

THE TITAN ECHO

THE STUDENT PUBLICATION OF GRAND TERRACE HIGH SCHOOL

TITANS MAKE HISTORY

By Lorena Hernandez (2015)
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TITAN TOWN – Students were in a unique situation Aug. 6 when they made history as Grand Terrace High School's first Titans.

The Echo looked back in time and reviewed Grand Terrace High School's major events throughout the first semester, a short but evolving history.

It all began on July 26 with the ribbon cutting of the \$151 million complex named Grand Terrace High School. Faces were illuminated with joy when seeing the beautiful new campus.

Then, on Aug. 22 parents got a first glimpse at the campus at the first ever GTHS meet and greet event. Curiosity filled the air as they roamed the halls of Titan Town. As parents lurked around the campus, they could imagine their kids participating on all the events and activities that were still yet to come.

Just as the excitement of those events seemed to die down, the first ever pep rally was held. KTLA Channel 5 News came to broadcast it. Students and faculty were all amazed on how strong the Titan spirit filled the school gym.

Thereafter, excitement continued as the first regular season Titan varsity football game pitted the Titans and Notre Dame High School. Even though the Titans lost, they did not give up and gave the Irish a fight that excited fans.



The Titan Cheer Team performs to a boisterous crowd at the first GTHS pep rally Oct. 8.
Photo by Lorena Hernandez (2015)

This seemed to help them strive to work for their first win. They got it on Oct. 5 when varsity football beat Fontana High School with a score of 28 – 20. All who witnessed history roared with excitement for their Titan football team.

That historical win was followed by the Up and Coming dance on Oct. 6.

Geneva Aguirre (2014), Matt Briggs (2014), Nissa Inzunza (2015), Jakob Parra (2015), Ashley Strowger (2016), and Brandyn Alvarez (2016) were voted in as the school's first royal court.

Three weeks later, Titans donated blood in the school gym. They were screened for blood and vein

health and sent to another station to wait to be admitted and finally it was time for saving lives one Titan at a time.

This past semester has been memorable and unforgettable to many. There are still many pages in our Titan history book that need to be filled. So, let's make the best of it Titans! **TΣ**

SHOOTINGS RESULT IN CHANGES ON CAMPUS

By Leila Gharghaei (2016) Staff Writer

TITAN TOWN – The 26 shooting victims on Dec. 14 at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut has caused increased security at Grand Terrace High School.

CHANGES IN SECURITY AT GTHS

There are obvious changes like an increase of vigilance by security guards. A security guard is now always seen checking classrooms in the morning to make sure all doors are locked so that no unwanted visitors enter classrooms.

In addition, according to GTHS Assistant Principal Karla Sandrin, a couple of adjustments to the safety procedures were implemented.

There was a meeting on Jan. 9 with all the superintendents, principals and assistant principals of the Colton Joint Unified School District and sheriffs and police department representatives, Ms. Sandrin said.

They reviewed all safety procedures. One of the changes that students are most likely to see as result of the shootings is that all students and staff members are required to have their CJUSD-issued identification cards with them at all times while on campus.

In addition, shortly after coming back from Winter Break, GTHS administrators had a lockdown drill. During such a drill, all teachers must ensure the door is locked, window shades closed and lights turned off.

CJUSD is not the only school district moving toward more security. According to myfoxla.com, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and at least a dozen other law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County will add patrols to school campuses.

GUN DEBATE IS BORN

The shootings have now spurred a national debate on how to prevent repeat incidents.

According to Channel One News, nationally, there were twice as many background checks in 2012 for purchases of assault weapons in November and December than the previous year.

And, New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo is focusing on reshaping the state's gun laws. For now, background checks are becoming stricter for gun purchases, according to the Wall Street Journal.

SHOOTINGS DEVASTATE COUNTRY

The details out of Sandy Hook are devastating.

"A man armed with two semiautomatic pistols killed 20 children at the elementary school Friday in a rampage that left 26 people dead and one injured in this suburban town before he took his own life," authorities said, according to The Wall Street Journal.

Ms. Sandrin said that she felt horrible and devastated when she heard about the shootings during Winter Break. **TΣ**

GTHS TRANSFERS LEAVE BFS & GFS

By Leila Gharghaei (2016) and Alondra Barron (2016) Campus News Writers

TITAN TOWN – When Katie Aguila (2015) noticed on Facebook that her boyfriend at the time may have been untrue after ten months of being in a relationship, she stopped seeing him.

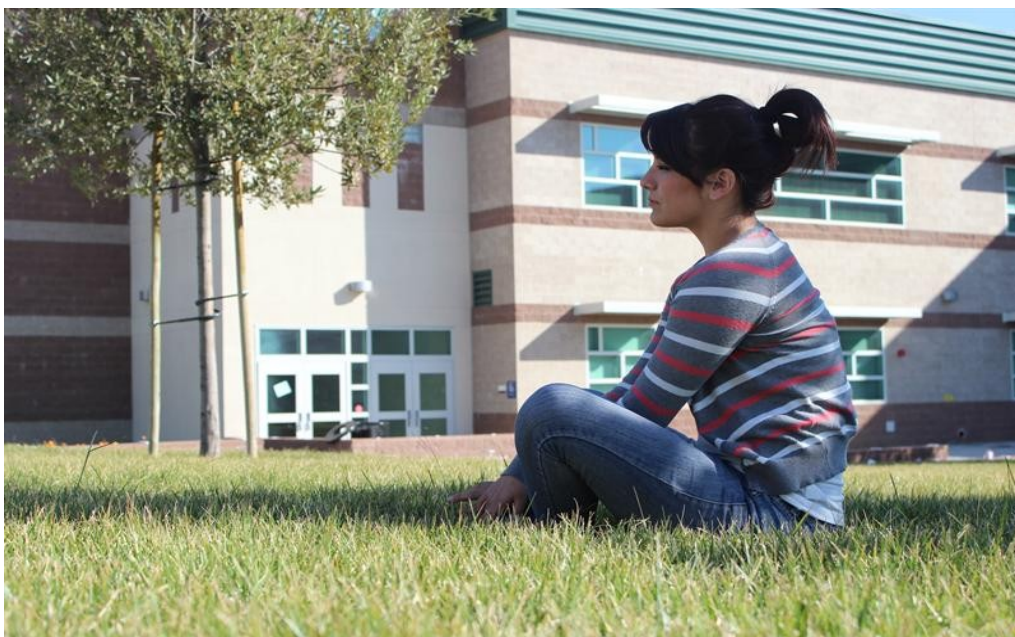
After the break up, Aguila was very sad and hurt.

