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Televised Murders of Reporters Highlight the Importance of Journalism

By Chase Preciado (2016), Executive Editor

On the early morning of August 26, 2015, a gunman shot and killed two journalists during a live broadcast in Moneta, Virginia. The journalists were 24-year-old WDBJ7 news reporter Alison Parker and her 27-year-old cameraman Adam Ward. They were interviewing 61-year-old Vicki Gardner. The gunman was 41-year-old Vester Lee Flanagan II, also known as Bryce Williams. Gardner was shot in the back, but survived and successfully underwent surgery. But, Parker and Ward were pronounced dead at the scene.

After the shooting, a five-hour manhunt for Williams ensued. After a car chase between police and Williams ended, the gunman committed suicide.

Since the shooting occurred during a live television broadcast, thousands of people in Virginia witnessed the murders without any warning. The network quickly switched the cameras back to the news set, where morning anchor Kimberly McBroom was left visibly stunned and speechless at what had just occurred. However, before the camera could be switched, viewers witnessed cameraman Adam Ward's camera lens fall to the ground and in turn, capture a glimpse of Bryce Williams, identifying him as the assailant.

Within hours of the incident, the news video was showing up on YouTube, and social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, which were criticized by users for having an "auto-play" video feature that forced them to witness the violence without any warning as they scrolled down their news feeds. In addition, Williams began tweeting after the murders about his motives, stating that he was jealous of Alison Parker for

earning a news anchor position he desired.

He also tweeted and posted to Facebook two first-person videos taken from his iPhone that showed his vantage point as he committed the killings.

When I first saw the videos of the murders and read about this story, I was horrified. As a student journalist myself, I was at a loss as to how two journalists could be murdered on live television in broad daylight. In my mind, there was an unspoken separation between the news and the reporters covering it.

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In my time as a student journalist, I've learned many valuable lessons regarding journalism and its role in society. Perhaps one of the most important of those lessons is that journalists have a responsibility to shed light on not only the news, but the underlying issues in society. I feel that through their murders, Alison Parker and Adam Ward ultimately fulfilled that responsibility. Gun control is a highly controversial issue in America today, and many began heated discussion and debated the issue directly following the release of the murder videos, just as had been done following numerous other shootings. However, this was different.

I don't feel that these murders are a call for gun control. Rather, the underlying message from these killings is responsibility for and consequences of our choices. Everyone is entitled to an opinion. However, I feel that pro gun minds need to be aware of the effect that having available guns has on society. It is easy to debate something when you read about a tragedy, but it's not so easy when you witness that tragedy play out right before your eyes. Alison and Adam were a living example to how horrific and brutal gun violence is, and that being shot and killed is more than a story that can be glossed over and ignored after reading.

I don't know what the future holds for America in terms of guns, but I do know we should have a better perspective on how the things we believe and defend can negatively affect others; that is the ultimate purpose of journalism. Alison and Adam tragically had their lives and careers cut short, but in their final moments, they became a permanent symbol of that purpose. **TE**

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New Principal Says He Will Not Make New Rules

By Angie Sanchez, (2018)
Campus Writer

TITAN TOWN - A new principal surely means new rules, right? Wrong. New Principal James Western said he is not planning on implementing any new rules on campus, but plans to enforce existing district policy rules.

There are always rules at school that must be followed in order to keep the campus tidy and to ensure the safety of students. It is necessary for GTHS students to be aware of what Mr. Western expects this year so students can avoid disciplinary consequences.

Mr. Western said he will focus on two Colton Joint Unified School District Board policies. They include phone use and dress code. These two policies are never going away, and will be strictly enforced this year. Phones are to be taken more seriously and not to be used at any time a student desires, according to Mr. Western.

He stated, "Phones are allowed in class with specific teacher approval for that day. Phones can obviously be used



Principal James Western discuss the rules with staff writers of the Titan Echo. Photo by Milana Hernandez (2016)

during lunch, but they are proven to be distracting while being used in class," Mr. Western said.

The second policy involves the ongoing debate of the dress code. The dress code has been enforced since elementary school, but it is now a major issue with high school students. However, there is more leeway in high school for almost any type of clothing.

The main articles to be taken into consideration are hats, except when outside. Bottoms that are too

short, and shirts without any straps and or containing inappropriate or offensive pictures will be subject to violation of the dress code.

