

# THE TITAN ΣCHO

THE STUDENT PUBLICATION OF GRAND TERRACE HIGH SCHOOL

## TITANS PARTY AT FIRST PROM

By Elyssa Shaw (2014) Editor in Chief and Jackie Rios (2014) Assistant Editor

**REDLANDS**—The excitement began to build as joyous rumors spread about the possibility of Grand Terrace High School having its first prom on its first year.

Many were curious about the idea of prom at all and the way in which it would work since there are no seniors this year.

But, all those questions were cleared when ASB announced that there would be prom despite those odds.

So, the school's first prom rolled out on March 19 at The Mitten Building in Redlands, a rustic but an extravagant venue.

Billed as "A Night of Mystery," it became just that with all the uncertainty.

But, by 7 p.m. the event had brought out about 35 couples all dressed to impress. The floor was filled with Titans in beautiful gowns and suave tuxedos.

The menu was Italian food: lasagna, bread and salad. To top it off, a table filled with sweets and a photo booth captured everyone in this historic night.

Lifetouch was also there to accommodate those who were willing to pay for a more professional picture.

The excitement refused to die down as Titans began to bust moves on the dance floor.

The DJ began to kick in some great music, compelling students and even teachers to dance.



Left: Dominique Gonzalez (2014) and William Land (2014) dance after being announced Prom Princess and Prince. Top Right: Prom goes stop dancing to pose for a picture. Bottom Right: Johanes Mawikere (2014) and Sabrina Castorena (2014) walk as the school's first Prom King and Queen.

Later in the night, the ultimate signs of a good party appeared as heels came off, the air became muggy, making makeup slowly run and fade.

Toward the end of the night, Grand Terrace High's first ever prom royal court was announced.

Juniors Johanes Mawikere and Sabrina Castorena were selected as prom king and queen. They received free admission to next year's prom.

"At first it didn't hit me until later that night that I had made history," Castorena said.

Juniors William Land and Dominique Gonzalez were announced prom prince and princess.

They shared their first dance and everyone watched in awe as the couple met on the dance floor. **TΣ**



Photos By Elyssa Shaw

## "Taken": Students Leave Class for Sports

By Zack Padilla (2015), Staff Writer

**TITAN TOWN**—Some student athletes who leave their class early or miss a class entirely for sports events are impacted negatively when it comes to their education, some say.

Student athletes leaving for games, usually during fifth period, miss key instruction and assignments and some teachers find their departure detrimental.

Student athletes don't always make up work and not all teachers remind these students of their missing work.

Lauren Tyler, a history and AVID teacher, has students leave her class at times during her fifth period.

"I understand that they need to practice, but it doesn't bother me. As long as they make up their work," Ms. Tyler said. "They should (adjust) their sports schedule," Ms. Tyler added.

Students also feel the impact. Jake Gonzalez (2015), who plays for the baseball team says that leaving class sometimes makes it difficult for him to keep up with his work.

"My grades have been behind for a while because I couldn't catch up," he said. Gonzalez often leaves his fifth period world history class early for baseball games and it affects his grade because he misses key lectures and loses track of his work.

"I have good grades right now though, but it gets hard for me to catch up with my work."

The Titan's athletics sports director, Tiffany Gordon, was questioned on the matter.

"Students have to leave their classes early because of the transportation schedule. The bus leaves at 1:15 (for away games) and leaving class early gives students just enough time to get their gear ready for their games. We don't travel far but unfortunately we have to get ready before the bus leaves," Mrs. Gordon said.

"I know students aren't happy because they get more work and fall behind," she added. **TΣ**

## First Person Narrative: Meeting My Father for the First Time

By Kelsey Gerungan (2014)

I've never really met my dad. The last time I saw him was when I was five or six years old and my last memory of him was when he came to my church for my birthday and brought me a bag of Barbies.

I don't remember how it felt. I just kind of recorded the images in my head.

So, I grew up with a single parent. My mom was a dad and a mom. That was not easy. My mom was always busy. But, she would make time for us to spend together.

When I was in the third grade I'd see my friend being picked up by her dad and I cried when I got home because I was jealous. I felt it was unfair that she had a dad and I didn't. Now that I am old enough to understand the circumstances about my missing dad, I'm okay with it.

I don't even know how it feels to have a dad. I thought I didn't have a dad when I was little, even though he was somewhere out there.