"I've been crying ever since we broke up," she said as tears ran down her cheek.

Their relationship had gone bad after being separated because he remained at Slover Mountain High School in Colton, where they met last year, and she transferred to Grand Terrace High School this year.

Since GTHS students have come from three different high schools in the Colton Joint Unified School District and several others in the surrounding areas, Aguila is not the only one separated from someone they cared about as result of transferring to GTHS.

A junior at GTHS, who wanted to keep his identity private, said he was with his ex-girlfriend since September after



Katie Aguila's (2015) relationship broke down after transferring to GTHS.

Photo by Alondra Barron (2016)

falling for each other at Colton High.

But, when he transferred from Colton High to GTHS and left his girlfriend behind she met someone else.

He had mixed emotions and at times "feeling heartbroken, sad, and upset." When he thinks of giving her another chance he

feels like it would be a mistake and not worth it. Currently, he is moving on and focusing on better things in life, he said.

Unlike the stories above, Everardo Rivera (2014) still has his relationship in place ever since separating with his girlfriend, a junior

at Colton High. He began liking her in the seventh grade but did not win her heart until 2012.

"I felt invisible to her at first," Rivera said.

Even though Rivera moved to GTHS, their relationship is still going strong and they still spend time together, he said.

"We hang out often since we live nearby," he said. **TΣ**

ADVISOR'S NOTE

I served in two branches of the military and I was a print journalist for 10 years. There were many missions.

But, I have never asked and answered the question, "how's it going," with such conviction than I did in those first two weeks of August, when I and a hundred of my colleagues opened

Grand Terrace High School. "How's it going" was not the everyday segue to small talk among us. It was the talk.

History was undoubtedly happening as we stocked cabinets, plugged technology cables and configured seats. It is with this level of consideration that thirty student journalists selected

the name of their school newspaper.

They suggested and eliminated many. Traditional names like the Titan Tribune were the early frontrunners. Names that associate with our Greek Mythology mascot like the Titan Scroll made the list. The youth-centric name Titan Talk was considered. But, in the end, The Titan Echo was the overwhelming choice by vote. Geography inspired that

outcome. With the campus centered in between several mountains, they envisioned the news they generate will echo off the slopes and return to campus to circulate and inform.

Yes, it is a bit abstract. But, our student journalists recognized the name's implied mission and their role in history.

Most of our student journalists are beginners. They will make mistakes and they

will fix them.

More importantly, they will learn from them.

Teaching them and practicing news gathering, ethics, credible sources, interviewing, press law, note-taking, photography, opinion, libel, layout, jargon and news writing may be the toughest mission I've accepted.

But, the level of responsibility they put into the selection of the name of their school newspaper is a good sign. **Σ**

Titans, Live Up to Our Charge!

Our emotions were going insane when seeing our high school in its final stage.

It seemed like the school was just patiently waiting for us and for a series of events to happen that would mark it for life and would stay recorded as memories.

Crowds were raging with excitement to walk through the doors of Grand Terrace High School at Open House.

The first pep rally was intense as our school spirit was born. And in those first few weeks of school, there was no mistake that this school year has great things

in store for us and those momentous events we envisioned are actually happening.

Our staff of teachers, administrators and classified personnel are helping to make this an encouraging, educational, and fun year. It's all about being GREAT: generosity, respect, excellence, accountability, and teamwork.

We are off to a good start realizing that acronym and it's amazing!

"I think it's a great school so far. The teachers are great and we have a

beautiful campus, and a great learning environment," said Devyn Malone (2014).

We should thank our staff for being great examples and making learning entertaining and innovative and what about that technology? Wow! They have been such a supporting and caring staff and continue encouraging us to all strive on graduating.

This school year should be filled with many laughs, smiles, and love. We must all try to live up to the Titan mascot. We should continue to be kind to one another, celebrate our diversity and publicly reject negative and outdated ideas.

Let's all help keep our lovely school clean.

After all, hard work was put into it from the planning to the actual construction of it.

Let's be an example to the upcoming generations that will follow us by cleaning up trash and keeping the school as beautiful as it was when we all first saw it. It would be amazing to come back to this school campus years later and seeing it as beautiful as it is today.

After all, we all remember walking down the hallways for the first time, smelling the new paint and peeking through the windows on the classroom doors to see what they looked like and we just thought to ourselves that this year would be filled with

many adventures that would remain alive in this school forever.

Let's continue to be excited about building our traditions this year because they are going to remain for the following generations.

Sometimes we think it's just about showing up to campus and just living out the day, but we are all actually making history.

"The things we do throughout this year will be brought later on throughout the years," said Frankie Vallejo, a student.

Finally, let's make this year count! We are truly lucky to be part of history! Remember both parts of our charge fellow Titans, be GREAT, GRADUATE! **Σ**

The opinions expressed here are formed and written by a panel of the Echo's editors.

TITAN TALK: What's Missing at GTHS?

Grand Terrace High School is brand new. It is great to be in new classrooms. But, there are some obvious things that are missing. We asked students what they would like to see on campus.