Mr. Western also stated there will be a dress-code for Homecoming and to check with ASB for details.

"The rules are the same as they have been before," Mr. Western said. He also added, "We want modesty and I'm not only an administrator, but a parent as well and want safety," and that it is important to respect the campus and others around you. **TE**

Terrific TITANS

More than sixty Titans were recognized for being G.R.E.A.T. so far. Students recognized were given shirts, gift cards to In & Out and Bakers, yearbooks, towels or game tickets. Below is a list of Titans in no particular order recognized as of Oct. 30.

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Source: AP Office

Soul Food Coming to Fall Festival

By Jillian Deuel (2019), Campus Writer

The Black Student Union is expected to offer Soul Food at the Fall Festival, Nov. 19. Soul Food is a unique style of cuisine created by African Americans and has a rich history. Soul food is most prominent in the South where it originated, but it is popular nationwide in cities like Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles.

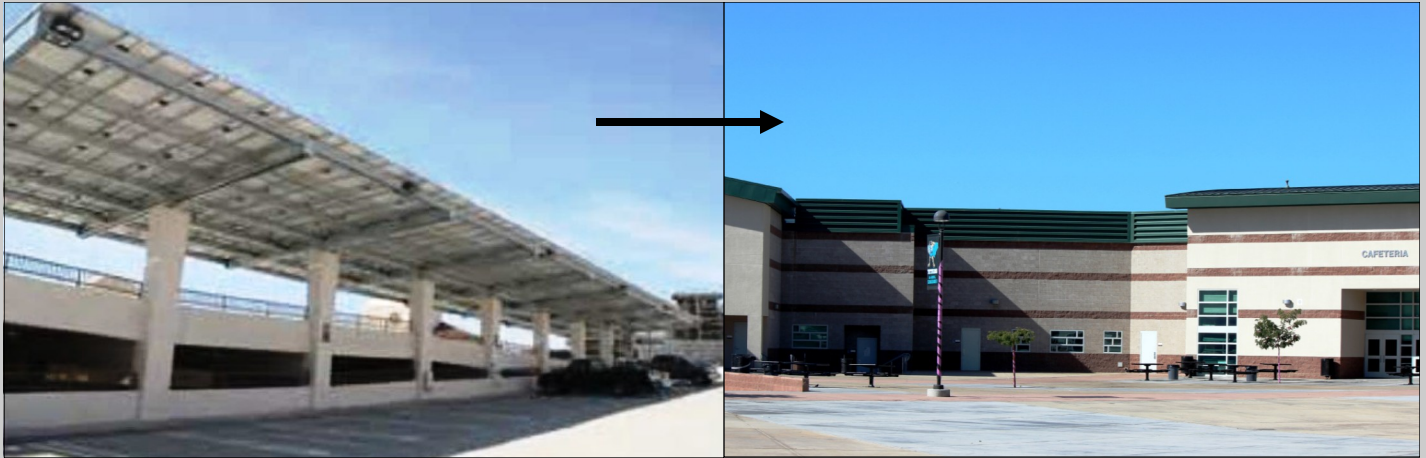
Slaves were given "undesirable" foods so they made the best with what they had and blended it with Native American techniques, creating a delicious style of cooking.

Mr. Victor Morales, a history and English teacher, tried Soul Food when he was in the Air Force and stationed at Clark Air Base in the Philippines.

"There was a little place across from the base called Mama Jones Soul Food and I was curious. Turns out it was operated by a retired African American service member from the South," he said.

"My favorite part of soul food is the collard greens. I smash them into mashed sweet potatoes and put it all on cornbread. The greens give it a spicy smoky flavor you can't get from any other food. It's awesome that it's going to be served here." **TE**

Solar Plan Could Finally Bring Shade to GTHS



The district's example of what the shade structure and solar panel may look like is on the left. The structure could be placed near the cafeteria and library (right) to serve as shade. **Photo by Milana Hernandez (2016)**

By Jillian Deuel (2019), Campus Writer
TITAN TOWN—A new solar proposal could bring shade to the GTHS campus during the 2016-2017 school year if it is approved by the school district. This five-step plan would provide solar panels for energy utilization and shade structures to shelter students from the sweltering sun, according to school and district sources. So far, not much has been done about this so called “shady situation” of no cover for students during extreme weather, but the proposal may solve the issue.