That somewhere was 9,000



Photo by Lorena Hernandez

Graphic by Paul Villalobos



miles away and I went there this past Spring Break to meet him.

I had to fly to another city and country called Manado in Indonesia. I found out I was going to meet him just a few days before I flew to Indonesia and said, "What!"

I was nervous and scared. Why does he want to see me? What will he think of me and what will I think of him?

We drove out to meet him at a relative's house in the morning. He walked in and I felt very nervous. And then I saw him and it felt

like it was the first time.

I had no idea what he looked like until I actually saw him. I've seen pictures, but he changed a lot. He was older.

Meeting him was like meeting a stranger but with a label that was supposed to mean something to you.

For me, that label was father and it felt weird. I had mixed feelings.

I also met his three sons and a lady whom I believed was his wife.

Seeing him and his family made me jealous because I was thinking he was supposed to be my

father and not theirs. He was supposed to be with me while I was little and growing up and not them.

I tried to play it off and acted normal. But, inside I was hurt. I hung out with his family and we took a lot of pictures, which made me realize that I look exactly like him.

The next morning he came to the airport to say goodbye.

Ten minutes before I had to board the airplane he came to me, opened his arms and I knew he wanted a hug.

When I did, I felt something I never felt in my life. I felt a connection of daddy and

daughter for the first time.

"I'm sorry," he said.

I didn't want to let go of him because I didn't want him to see me crying. But when I saw him crying I knew he meant it. That's how we left each other at the terminal, crying.

I told everything to my mom on the plane and tears fell again.

I thought about him the plane ride back home and spent three nights thinking about him. Then, I realized that the feeling that I had for him was sadness. **TΣ**

Kelsey Gerungan is a journalism student at Grand Terrace High School



## MEET YOUR PRINCIPAL

### Mrs. Dischinger Lands Her "Dream Job"



Photo by Jackie Rios

By Ellysa Shaw (2014), Editor in Chief and Jackie Rios (2014), Assistant Editor

**TITAN TOWN** - Students most often see assistant principals Karla Sandrin and Scott Boggs feverishly working on campus.

Students are less likely to see Principal Angie Dischinger. But, Mrs. Dischinger is fiercely active behind the scenes at Grand Terrace High School, working on everything from instruction to sports to making sure students get fed at lunch.

The Echo interviewed Mrs. Dischinger to get to know Titan Town's first principal.

**Q:** What are your favorite activities to do?

**A:** I love to read, scrapbook, travel, go to the ocean, socialize, listen to music and hang out with my friends and family.

**Q:** Are you proud to be a Titan and why?

**A:** Absolutely! I'm proud to be a Titan because of what it stands for. It's a unique opportunity. It's a new school, to set the tone. And, I really believe in our be GREAT philosophy.

**Q:** Do you have any family?

**A:** Yes. I am married to Brian Dischinger. He works as security (officer) at Terrace Hills Middle School. We have two kids, Taylor Sue, 5 in-a-half and Kaylie, 2 in-a-half.

**Q:** Have you ever traveled any-

where?

**A:** Yes, I've lived all over the world growing up. I moved to California 15 or 16 years ago. I lived in Germany.

**Q:** Where were you raised and born?

**A:** I was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

**Q:** If you could change one thing what would it be and why?

**A:** The quote I live by is "Be the change you wish to see in the world" by Gandhi. If I could wave a magic wand, I would change how people treat one another, that they try to see the other person's view point. I feel like people and relationships are important.

**Q:** How did you get chosen to be principal?

**A:** A previous superintendent recommended me and the school board appointed me. This is my dream job. I feel blessed to have been selected.

**Q:** Who is your favorite musical artist?

**A:** I like a lot of different stuff. I have a lot of favorites. (I like) Adele right now, Sade, JJ Heller, Mercy Me, Carrie Underwood, Journey, Enya, and Tobymac.

**Q:** How does it feel to be principal and behind the scenes of all the chaos?

**A:** I feel like I'm always in motion. Some days are really hard but, some days are great. There is usually always something to get done and a lot of meetings. The best time is when I get to visit the classes, go to rallies, or spend time with the kids. **TΣ**

## Echo was a G.R.E.A.T Experience

It has truly been an honor to inform our fellow Titans on events they unfortunately had to miss.

Many Titans missed many firsts, like prom, the exciting first GTHS playoff game that girls basketball gave us and varsity football's first emotional win.

All through, the Titan Echo was there.