"The water should be colder and cleaner out of the water fountains. We need vending machines on the Grand Terrace High School campus." - Crystal Valdez (2016)

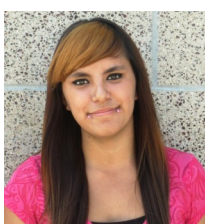
"We need more shade on the campus." - Brandice

Olmos (2014)

"We need colder water in the water fountains. The campus also needs vending machines." - Ann Marie Guerrero (2016)

"It would be nice if the campus had vending machines and more snack bars. We would appreciate it if we had more shade during lunch too." - Cassie Vandevort (2016)

"We need better tasting food." - Samantha Ojeda (2014) **Σ**



RESTROOMS LOCKED BECAUSE OF CHILDISHNESS

The boys restrooms on second floors are locked due to vandalism. The mirrors were etched and the walls were tagged.

The restrooms will remain locked for the rest of the school year. But, it's more about lack of maturity. Starting the year, we were given many privileges that many took advantage of and ruined for others.

The years have now passed us by as quickly as seconds and adulthood should gradually claim the childishness in us.

So, it is time for us to grow up a little and take responsibilities.

"Many students that came from Colton High School or Bloomington High School would complain about having a horrible learning environment, but yet they don't take care of this new school" said Robert Flores, a security guard on campus.

Mr. Flores could not have made a better point.

Help keep the campus clean by cleaning up after yourself and be an example to others. Be appreciative for this beautiful campus. **Σ**

STUDENT OPINION: GTHS IS SPECIAL

Ever since the school year started, my life as a Titan has been growing bigger and bigger. There are so many clubs to join and places to help out that its almost difficult to decide where to cast my lot.

In addition to the sports program, it was awesome to walk into class one day and find those little "clickers" on our desks. At first, even the teachers were confused on how to use them, but with a little practice, they have improved the learning process. Now, instead of just giving us notes, teachers can interact with us and ask questions, which the students answer with their clickers.

At the beginning of the year, I was kind of skeptical about the school. I felt like I was leaving all my friends behind at Colton and I wasn't sure I could go and make new ones. But I have found the Titan community to be a welcoming one, and now I

have all new friends, and even reconnected with some people from my elementary school. It's so fun and exciting to be able to start traditions and be a part of Grand Terrace history.

Next year I will be senior, which means prom and graduation. I cant wait to see what the remainder of this year holds in store or what possibilities the coming year might hold. Most of all, I cant wait to Be Great and Graduate from the school that was built just for me!

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Birds Invade Campus

Alondra Barron (2016) Staff Writer

TITAN TOWN- Titan Town is sometimes invaded by curious white birds.

By the morning bell, they are seen hovering, prancing and diving into campus. What are they and why are these birds here?

According to Ms. Cari Wilkinson, a marine biology teacher, it could be one of two gulls.

"Its either the California Gull or the Herring Gull. I'm going to say that it is a California Gull because they are more commonly found inland

"The seagulls are on campus to eat because there's trash on campus everyday...They leave their droppings everywhere"

than the Herring Gull," Ms. Wilkinson said.

These birds most likely roam around campus to feed on trash. They are frequently seen before school starts.

According to allaboutbirds.com, garbage is one element of their diet and the most easiest to catch.

Once the gulls find a place where there is a steady source of food, they will migrate to the location routinely, according to the Web site.

The frequent visits say something about our school said Emilee Ramirez (2016).

"Its because of the trash people are leaving," she said. "The seagulls are on campus to eat because there's trash on campus everyday," she said. "They leave their droppings everywhere," she added. **TΣ**



A gull flies over campus. Photo by Alondra Baron

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Black ice formed in front of the A Building on Jan. 14. Photo by Lorena Hernandez

Students Left Out in the Cold

By Lorena Hernandez (2015) Campus News Editor

TITAN TOWN - Where were you Jan. 14, Monday morning? Freezing in the cold? Were you huddling with your friends for some warmth?

According to the Weather Channel, the temperature was in the mid 30s in Grand Terrace that day. It was so cold that black ice began to form in the shaded areas of campus.

Black ice forms when temperatures reach a freezing point of 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

Surprisingly, no building was open to shelter students from the chill because of the "No students allowed in the buildings before school policy."

No assistant principal was available for comment at the time this story was originally published.

But, Lilian Hernandez, who is the secretary to Assistant Principal Scott Boggs said the "no students in buildings before school policy" is enforced because "it is for the kids' safety... no one is there to supervise them."

When asked if they would overlook the policy even though some of the coldest temperatures were recorded, Mrs. Hernandez replied "Normally, they open up the gym whenever it rains or when there is weather like there is today." So, if you're standing in the cold, make your way to the gymnasium for warmth."

It is uncertain whether administrators will modify the policy in the near future, especially in February, one of the coldest months of the year. **TΣ**

Obama Wins Mock Campus Election

By Lorena Hernandez (2015) Campus Jackie Rios (2016) Staff Writers

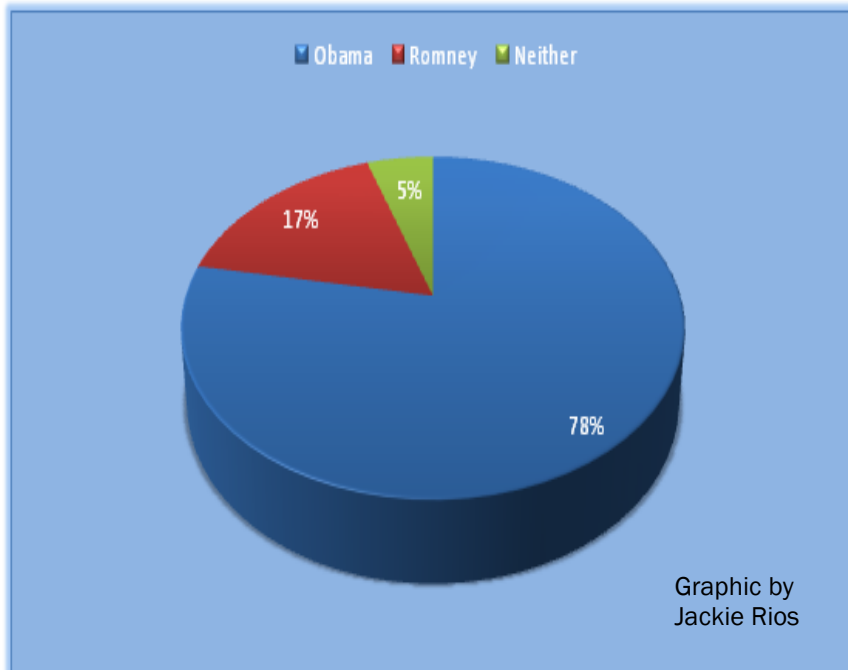
TITAN TOWN - The majority of students interviewed in a field poll in November said they would re-elect Barack Obama.