For concerned GTHS students, this news couldn't have come at a better time. Since the establishment of the school, the lack of shade has been a “hot topic.”

However, the CJUSD is aware of the problem and fixing it is high on their list of priorities. In fact, the proposal has been presented and reviewed twice in recent months, said Mr. James Western, GTHS' new principal.

If it is approved, construction could

begin as soon as February 2016 and last through December 2016 at the latest, according to a district “Renewable Resources” plan presented on Aug. 6.

According to Principal James Western, two large shade structures could be constructed next to the cafeteria. Mr. Western states that these structures would cover eight to 10 lunch tables and possibly seat up to 200 people. Solar panels would be affixed to the top of these structures to harness the sun while providing much needed shade to students.

Many obstacles have stood in the way of getting shade to GTHS. The main obstacle is the limited budget which restricts the funds needed to fix the problem, said Mr. Western. Also, any structure built on school grounds must have the approval of the Division of State Architect, which can

be a time-consuming process, he said. Pre-approved structures are even more costly. Fortunately, the solar proposal would be funded by government rebates if action is taken before 2016, Mr. Western said.

In the meantime, temporary solutions to this issue have been put into place. ASB has provided 20 to 30 umbrellas for use on lunch tables throughout campus. However, these can't always be used because students stuff trash inside the holes that the umbrellas are inserted into, Mr. Western said. Also, on days with extreme temperatures, the library, gym and the cafeteria are available for students who wish to escape the heat or rain.

Mr. Western is aware of the concerns students have about the lack of shade. “Be patient. Meanwhile, stay in the shade as best you can and care for your campus,” he said. **TE**

A.R.T.S Pathways is Essential for Students Pursuing Artistic Jobs

By Dominique Balcombe (2016), A&E Writer

An arts academy prepares college-bound students interested in furthering their education in visual arts to develop and apply their artistic skills and academic knowledge. This knowledge inspired Grand Terrace High School to start the A.R.T.S. Academy, a visual arts

pathway. There are two other pathways, the Care and STEM pathways.

Pathways are a set of courses students can take that will help them in entering a particular career field. The Visual Arts Pathway, lead by GTHS art teacher Jason Debord, offers curriculum that is intended to produce competitive college-bound students

pursuing careers in the visual or performing arts, and includes all A-G requirements needed to graduate school and further their career in college.

Here is a quote by Sydney Gurewitz Clemens Mr. Debord shared, “Art has the role in education of helping children become like themselves instead of
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Seniors show lots of spirit at the rally (left). Athletes make noise from the floor (right) Photos by Milana Hernandez (2016), Photo Editor

“Pure Class” Takes Charge at Rally

By Jaelyn Soto (2016), Campus & Sports Editor

TITAN TOWN - GTHS kicked off the school year with one of its most spirited rallies yet on Aug. 28. The 2016 senior class was coined the school’s first “pure class.” 2016 will be remembered for being the first to have attended all four years at GTHS, enrolling in the school’s first year as freshman on Aug. 6, 2012. Pure Class represented themselves at the rally by wearing white apparel while the underclassmen wore red and or blue. “I wear my class colors, yell out my class year, purchase glow sticks and encourage my friends to do the same,” said Mekaylah Reed (2016).

As most students know, the purpose of the rally is not only to engage in class spirit but to recognize athletes. Fall sports such as football, volleyball, girls tennis, and cross country were all participants in this year’s fall rally. Varsity football captain Devon Dixon (2016) was asked what he was expecting to see throughout the school year from his senior classmates and he said, “to be lit 24/7 365!”

The rally consisted of performances from the band, the Legacy Regiment, Color Guard, Poly Club and a dance involving some of the staff members. The spirit that took place at the pep rally seemed to carry on throughout the rest of the school day and the football game that followed later that evening. **TE**

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more like everyone else.” Just by sharing that quote, it’s clear to see that students are taking pride in what they love to do, and if art is helping them achieve that then this program is going a long way in acknowledging their talent and motivation to move forward.

Students are expected to commit to the 4-year program. They are required to build and maintain a successful portfolio which will expand throughout the years. Upperclassmen will be expected to engage themselves, and participate in art competitions, both private and district-run.



Students’ art will also be exhibited at GTHS art galleries, which will then be shared and critiqued in art peer groups.