Many Titans didn't know why administrators closed some restrooms until the Echo informed them.

Titans got their voices heard, asking for vending machines and venting about the new tardy policy on Titan Talk.

Being part of Grand Terrace

High School's founding newspaper staff has been a fun and a worthwhile experience.

What many Titans do not know however, is what really happens when the sixth period bell rings and our newspaper advisor cracks the whip and tells us to go find news.

Being part of the Titan Echo staff means having much dedication and walking into the classroom knowing that there will be much work and research to be done.

It's like a job, but you get paid in grade form and the exhilaration of having your name on something that will be read

by hundreds.

The research consists of logging onto the computer and searching information from reliable sources or going out to campus and sniff out news, and have meetings with certain staff members to plan, develop and coordinate.

Then comes the writing, which is where you hope its good enough, hope its accurate and hope it can stand up to journalistic standards.

Being given the opportunity to write for the Titan Echo has been a tremendous challenge but an enriching experience.

Part of the staff has been given the privilege to cover the

school events and play the role that many reporters do out in real world.

Some of the staff feel that this class gave us great practice and preparation for those who are willing to advance in the media industry, but also for any job where it's pressure-driven.

This elective has helped out many on what the business world is like.

Many plan on returning the following school year because of how great we believe it is and we would be more than glad to welcome you! **TΣ**

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

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## TITAN TALK: New Tardy Rule, Teachers Love it, Students Hate it

By Alondra Barron (2016), Staff Writer

**TITAN TOWN** - GTHS administrators implemented a new tardy policy April 1.

At that time, students were required to report to the attendance office and report themselves tardy for each period they were late. After so many, students will automatically be assigned campus beautification. Teachers say the policy has dramatically decreased tardies.

But, what do students say?

"It's unnecessary. There are a lot of good reasons for people

being late." — Malik Salameh (2014)

"I don't like it at all." — Jackie Flores (2016)

"It's ok, because people won't get in as much trouble." — Siomara Orozco (2016)

"I really think it's pointless." — Jimmy Rodriguez (2015)

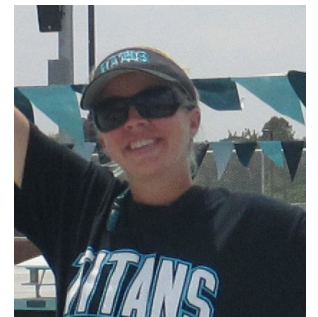
"I think its effective if we all enforced it together but we are not. Tardy sweeps will be more helpful." — Mrs. Anna Collins (PE) **TΣ**



Jackie Flores



Malik Salameh



Mrs. Collins

## TITAN TALK: First Echo, Hit or Miss?

By Lorena Hernandez (2015), Campus Editor

**TITAN TOWN** — The Echo published its first print edition Feb. 14. What were students' impression of Grand Terrace High School's student newspaper?

"I really liked the fashion column in the Echo!" — Amanda Rios

"I liked how (The Echo) asked students how they felt about the condition of the school." — Angel Villafana (2016)

"It was alright, some of the stories did not interest me" — Oscar Corona (2015)

"I like the layout and how it was colorful because it caught my attention" — Omezie Hernandez (2016)

"It was really good, I loved the front page!" — Angie Sigala (2016) **TΣ**

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## 2013-14 ASB Officers Elected

From Staff Reports

**TITAN TOWN** - Titans voted in their first elected ASB representatives April 30.

### ASB CABINET



ASB PRESIDENT  
Ashlin Fujunami

ASB VICE PRESIDENT  
Breanna Bell



ASB TREASURER  
Matt Briggs

ASB HISTORIAN  
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### CLASS PRESIDENTS

SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT  
Alexis Arroyo

2014

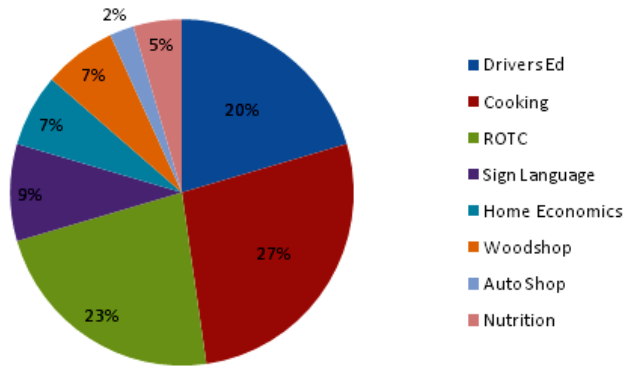
JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT  
Jakob Parra

2015

SOPHOMORE CLASS PRESIDENT  
Jailey Torres

2016

### The Most Desired Electives by Students



Graphic by Leila Gharghaei (2016)

## More Electives in 2013-2014!

By Haley Franklin (2016) and Alondra Barron (2016), Staff Writers

**TITAN TOWN** - Titans should be looking forward to many more options for electives next year.

But, not all students will be satisfied.