Mr. Obama garnered 78 percent of the votes. Mitt Romney garnered only 17 percent. Others also said they would not vote for either of these candidates because they think

the economy will not be restored either way.

This shows how our Titans feel and think about the 2012 Presidential Election.

Titan Echo staff went out during lunch Monday, Nov. 5 and conducted the poll to determine the outcome of the election if it were held on campus. Reporters asked 55 students the question, "If you had the chance to vote for president this year, who would you vote for." **TΣ**



ADMINSTRATORS CLOSE BOYS RESTROOMS

By Leila Gharghaei (2016) Staff Writer

TITAN TOWN - Persistent vandalism in all of the second-floor boys restrooms has made school officials shut them down until further notice.

Boys have etched the mirrors and tagged the walls, said Assistant Vice Principal Karla Sandrin.

As a result, all second floor restrooms are now locked. Boys are required to use first-floor restrooms only.

"It has become easier for security to maintain supervision in the bathrooms if the top floors are locked," said Ms. Sandrin.

But, some male students view the current policy as a big inconvenience.

"It's (bad) because we have to go all the way downstairs," said David McMillan (2015).

The second floor restrooms will be closed until school staff determines who the culprits are.

"Anyone who is aware of anyone who did any vandalism, please let us know. If you did any damage please come forward and accept responsibility," Ms. Sandrin said.

For the boys who have not been damaging the restrooms, the staff appreciates their courtesy, Ms. Sandrin said. Also, GTHS principals give thanks to the girls because there has not been any destruction in their restrooms. **TΣ**

CANDIDS



Girls Soccer Teams End with Impressive Records

By James Munoz (2015) Sports Writer

TITAN TOWN — Grand Terrace High School girls soccer teams ended with impressive records.

Varsity ended with a record of 13-5-7 overall and 3-3-4 in the Sunkist League, according to the MaxPreps Web site.

JV soccer did even better, ending with 11-1-2 overall record and 6-0-2 in league play, according to the MaxPreps Web site.

The teams trained hard in the season. And while being new, they showed potential to be a threat to Sunkist League opponents such as Colton and Fontana high schools.

During their game against Kaiser High School on Jan. 15, the Titans on the JV squad won with a score of 1-0. But the Cats helped the Titans win that game by scoring the game's only goal against themselves.

"(That) game was a disappointing game because our team wasn't focused," said Karla Avalos (2015), a forward on the JV squad.

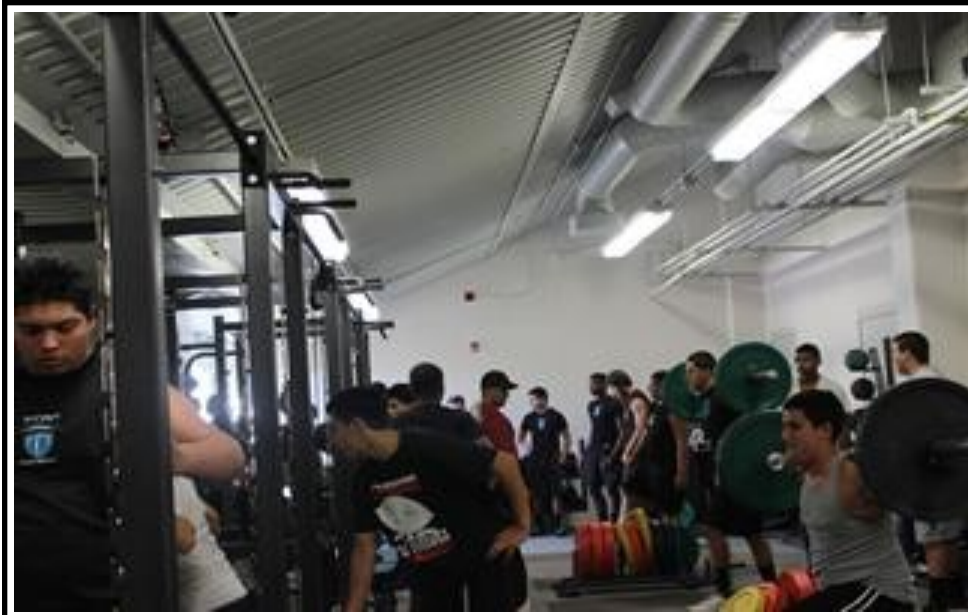
Titans fans who attended that game showed enthusiasm and team spirit as many were family and friends of the players.

But there were even students who were just passing by that were enthralled by the game so much that they stayed to increase the team's morale.

It's second game against the Cats on Jan. 31 ended with 1-1 tie, the only one for the JV squad.

The JV team outscored their opponents in a major way throughout the season. They beat Pacific High School 14-0 Jan. 4, according to MaxPreps.

And although varsity did not come close to JV's goal tally of 54 for the season, varsity was consistent in keeping games close. **TΣ**



Varsity football players strength train Jan. 14 in preparation for next year. Photo by Avery Banales

Titan Varsity FB Lives to Fight Another Day

By Haley Franklin (2016) Staff Writer

TITAN TOWN — The Grand Terrace High School football team ended a rough season with a record of 1-9.