Overall, the Visual Arts Pathway is a great experience for students who possess artistic and creative talent, and is a great opportunity for students to be acknowledged for their skills. In addition, the pathway helps ensure

that students are not only able to experience courses that relate to their passions, but also that they will be able to make a career out of them. **TE**
Photo by Dominique Balcombe

60 Seconds: Worth the Risk

By Turner Gonzalez (2016), Gaming Writer

This game's plot focuses on a man named Ted, his wife Dolores, daughter Mary Jane, and son Timmy. After a nuclear war breaks out, Ted and his family are forced to survive in a fallout shelter for as long as they can before they are rescued by the military or die in raids, or from dehydration, starvation or other dangers of the wasteland.

60 Seconds! is a dark comedy, point-and-click game for the PC, developed by Robot Gentleman, an independent game studio in Poland. The game offers four modes of play and three difficulties. The difficulties include "Little Boy" (Easy), "Fat Man" (Normal) and "Tsar Bomba" (Hard). Game modes include "Atomic Drill," a tutorial walkthrough of the game, and "Apocalypse," a survival mode in which the player scavenges around their character's house for supplies and attempts to survive in a fallout shelter for as long as possible. Another mode, "Scavenge," features the same format, without the survival in a fallout shelter element.

The final mode, "Survival," puts the player in the fallout shelter with random supplies. When playing in the fallout shelter, players must force their characters to perform a number of tasks, including rationing food, water, and medicine. Players are also able to use their tools and supplies for encounters with survivors, raiders, and deformed mutants. The game has multiple endings, since characters can die if they are not properly cared for.

Overall, 60 Seconds! is an enjoyable game. The game boasts a creative, dark, and comedic art style, and the game modes are enjoyable, engaging and manage to keep the player on the edge of their seat.

While some may consider 60 Seconds! to be short, the creators at Robot Gentleman are planning to release a free DLC with more content in the future. The game sells for \$9.99 on Steam and makes it an affordable title that is worth looking into. **TE**

Subnautica is a Vortex of Fun

By Turner Gonzalez (2016), Gaming Writer

Subnautica is an open-world exploration game developed and published by Unknown Worlds Entertainment. The game was released in 2014, but recently added some major updates.

The game's protagonist is a survivor of a crash landing on a strange, alien ocean world. The player's goal is to survive on this planet and explore its oceans. Subnautica features many creatures, some dangerous and some harmless. The player must do their best to avoid the dangerous creatures. In addition, the player must also craft tools and resources out of the materials they find in the planet's oceans.

There are currently four game modes available in Subnautica. See the chart below for complete description.

Ever since the new Seamoth Update came out, Subnautica has added some cool new features, including Defensive Vortex Torpedoes for the submarine called the "Sea Moth," a new sonar mapping mechanic, and an upgrade panel that allows the player to color and name their Sea Moth.

Subnautica is an enjoyable game, particularly due to the ability to explore the oceans and discover new creatures and biomes. It sells for \$19.99 on Steam. It is still an "Early Access" game, so it will most likely have more features later. **TE**

SUBNAUTICA MODES

Survival Mode	Player has a hunger system, and must consume to survive. The player must manage an air supply and avoid dangerous creatures.
Freedom mode	Similar to Survival, but the player does not have to worry about hunger or thirst.
Hardcore mode	Same as Survival, except the player is now given one life and cannot determine how much oxygen remains.
Creative mode	The player is invincible and builds and explores in peace.

Fallout Shelter

By Turner Gonzalez (2016), Gaming Writer

Fallout Shelter is a free-to-play mobile game developed by Bethesda Game Studios and published by Bethesda Softworks. It was released on June 14 for iOS and Aug. 13 for Android.

In the game, the protagonist is the overseer of a vault. Players name the vault and keep its dwellers alive and happy. This is done by assigning everyone jobs and ensuring that enough food, water, and electricity is produced. If the player fails to produce, their dwellers will lose health, become irritated, and lose electricity in certain rooms, without which, the dwellers cannot work.

If the player needs to produce resources in a hurry, they have the option to rush a room. However,

if the player rushes a room there is a possibility of a disaster ensuing, ranging from mutated radroach invasions to fires.

Additionally, the player can send a dweller into the wasteland to scavenge for weapons and armor. There are also challenges the player can complete to earn bottle caps, which are used to build expansions to the vault and upgrade work rooms. There are also lunch boxes the player can unlock, which give them items, caps, and resources.