According to Assistant Principal Scott Boggs, there are going to be more electives such as zoology, Multi-cultural perspectives, creative writing, and business & law in 2013-2014.

But, a Titan Echo survey conducted in February, asking students which electives they would like to see implemented next year, showed that nutrition, ROTC and driver's education were the most desired.

It's unlikely students will have these opportunities and others like mechanical and wood shop soon because the campus doesn't have the facilities to provide these electives.

Still, Head Counselor Simona Welzel said students should have more opportunities next year.

"We plan on expanding the ROP program next year (and) we always give consideration on offering new electives based on student resources available," Mrs. Welzel said.

Principal Angie Dischinger said the ROP program will be expanded into three career tracks more suitable for today's regional job market. Engineering, Emergency Medical Technician and the Visual Arts are among those tracks, she said.

Mrs. Dischinger also said that Drivers' Education and nutrition or home economic classes are seldom offered in public schools anymore.

ROTC, Mrs. Dischinger said, will unlikely be offered because the Navy, the armed forces department that organizes ROTC for the school district, has expressed that they don't wish to expand ROTC into GTHS at this time. That doesn't mean ROTC will never be on campus, though.

The absence of the most desired classes was disappointing to student Mecca McFadden.

"Why don't they just add more electives" she asked.

"We can't add more electives because our master schedule is built for this year," Mrs. Welzel said. "We do have a variety of electives such as avid, publication, film studies, journalism and many more," she added. **TΣ**

## Will the Missiles Launch?

By Lorena Hernandez (2015), Campus Editor

**TITAN TOWN** - Rumors on campus, spreading like wildfire about North Korea's nuclear threat, had many students nervous.

"I think that they are a threat, but if they decide to do anything it's their death wish," said Paul Villalobos (2015).

"I feel like it won't happen because (North Korea) has given us a bunch of threats before and they never followed through with them," said Adrian Alcantar (2014).

Experts on all the news channels were debating whether North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un will or will not decide to shoot the missiles at the mainland U.S. or its territories and allies in the Pacific -Japan and South Korea.

According to CNN, the missile is said to be called a "Musudan," which the South Korean military states can travel "more than 1,800 miles. According to the Echo's calculations, that falls way short of reaching any U.S. territory, not even Hawaii.

So, the only logical way that North Korea can successfully land a missile in the mainland of the U.S. is if they use a missile with a longer range, like 6,000 miles.

Even if that were to happen, a top U.S. military official told Sen. John McCain of Arizona at a senate hearing in April, that the U.S. military is fully capable of "intercepting" any missile targeted for the mainland of the U.S.

World History teacher Victor Morales said he was not concerned about a nuclear attack on the mainland of the U.S., citing North Korea's "penchant for rhetoric" and their "somewhat untested missile system."

"Putting an effective nuclear warhead on a speeding missile that will detonate with any kind of precision is very difficult science," Mr. Morales said.

According to CNN, North Korea has fewer than 10 nuclear weapons and only has a total of 3 tests, starting from 2006 with 2013 being the most recent test.

On the other hand, the U.S. has an estimated 7,650 nuclear weapons and with a total of 1,054 tests, starting from 1945 with 1992 being the most recent. As you can see, the U.S. has conducted far more nuclear tests than North Korea.

Mr. Morales said that a ground conflict or even a nuclear one could happen in Asia that will surely involve U.S. forces though.

"Watch China," Mr. Morales said. "Hopefully China will do more than they have and tell their little brother to sit down and the hysteria over North Korea will subside."

The whole nation is "obsessed" with North Korea, reported a Washington Post blog. More people have now googled North Korea than Beyonce, the blog said.

Mr. Morales, a former journalist, said he blames the corporate media for the hysteria.

