seat, this intense story starts with dedicated U.S. Navy SEAL, Chris Kyle, who wants to be there for his family. But, later he realizes that he can't leave the war behind him. Release date was Jan. 16.

Selma –In honor of Martin Luther King Jr, Selma is a moving story about an ordinary man who believes in dreams and equality despite violent opposition. Release date was Jan. 9.

Insurgent – Sequel to Divergent, Tris must find out why the faction Erudite is willing to kill to keep a secret that may have to do with her mother and the answer to divergence. Release date was March 20. **TE**

Is Ariana Grande a Backstage Monster?

By Deveny Garcia (2018), A&E Writer

Blossoming 21-year old pop singer Ariana Grande may look nice and sweet on camera but is she a monster-sized diva behind the scenes? According to Star Magazine she is "hands down, the most difficult person they have ever had to work with."

According to the Daily News, the moment Grande left her meet-and-greet and got into the elevator an industry insider heard her say "I hope they all die." During a Stand Up to Cancer event a Daily Life reporter stated that "she was a total nightmare backstage." She also charges fans \$495 for a photo op and it has to be 4-6 people at a time, so fans would most likely have a picture with 3-5 strangers in it, Internet sources said.

Star Magazine wrote that at the BBC Radio 1st Teen Awards Grande had an assistant follow her with water and when she would feel thirsty she would scream "water" and the assistant would scurry over to her and put the straw in Grande's mouth until she didn't want any more.

During one photo shoot she told the director that if the red light hit her face she would "kill herself." According to the L.A Times, Grande talks badly about her fans and pushes VIP's out of the way. A source, according to Star Magazine, said that one minute she is sweet and smiles and a diva the next.

Mail Online states that Grande's life coach "couldn't handle her bad attitude" and quit.

But, Grande does have



supporters. Jessie J., her singing partner in the top-charting song "Bang Bang" defends her.

"I always say, judge a person when you meet them. I've met Ariana, and there's a very thin line between 'diva' and 'survival,'" J. said according to Glamour Magazine.

Miley Cyrus defends her as well. "Girl don't even look at it. Just be happy that you're blessed. You have family and friends that love you, you have fans that love you who know what's true and what's not. It will blow over and tomorrow they'll be talking about something else," she said, according to Mail Online. **TE**

Console Carrier

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According to the GAEMS homepage the sentry was designed in cooperation with Microsoft Xbox and Sony PlayStation for the absolute best experience.

While the specific material used to make the hard shell that is GAEMS is kept secret and locked up tighter than the Krabby Patty recipe, it is sure to be safe. **TE**



This 1981 Datsun 280ZX is one of the many rare cars on our campus. At a \$13,000 original retail price from a Nissan dealership, this car is at its most original state. A re-upholstered interior keeps a nice clean vibe on this sleek coupe as it ties together all the nice details of the car. It has original Datsun badges and windshields. This car is a blue gem. Photos by Jonathan Guerra (2015, Photo Editor).

TOP 5 Affordable Cars for High School Graduates

By Jonathan Guerra



2015 Honda Fit
 Base price \$16,630
 MPG: 33 city
 Overall rating- 8.9

2015 Mazda 3
 Base Price \$ 17,980
 MPG: 29 city
 Overall rating- 8.8



2015 Kia Soul
 Base Price \$16,310
 MPG: 24 city
 Overall Rating- 8.5



2015 Volkswagen Golf

Base price \$19,960
 MPG: 25 city
 Overall Rating- 8.82015



2015 Honda Civic

Base Price \$18,731
 MPG: 28 city
 Overall Rating- 8.6