Occasionally, a wastelander will approach the vault, giving the player the option to either accept them or turn them away. The more people the player has in their vault, the more living quarters they must build and the more resources they must produce.

Fallout Shelter is a fun and addicting game. Even though it can be difficult to produce enough resources on time, it is enjoyable overall. The art style for this game is creative and features the Fallout charm that many fans have come to enjoy. **TE**

5 Games Gamers are Hyping for

By Turner Gonzales, (2016), Gaming Writer

2015 is an exciting year for gamers! There are so many new games coming out that it is sometimes hard to keep track of them all. Not to worry though because here is a list of five games gamers are excited for.

5. **Rising Storm 2: Vietnam (PC)** - This is a sequel to Rising Storm. It is an ultra realistic first person shooter multiplayer game by Tripwire Interactive. It focuses on the Vietnam War rather than World War 2. A lot of Red Orchestra 2/Rising Storm players are very excited for this game. It's release date has not been announced. **Source: Rising Storm 2: Vietnam website.**



4. **Mad Max (Ps4, Xbox One, Pc)** - Mad Max is a third person, open world adventure game that is based on the Mad Max "Universe." It is published by Warner Bros. Interactive and developed by Avalanche Studios. It is set in a post-apocalyptic environment and it's story is meant to be stand

alone, meaning it doesn't tie in with any of the famous movies. Fans of Mad Max and fans of Driving games will be excited for this game. Mad Max came out on Sept. 1, 2015. **Source: Games Radar.com**

3. **Kingdom Hearts 3 (PS4, Xbox one)** - Kingdom Hearts 3 is one of the most anticipated games of the year. It is developed and published by Square Enix. Ever since it was announced at the E3 gaming conference, fans of



the series have been going crazy over it. It is suppose to focus on Sora, Donald, and Goofy searching for the seven guardians of light and the "Key To Return Hearts." This, while King Mickey and Riku search for Previous Keyblade Wielders. Ultimately, Sora and friends will try to stop Master Xehanort and his plan to balance light and darkness. Most, if not all Kingdom Hearts, fans are excited for this. **Source : prnewswire.com**

2. **Star Wars Battlefront (PS4, Xbox one, PC)** - Star Wars Battlefront is a first or third shooter game based on the



Star Wars Universe. It is developed and published by E.A. It is not considered a sequel to the previous games, but rather a reboot. You can play as one of the Rebels or the Empire as well as characters from the films. There will also be many maps and planets that a player will be able to play on like Hoth, Endor and

Tatooine. The game has multiplayer and offline co-op missions, but it does not have a campaign mode. Despite that, many fans of Star Wars and many fans of FPS games will be excited for this game. It comes out on Nov. 17, 2015. **Sources : starwars.ea.com and playstationlifestyle.net**

1. **Fallout 4 (PS4, Xbox One, PC)** - Fallout 4 is debatably the most hyped game of the year. It is a first and third person open world, action role-playing game. It is developed and published by Bethesda Game Studios and Bethesda Softworks. The game takes place 200 years after "The Great War," which is a war that caused a nuclear holocaust in 2077. It's also set in Boston, Massachusetts. Unlike the other games, Fallout 4's story starts the day the bombs dropped and nuclear holocaust began. It's gameplay is suppose to be similar to Fallout 3 and is suppose to include the V.A.T.S. combat mechanic. Overall, Fallout fans will be excited for this and most gamers in general will be too. It is scheduled to come out on Nov. 10 2015.



Source : Fallout4.com and IGN.com

Hard Knocks Life: Timmy's NFL Picks

By Tim Rodriguez (2016), Sports Writer

2014 was filled with a lot of exciting moments to entertain fans. There was Odell Beckham Jr.'s amazing one-handed catch to Dez Bryant's controversial catch in Green Bay. Of course, there is Pete Carroll's head-scratching decision to throw the ball at the 2 yard line with Marshawn Lynch in the back-field in Super Bowl XLIX.

Just before the Super Bowl players receive awards, such as MVP, Offensive Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year. The Titan Echo, Tim Rodriguez predicted awards at the beginning of this season. With the season half over, you decide how Timmy fared.



suspended he dominated defenses. He will lead the league again in yards and receptions with 1,700 yards off of 120 catches.

Defensive Player of the Year: Justin Houston KC Chiefs - Justin Houston had a great season and would have won if JJ Watt was not so dominant in 2014, so he will take over where he left off with 18 more sacks this season.