The Titans won their first game in the sixth week of the schedule and recorded their only victory against Fontana High School with a score of 28-20.

"That felt really good. We had some heart," said Head Football Coach Harold Strauss.

But, the Titans lost against rivals Colton and Bloomington high schools. They lost to Colton with a score 48-18 and Bloomington with a score of 36-16, all blow outs.

Nobody expected the Titans to win the Sunkist League Championship in their first season ever, especially with a team that has no seniors.

But, according to Strauss, injuries plagued the team throughout the season and added to their problems.

"We had a lot of injuries and that was hard for me as a coach and we had some guys who had to go through surgery and it was also hard because we had sophomore and juniors playing against 17 and 18 year old seniors," Strauss said.

Still, some of the players felt that their season could have been a lot bet-

ter than what it was.

"It could have been better, but we (are) coming back stronger next year," said Cameron Alvarez (2014), an offensive lineman and linebacker.

Brandyn Alvarez (2016), a lineman who plays offense and defense, echoed that statement. "We could have done better than what we did but we will do better next year," he said.

And, if losing the games wasn't hard enough for the team, they lost key players who could have made a difference.

During the season a large amount of players were injured even before the season started. For example, Clayton Moore (2014), a running back and linebacker, had two concussions from the pre-season scrimmage games, which did not allow him to play in the season and help his struggling football team.

In addition, Ralph Mohammed (2014), the potentially starting quarterback and defensive player had an ankle injury. James Shipley (2014), a running back and linebacker suffered a knee injury. Zach Holmes (2014) had a concussion and an ankle injury.

Furthermore, some players even had to get surgery during the season. Richard Ortiz (2014), a lineman had to get surgery on his knee and was out for most of the season after playing in just three games. **TΣ**

2012-2013 Titan Sports Score Box



JV Football

5-5 Overall
1-3 Sunkist League
Points Scored 215
Points Allowed 213

Freshman Football

7-3 Overall
4-1 Sunkist League
Points Scored 294
Points Allowed 179

Source: MaxPreps



Varsity Boys Basketball

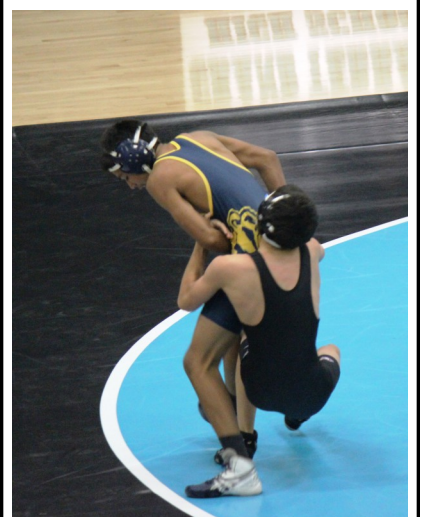
0-20 Overall
0-10 Sunkist League
Points Scored 931
Points Allowed 1449

Varsity Girls Basketball

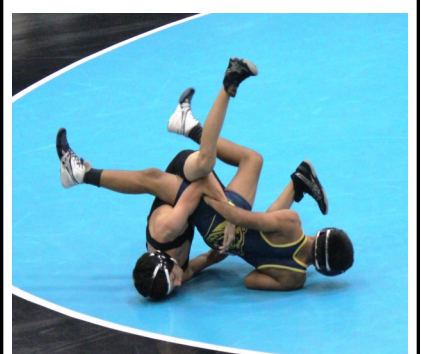
11-11 Overall
6-4 Sunkist League
Points Scored 956
Points Allowed 963

Source: MaxPreps

Wrestling



Photos by Zackary Padilla



2012-2013 SOCCER BOX SCORE

Boys Varsity

6-16-1 Overall
0-9-1 Sunkist League
Goals Scored 26
Goals Allowed 53

Boys JV

3-8-5 Overall
2-7-1 Sunkist League
Goals Scored 29
Goals Allowed 44

Girls Varsity

13-5-7 Overall
3-3-4 Sunkist League
Goals Scored 47
Goals Allowed 22

Girls JV

11-1-2 Overall
6-0-2 Sunkist League
Goals Scored 54
Goals Allowed 4

Source: MaxPreps

2012-2013 GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL BOX SCORE



Freshmen



JV



5-13 Overall
2-8 Sunkist League
Points Scored 23
Points Allowed 38

Source: MaxPreps



The Echo's Top TV Picks

By Chase Preciado (2016) Staff Writer

1. 30 Rock: This NBC comedy stars Tina Fey as Liz Lemon, the head writer of the comedy series, *The Girlie Show*.

After her boss dies, Liz is forced to hire a movie star named Tracy Jordan (Tracy Morgan) to boost ratings. As the series progresses, Liz struggles to stay sane as she works with her dysfunctional co-workers.

2. Wilfred: This is a dark-humor series on FX. It follows Ryan, played by Elijah Wood, who is famous for *The Lord of the Rings* film series.

Ryan is a lawyer who is tired of life. After failing suicide several times, Ryan's neighbor asks him if he can dog-sit the next day. He agrees and Ryan meets her dog, Wilfred (Jason Gann). To everyone, Wilfred is a regular dog. But to Ryan, Wilfred is a very dirty, drunk but insightful man in a dog suit. Ryan's life begins to fall apart as his relationship with Wilfred grows but he learns the lesson of not worrying about what his family expects of him and to live life the way he wants to live it.

3. Breaking Bad: This is drama on AMC and follows Walter White (Bryan Cranston), a high school chemistry teacher.

Walter's family is in financial trouble. His wife is pregnant and his son has Cerebral Palsy. The last straw for Walter comes when he is diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. After contacting a former student, Walter begins a criminal life to supplement his income and family.

4. The Big Bang Theory: This CBS sitcom follows two physicists at Cal-Tech, Leonard and Sheldon, (Johnny Galecki and Jim Parsons, respectively) their friends Howard and Raj, and their friend from next door, Penny.

All of the boys as well as Penny have had little success in love with the boys being too "nerdy" and socially awkward and Penny preferring men with bad personalities or morals.

Penny (Kaley Cuoco) a blond waitress and aspiring actress is accepting of the group, unlike many other women which lands her in the middle of many of their crazy situations and science experiments. This puts the boys into Penny's drama as well.

5. Anger Management: This FX comedy series follows Charlie Goodson (Charlie Sheen), an anger management therapist.

Since his inability to control his anger ended his baseball career, Charlie now works with a group of patients, Ed, Nolan and Patrick, who have many issues of their own.

Charlie also works with inmates at the prison. Charlie still struggles with his emotions as he raises a 15-year-old daughter with his former wife.

Charlie's best friend and fellow therapist is usually there for him, creating conflicting and entertaining solutions. **⌘**



Model Danica Patrick smooches with "Walter" in a Go Daddy commercial aired during the Super Bowl .

The Most Inappropriate Super Bowl Commercials

By Lorena Hernandez (2015) Campus News Editor

Super Bowl Sunday is the day when football lovers gather to enjoy the biggest game of the season.

For others, it is a chance to witness interesting, laugh-out-loud funny or inappropriate commercials.

The first would be the Go Daddy ad starring super model Danica Patrick giving some tongue action to a geek named Walter.

This commercial was by far the most controversial ad of the night.

If that disturbing tongue action was not enough, the Calvin Klein commercial featured model Matthew Terry posing in his barely-anything underwear.

This defiantly falls under the "too hot

for TV" category.

The Mercedes Benz ad featured Sports Illustrated model Kate Upton washing her car in a seductive manner.

According to the Parents Television Council, the commercial "isn't selling cars, its selling sexual objectification."

Finally, the Audi S6 commercial was interesting. This commercial featured a teenager going to his prom without a date. His protective father has a solution. He lets him borrow his Audi S6 and tells him to "have fun."

When he shows up to prom he kisses the girl of his dreams and then gets punched in the face by her aggressive boyfriend.

The commercial shows how having the Audi S6 makes the boy braver, which was portrayed as being reckless and impulsive. **⌘**

Hip Hop Brings It to the I.E.

Justine Flores (2016)

SAN BERNARDINO, CA - In the few seconds before ushers opened the gates at San Bernardino's Nos Events Center, the field of pure cement turned into the epicenter of hip-hop on the west coast.

With more than 37,000 fans attending on Aug. 18 and 19, the annual Rock the Bells festival was a platform for more than 60 artists.

And with 101-degree heat, the young and old found themselves attending and waiting in the parking lot and carnival. The event had a boom box sprinkler, a Ferris wheel and food court offering corn dogs, funnel cake and burgers. This festival was in full spin.

Wiz Khalifa performed Sunday but it looked like he was losing his momentum. Performing songs from his older mix-tapes like "Cabin Fever," and others, he rallied the crowd.

He opened with "Cabin Fever," and then he introduced his band. He continued working off the crowd's good vibe.

The crowd seemed to lose excitement when he performed "Grinder" from his latest mix-tape, which was released in March.

Audience members could be seen leaving during his performance of "Grinder."

Then, 2 Chainz pumped up the crowd immensely with his southern charm and animated partner. Fans waved hands and responded.

2 Chainz released his album, "Based on a T.R.U. Story" on Aug. 14 on the Def Jam Recordings label.

By the time 9 p.m. rolled around, all the attention was on one a single artist's arrival, J. Cole. The anticipation felt like a thick cloud mixed with humidity and sweat. Everybody was fixated on the corner where he would appear.

When J. Cole came out, he performed the tracks, "Sideline Story," "Nobody's Perfect," and "Lost Ones," each executed with more passion than the last. With the spotlights on him, the live band and DJ all interacted in unison. J. Cole's performance was like a dream.

It was a good way to end the summer for this reporter. And if one can spare the extra \$200 general admission ticket next year, it won't disappoint. These might be the only "bells" you'll hear until Christmas. **⌘**



2 Chainz performs on Jan. 30, 2012. Courtesy 2 Chainz Web Site

Grand Terrace Native Leads the Band

By Chase Preciado (2016) Staff Writer

TITAN TOWN - Music was Mr. Robert Ransdell's calling and originally wanted to perform music for live audiences.

As a student, he played the trombone in the school band and has since been involved with music his whole life.

However, one of his mentors convinced him to teach music, promising that as a music teacher, he could still perform.

Presently, Mr. Ransdell marks his 11th year in teaching, spending eight of them at the Colton Joint Unified School District and is Grand Terrace High's first music director.

"Never let yourself settle for less than your absolute best. Once you have achieved your best, it's time push yourself harder," Mr. Ransdell said.

His calling began when one of Mr. Ransdell's mentors observed he was very good at teaching music to his fellow band students and felt that the job would be very beneficial for him.

Mr. Mitchell Hovey, an assistant principal at Terrace Hills Middle School, has known Mr. Ransdell for about 20 years.



He taught Mr. Ransdell as a student and performed with him at the California State University, San Bernardino's Wind Ensemble.

"Mr. Ransdell was very musical, dedicated and hard working on the trombone, and that dedication and work ethic carried on into adulthood," Mr. Hovey said.

"I am very proud of Mr. Ransdell and his accomplishments," Mr. Hovey added.

He added that GTHS is "very lucky" to have him as its band director.

Having decided to take his mentor's advice, Mr. Ransdell attended college at the California State University, San Bernardino. He majored in music education and graduated in 2004. Immediately after receiving his teaching credential, Mr. Ransdell began teaching at Terrace Hills Middle School as its band director.

Mr. Ransdell said he loves GTHS and recalled that as a child he heard about plans to open a new high school in Grand Terrace and hoped to attend school there. He said that although he wasn't able to come to GTHS as a student, he is glad to here as a teacher.

Mr. Ransdell is dedicated to expand the music program at GTHS and hopes to facilitate the opportunity to travel internationally to students.