Comeback Player of the Year: Adrian Peterson Minnesota Vikings - After not playing from his suspension in 2014, Adrian Peterson looks for revenge against the NFL and will get it. All Day AP will rush for 1,800 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Defensive Rookie of the Year: Leonard Williams NY Jets - Leonard Williams out of USC was easily the best defensive player to come out of the draft this past off-season and with that Jets defensive front, he'll do nothing but get better. Eight sacks on the year for Williams with his award.

Coach of the Year: Bill Belichick New England Patriots - The legendary coach Bill Belichick will repeat his success even after all of the penalties the NFL handed for Deflate Gate. He will guide the defending champs to the best record in football at 13-3 and another year of home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Offensive Rookie of the Year: Amari Cooper, Raiders Alabama alumni Amari Cooper was taken 4th overall. I think will make a great impact with Derek Carr throwing him the ball. He will lead all rookie receivers with 1,000+ yards and 9 touchdowns on the season.

Most Valuable Player: Tom Brady New England Patriots - Have you all heard of Deflate Gate? I'm not sure because Tom Brady was the highlight of the whole 2015 offseason. Brady was handed a 4-game suspension by Roger Goodell which was later overturned by the federal judge so he will take his anger out on the NFL by breaking every single season passing record with perfectly inflated footballs en route to the 3rd MVP of his career. **TE**

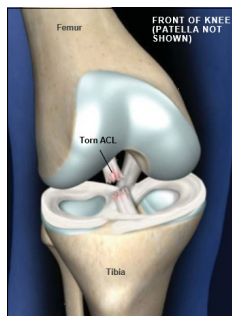
Offensive Player of the Year: Antonio Brown, Steelers Antonio Brown led the NFL in receiving in 2014 and during the two games that Le'Veon Bell was

Top Common Sports Injuries

By Tim Rodriguez (2016), Sports Writer

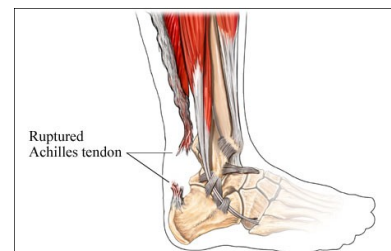
Injuries come and go very frequently in the world of sports and it is a tragedy to the fans and the players. All sports have their most common injury. Some are so severe that they keep athletes from participating for a longer amount of time. Let's take a look and the most common injuries that occur in sports.

1.) Torn ACL - The torn ACL is the most common and severe injury in all of sports. It occurs when the back of the knee is hyper-extended and a pivot occurs. A pop sound occurs and it results in six to nine months of continuous rehabilitation. Prime examples of ACL tears are NBA player Derrick Rose, NFL players Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski, and MLB pitcher Mariano Rivera .



2.) Shoulder Injury - Shoulder injuries are involved in about 20 percent of sports injuries and most common in football, tennis, swimming, weightlifting, baseball, and volleyball. Most of these overhead movements loosen the rotator cuff. Shoulder injuries can take about two to four months to heal. Notable players that suffered shoulder injuries are NBA players Kevin Love and Dwight Howard and NFL quarterbacks Matthew Stafford, and Sam Bradford.

3.) Torn Achilles - The achilles is a tendon right above the heel that allows the extension of the foot to point your toes. When that tendon tears, it takes away the ability to use the feet to make quick movements. It takes six to nine months for it to heal. Famous athletes who have torn their achilles include NBA stars Kobe Bryant and Wesley Matthews and NFL player Robert Mathis. **Continued on next page.**





Varsity Volleyball Battles Chaffey and Dominates Eisenhower

By Jaelyn Soto(2016), Campus & Sports Editor

TITAN TOWN - Varsity volleyball played their first home non-conference match Sep. 9 against Dwight D. Eisenhower High School. This followed a win the prior week against Chaffey when Varsity won in five sets in an intense game. "As captain I'm expecting our team to build together making our team stronger in order to go to CIF. Being able to grow together as a whole and learning from our mistakes, but most of all, making sure we are all connecting together and having fun while playing and being dedicated to the sport we all love," said Captain Cassandra Rios (2016) on their 2-0 pre-season start.