Mr. Ransdell listens to almost every genre of music but said he is listening to a lot of gothic and dark metal, including acts Fly Leaf, Within Temptation and Night Wish. **⌘**



Rumors Surround HTC Mystery Smartphone

By Paul Villalobos (2015) Technology Writer

HTC is reportedly going to release a new device sometime next month, according to internet chatter.

So, rumors are flowing about the device, from its hardware to software. The new Smartphone is supposedly named the HTC M7.

According to the web sites CNET, Phone Dog, and Press Blue, the M7 will likely feature a 4.7-inch screen with a 1080p HD display, 1.7 GHz Quad-Core processor, 13 MP rear camera, 2 MP front facing camera, and a 2,300 mAh battery.

Another rumor from tech site, Slash Gear, is that the M7 will sport Sense 5 which will take on a simpler and more refined look.

Although no official date has been released, the M7 could be announced this month at the Mobile World Congress, according to CNET.

"We do not comment on rumors or speculations," HTC responded when asked by this reporter.

Rumors surrounding the device follow after a string of pictures that was leaked to the Internet, featuring the rumored M7, as well as some of its software.

Knowing these are only rumors it isn't possible to accurately confirm any specs until the M7 is or if it is officially released. Until then, expect to see more leaked photos and rumors surrounding the M7 until its possible official release next month. **TΣ**



Free Online Game Worth Your Time

By Juan Guerrero (2014) Technology Writer

Microsoft recently released an open beta for Happy Wars, a multi-player game developed by Toy Logic that is scheduled to be Xbox Live's first F2P (Free to Play) game.

For those who haven't heard of it, Happy Wars is a 30-player online game where two opposing sides try to capture the enemy castle.

At the beginning of a match, each side starts at their castle and advances to capture towers which serve as spawn points. When a team finally reaches the enemy castle, they can attempt to siege the castle by breaking down the gates or by climbing the walls with ladders.

Happy Wars is a blast to play, especially when things get hectic with 30 players onscreen.

There are three different classes: the Warrior class, the powerful Close Combat class, the Cleric class, the spell-buffing medic, the Mage, and the long-ranged spell caster.

The unique maps are greatly varied with themes that ranged from classical fairy tale settings to hazardous underworld settings. The bizarre style of the different settings complimented the wacky weapons and outfits that you can customize.

The joy of this game seems to rely on the option of arming yourself

with a half-eaten fish and a helmet made from a giant milk carton.

However, Happy Wars is far from perfect. It was hard to find a match that didn't lag. Usually, the lag was so bad that it would take a full second or more for a hit to register. There was also a match-breaking bug where a tower could not be completed no matter how much you tried to build it.

Exploitation of certain skills was commonplace in Happy Wars. Mages and Clerics could spam their spells to raise their temporary skill and gain an early advantage in matches.

Another thing was the fact that a Cleric could use their magic armor skill to make themselves invulnerable to all damage and basically make themselves immortal by repeatedly using it on themselves if it ever wore out.

Happy Wars is fun, but eventually the little annoyances can get, well, annoying. It's free so it's worth a shot. This game has plenty of potential. It's just that it's held back by network issues and bugs. **TΣ**

THE BOTTOM LINE

Pros:

- ✦ Free to play
- ✦ 30 player multiplayer
- Good replay value

Cons:

- ✦ A few bugs and lag
- ✦ Unbalanced at times
- Several exploits

Next Generation iPad Already?

By Paul Villalobos (2015) Technology Writer

Could this be the next iPad? Another iPad only means one thing, Apple Mania!

According to BGR.com, which has a history of reporting accurate details on unreleased Apple products, a series of pictures like the one seen below was released showing the housing of what is believed to be the fifth generation of the iPad line.

According to 9to5Mac, the design would likely feature the black and slate and white and silver design language as seen from the iPad Mini. The site also mentioned, the iPad 5 would feature a thinner casing and a smaller overall footprint.

Jeremy Horwitz, editor-in-chief of iLounge says, "The iPad 5 could have complete redesign, with virtually no left, or right bezels, and only enough space above and below the screen to accommodate the camera, and homebutton elements."

While the site claims they cannot verify the image, they do mention that it provides a solid representation of what Apple's next iPad will look like.

As far as a release date, according to iBtimes.com, they claim the device could launch in March of this year, but could also be released until October. **TΣ**



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The Echo's Best Dressed at Up & Coming

By Nadia Saldana (2016) Fashion Writer

TITAN TOWN - Grand Terrace High School's first dance was a smash success.

The Up & Coming dance on Oct. 6 followed the homecoming football and everybody looked amazing. But, there were a few who stole the attention.

The Echo chose three worthy of beholding the title, the Echo's Best Dressed. TZ

From left to right, Ivonne Cardenas (2016) took 1st place with a long burlesque style, black laced dress with belt and gloves. Ashley Strowger (2016) took 2nd place with an elegant white gown. Raelene Garcia (2016) showed off a sassy short dress and took 3rd place.

Photos by Nadia Saldana



Winter Fashion Hits Titan Town

By Jackie Rios (2014) Assistant Editor

TITAN TOWN - Fashion trends rage in and out throughout time from color schemes to styles and to adhere to the seasons.

Many Titans are already up to date with the latest fashion trends that scream winter.

Some styles that have kicked in for girls are coats, leggings, and combat boots. To top off this look and give it some flare, they add an infinity scarf or any scarf.

"The way the style is now, those boots go together with the outfit more than regular boots," said Unique Jesse (2015) of the combat and work boot style for girls.

Colors that are being embraced this winter are vibrant red, white, and black.

For example, wearing all black clothing and adding a red scarf will really add a pop to your outfit.

Scarves are undoubtedly the main accessory for winter, but for guys it seems to be a watch or beanie.

"My favorite outfit to wear during winter is black jeans, a button up, and a watch." said Brian Robles (2015).

Popular colors for guys are black, blue, red, and grey.