Possessing great energy on and off of the court, the girls had no problem beating Eisenhower in a score of 3-0. Captain Paige Freund (2016) was selected player of the match as she played all three sets leading her team with 13 assists. Jordan Wells (2017) and Skylar Giese (2017) also played in all three sets and led the team with the most kills.

In defense, starting libero Joyce Simonson (2017) had a total of 10 digs and 22 serve receptions.

"I expect that GTHS volleyball will compete for a league championship, make it to CIF playoffs, and all members will improve their skills as athletes and teammates," said Head Coach Camille Butts. In order to fulfill these actions she explained, "each practice and game our team refines their skills in all aspects related to volleyball. As the coach I assess their skills and endeavor to have the team troubleshoot their struggles so that they can improve. As a unit we openly communicate our concerns and desires and this is what I am most proud of, the emotional maturation and teamwork skills of these young women will result in success later in life."

Varsity Volleyball starts their official season on October 2 against Kaiser High School. **TE**

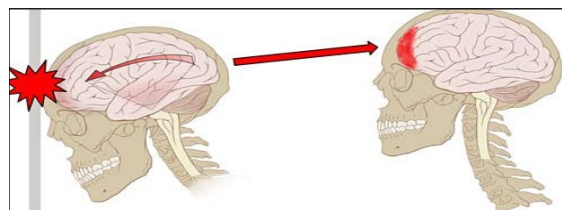
Photo by Milana Hernandez (2016), Photo Editor

Common Sport Injuries

4.) Ankle Sprain - Ankle sprains occur very often in the world of sports. This injury is most common in soccer, hockey, basketball, and volleyball due to the fact that players have to be fast when they run, jump, and turn. Players are more vulnerable to sprains when they perform these movements and they can even lead to tears in the ligaments. Notable players who received ankle sprains are Barcelona striker Neymar (2014), Yankees Hall of Fame SS Derek Jeter (2013), and Atlanta Hawks SG Kyle Korver (2014).

5.) Concussion - Concussions are injuries to the brain caused by being hit in the head. They are most common in football, boxing, and hockey and one cannot partake in any activities until they are cleared by doctors.

If one cannot pass a concussion test, they cannot play or fight in any event that they star in. If one gets hit in the head with a concussion, it can lead to brain damage, which can cause retrograde amnesia or even be fatal. NBA star SG James Harden (2012), Packers star QB Aaron Rodgers (2010), and Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby (2011) were victims of the concussion protocol. **TE**



A Lot of Laughter and a Bit of Activism at the Emmys

By Dominique Balcombe, (2016) A&E Writer

The 67th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards honored the best prime time television programming Sep. 20 at the Microsoft Theatre in Los Angeles.

Actor Andy Samberg, who's been starring in movies and upcoming television series such as Brooklyn Nine-Nine, That's my boy, and Hot Rod, will host the ceremony for the first time. Comedic Andy Samberg surprisingly took the crowd by many jokes and had everybody laughing at the beginning of the show, with a comedic intro that set off the rest of the night.

Many actors, actresses, and directors have been awarded for their work. Although Samberg set a very fun tone for the night, there was a little hint of activism. The Amazon TV series "Transparent" which is about a man transforming into a woman won back-to-back trophies. Transparent director Jill Soloway collected her award and stated, "We don't have a trans tipping point, yet we have a trans civil rights problem."

In other news, Viola Davis made Emmy history. She is the first African American to win the best actress in a drama series. She accepted the award stating, "The only thing that separates women of color from anyone is opportunity," as she expressed her gratitude to people she's worked with.

Uzo Aduba won an Emmy for the Outstanding Supporting Actress in the series "Orange Is The New Black." She won an award last year for the comedic category, and made history that night by becoming the first person to

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win awards in both categories for playing the same role.

Jon Hamm finally won for best lead actor in a drama, and he was well deserving of the award knowing that he has been nominated for "Mad Men" eight times without a win. To make matters better, actor Tracy Morgan, who was seriously injured in a car accident last summer, surprisingly presented the award for the drama category.

There are many amazing television productions that deserve some acknowledgement, but there is just a few that have been just standing out the most and the evidence is shown the amount of times they were nominated. Certain television series have gotten so popular, they either got their first Emmy or just earned another one. "Orange Is The New Black" has been Netflix's most watched series, and has generated more viewers in just the first week. So it's pretty predictable that the series was nominated and won once again. TE



From top to bottom: Viola Davis, Uzo Aduba and Jon Hamm From Google Images

Star Wars Fans Anticipate Answers in Latest Installment



By Dominique Balcombe (2016), A&E Writer

Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens has been at a countdown ever since the United Kingdom has released a date for the new episode. The U.K. has set a release date for Dec. 17, which is a day earlier than was originally planned. This means that American fans can watch the movie 24 hours after it has already been released in the U.K.

People interested in the film should expect the appearances of both new and old characters, such as Han Solo, Chewbacca, Princess Leia, and Luke Skywalker. Storm troopers will return.. Who knows what viewers can expect from this film with 32 years after the release of Return of the Jedi.

Fans have plenty of unanswered questions since the

last film's release, and their anticipation has intensified with the possibility that they will be answered with this new installment.

Some people are wondering why the force is even reawakening. There have been rumors about who is related to whom, because we are all aware of the reputation Star Wars has left with the twists in their roles. One thing that may frustrate fans is this new episode may not resolve that confusion.

Since the liberation of the galaxy by the killing of Emperor Palpatine by Darth Vader, what could have happened in the last 30 years that caused the force to awaken once again? Rumors say the Galactic Empire has been replaced by the newest enemy that is named The First Order, but it has yet to be seen if this is indeed fact or simply speculation. Star Wars fans everywhere are expecting a lot from this newest installment. Only time will tell what is in store. **TE**

Star Wars Theme Park Coming to Anaheim

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According to the Walt Disney Company, a new Star Wars theme park will open locally. "We are creating a jaw dropping new world that represents our largest single theme land expansion ever. These new lands at Disneyland and Walt Disney World will transport guests to a whole new Star Wars Planet, including an epic Star Wars adventure that puts you in the middle of a climatic battle between The First Order and the Resistance," said Disney Chairman and CEO Bob Iger,

The park district is said to take up a whole 14 acres, setting its own history in being the largest land expansion for Disneyland. This whole new world will be built in Disney Hollywood Studios at Disney World in Orlando Florida, and in Disneyland in Anaheim, California.

Star Wars land is strictly focusing on the characteristics that are familiar in the Star Wars movies. That being said, visitors can expect to get into character by being surrounded by a great interpretation of the space setting, as shown in the films. Everything in Star Wars Land will be connected to galactic mythology, from food to

merchandise.

This new land will be near Disney's Frontierland where Big Thunder Ranch currently stands. Disney has noted that this new land will take up some space, so Disney has purchased land to replace offices and stages.

As exciting as this announcement is, there is no definite answer as to when Star Wars Land will be open to the public. It has been confirmed that construction will begin no later than the end of 2017. Star Wars and Disney Park-goers alike are hoping that the long wait will be compensated for by the amount of detail and accuracy that will go into this new attraction. **TE**

One of Titan Town's resident Star Wars expert is Mr. Matt Applebee. He ranked the original trilogy films. Here they are.

- 1. The Empire Strikes Back (1980)** because it has such great conflict and dialogue.
- 2. A New Hope: Star Wars (1977)** because of the deep exposition and one of the best climaxes in movie history.
- 3. Return of the Jedi (1983)** because of the deep emotions that come from the climax between Luke Skywalker, Darth Vader, and the Emperor.

Powder Puff Game: '16 Wins



By Jaelyn Soto (2016), Campus & Sports Editor

The Powderpuff games took place on Oct. 7 during both lunches. The championship game was held after school, which was played by the junior and senior classes following their victories over the underclassmen. The intense game had the crowd, which involved parents, students, and staff members eager to watch. For the second year in a row, the class of 2016 took the win with a score of 8-0. "It was a great experience and I was really proud to be able to make connections with the ball. I loved all the girls and the coaching. My favorite part was seeing all the practice pay off and winning back to back years with my girls," said, Marissa Jauregui, who played quarterback for the seniors.

About Powderpuff

The Powderpuff game began in 1931 at colleges. The name was suggested after the all-women players fixed their makeup during halftime and chose to make fun of themselves by referring to the game as the Powderpuff Game, according to sources in Wikipedia. With GTHS being a fairly new high school, ASB works hard toward starting new traditions to carry on throughout the years. The Powderpuff Game is one of them. It's a flag football game played by girls from each graduating class. The girls who participated in this activity attended practices held days before the game and were coached during these practices by our very own football players. TE

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