Wearing a nice outfit is comfortable and classy at the same time. Most guys stick to wearing jeans or khaki pants, but dress it up a little by wearing pullovers and watches. G-shocks seem to be the ticket this year for boys.

Students seem to be fashion-minded this winter but also being warm and cozy. TZ



Combat and work style boots are in. Photo by Jackie Rios

Renaissance Sweet Tart Dance
 Friday, February 15
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"A Night of Mystery"
 March 9, 2013 - 7:00-11:00 p.m.

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Tickets go up after February 22
 February 25 - March 1 \$85.00
 March 4 - 7 \$90.00

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THE MONSTER EFFECT

The popular energy drink among young people has come under fire for allegedly causing undesired health effects and maybe even death

By Lorena Hernandez (2015) Campus News Editor

TITAN TOWN – Various studies have shown Monster Energy Drink can cause harm to your body and in some cases can be fatal.

There are five deaths linked to the energy drink, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

However, Monster claims to be unaware of any fatalities and denies being responsible for any of the deaths that appear to be linked to their drink, according to the Accident and Injury Lawyer Blog.

The drink is popular among Grand Terrace High School students. One Titan who wished to remain anonymous im-

plied that she would still drink Monster regardless of the effects.

But another said the opposite. “No, (I don’t drink Monster) because I don’t like the ingredients in it and I heard people can die from it,” said Frankie Vallejo (2016).

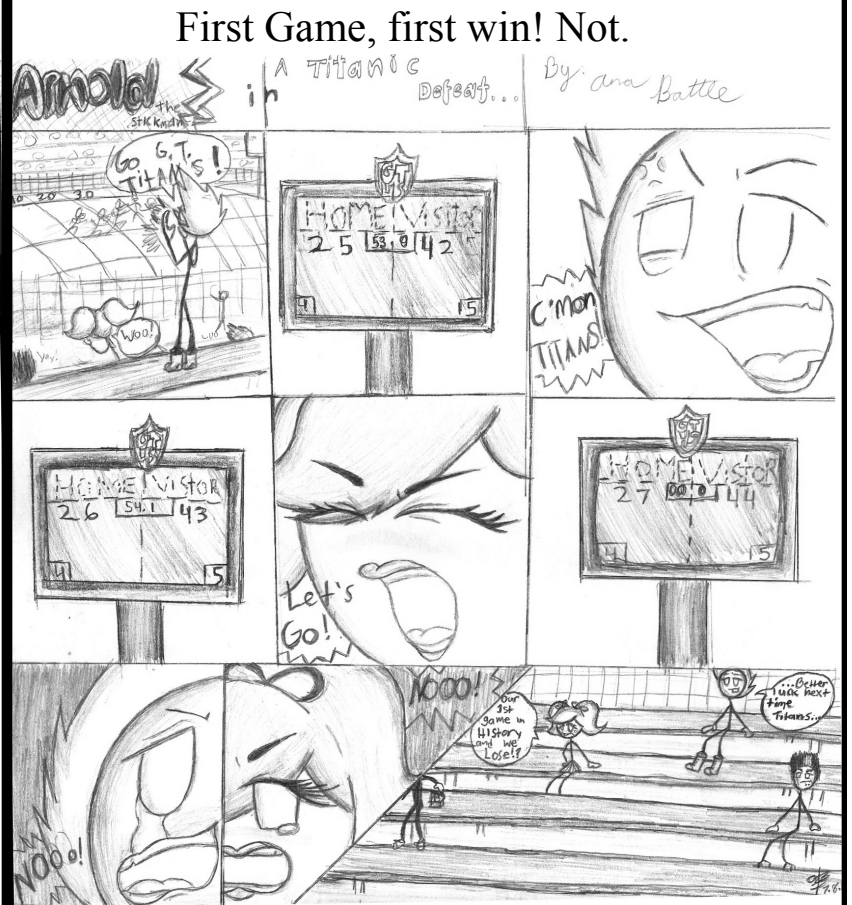
According to the Northwestern University of Chicago, Monster can increase your mental and athletic performance.

However, too much activity can bring up cardiovascular concerns, such as an increase in blood pressure and heart rate.

So, what do you think Titans? Do you still drink Monster? **TΣ**

Arnold

By Ana Battle



TITAN CLUB NEWS

Interested in **Starting** an AP Club? See Mr. Johnson in Room C353

- **Latin Society** meets Feb. 13th in the morning at 7-7:20 in D454
- **Cosmo Club** – See Synthia in the Counseling Office Tuesdays & Thursdays, after school
- **Marquee Club** meets Fridays after school in E501
- **Math Club** meets Tuesdays during lunch- Rm.D456
- **Poly Club** – Mondays & Wednesdays after school in the A Bldg. patio
- **Truth Club** meet during lunch on Tues. & Thurs. in Room E501. Leadership meet with Mr. Ruiz on Mondays during lunch.

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Winter Sports
Let's Go Titans, Let's Go!!!
Stride your Pride on The Titan Side!
See you at the Games!

Final League Games this Thursday in the Gym and on the Soccer Field!
Shout Out to our Wrestlers who qualified to CIF:

Isac Wagon
Andrew Pinedo
Diego Avila
John Odenbaugh – Sunkist League Champion!

Then join the new GTHS Pan-Asian Club, aka,

PAC

Planned Events Include: - Chinatown L.A. Tour - Asian Pacific Heritage Month - LACMA Japanese Art field trip - Sushi making party - Community Service opportunities - Asian & Pacific-Islander Conference in San Diego -
Advisor: Mrs. S. Garcia in the Student Store

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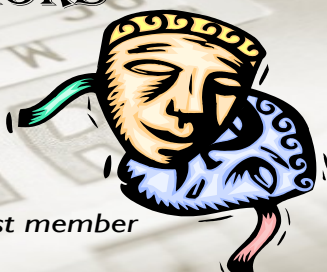
By William Shakespeare

February 28, March 1, & 2, 2013
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