"I think a lot of it is media hype in a frenzy meant to gain a large and scared U.S. audience and the advertisement dollars that follow," Mr. Morales said. "I know their tricks." **TΣ**

## Will You...



Jenise Brown (2014) and Jordan Brown (2015) embrace after Jenise surprises him with a Sadie Hawkins proposal. Photo Courtesy of Jenise Brown

## The Double Life of Ms. Hochevar

By Leila Gharghaei (2016) and Unique Jessie (2015), Staff Writers

**TITAN TOWN** - Graduating from a prestigious college, researching humming birds, working in the lab at universities and hospitals is what you would expect from a biology teacher. Right?

How about rigid and dry sense of humor? Probably right?

But Ms. Andrea Hochevar in room B202 is getting the reputation on campus as a fun and eccentric biology teacher with the sarcasm of a history teacher.

"Ms. Hochevar is a very fun teacher," said James Munoz (2015).

Ms. Hochevar taught Munoz science for two years at Terrace Hills Middle School.

When the 30-year old teacher was asked what her future plans were she responded with a loud laugh.

"I plan to retire at 31," she said.

Ms. Hochevar is also engaged and plans to be wed in June. So, she spends a lot of her time planning her wedding these days.

Not what you would expect from your biology teacher, right?

On the weekend, she likes to cook and bike ride.

Ms. Hochevar grew up in Bloomington and graduated from Bloomington High School and later from UC Santa Barbara and Cal State San Bernardino.

Her favorite sport is soccer and her favorite team is Galaxy. Ms. Hochevar's favorite shows are Breaking Bad and Shameless. **TΣ**



Photo by Unique Jessie



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## Colored iPhone 5S and iPhone Mini in June?

By Adrian Alcantar (2014), Technology Writer

With Apple's release of the iPhone 5, we all saw that they messed up with problems ranging from hardware (overheating, scratches on the surface, etc.) to software (maps, unresponsive Siri).

According to a report in TechCrunch, two analysts have now confirmed that Apple is preparing to launch its iPhone 5S sometime in June or July this year. With an addition of a new 4.8-inch screen and more responsive specs, it will compete with the Samsung Galaxy S4, which would be released around the same time.

But, Apple has something up its sleeve, technology analysts say.

"Apple is preparing a new iPhone in multiple colors and sizes," said analyst Brian White at Topeka Capital reports. "The next iPhone is going to come out in the May-June time frame," White said.

White believes "Apple will make the next iPhone more colorful, similar to what it's done with the iPod Touch, which is available in a wide variety of colors," he wrote in the Business Insider Report.

Moreover, analyst Peter Misek of Jeffries reported that there might be two new models of the iPhone— a regular one ("call it the iPhone 5S") and a cheaper one ("call it the iPhone Mini").

"Similar to the iPad mini, we expect a concentrated low-cost iPhone rather than a cheap one, Misek reported.

The likely specs are polycarbonate case with 4" non-Retina display and no LTE, according to Misek.

Whatever Apple brings to the market this summer, rest assured it is trying to continue to be a trail-blazer in the market. **TZ**



Technology analysts predict a rainbow of iPhones will hit the summer market.



## PlayStation 3 vs. Xbox 360

The Echo's Techies Put the Consoles Head to Head

By Jamram Somoso (2016) and Adrian Alcantar (2014), Technology Writers

The Sony PS3 and Microsoft Xbox 360 are the two most popular gaming consoles that have hit the gaming market head on.

Both consoles have been out for about seven years and are still the most played consoles on the market today.

There are a lot of debates on which console is better and with the new models being released this year or early next year, the Echo pitted both consoles and declared a winner.

### Hardware and Specs

The PlayStation 3 Slim packs a Cell Broadband Engine with 3.2 GHz POWER-based PPE, seven 3.2GHz SPEs, with 256 MB of RAM and storage of up to 500 GB.

The Xbox 360 Slim has a 3.2 GHz PowerPC Tri-Core Xenon processor with 512 MB of RAM and memory of up to 320 GB.

Wiresnack.com said that "overall (the PlayStation) is much more powerful than the Xbox's processor."

We agree. So, overall the PS3 is the most powerful.

**Winner:** PlayStation 3

### Speed and Graphics

When it comes to speed, the PlayStation wins with its "Cell" processor. The Xbox 360's processor often had common overheating or "Red Ring of Death" problems.

This caused the system to overheat and break. This has since been fixed with the new Xbox 360 Slim to some extent but is still inferior to the PlayStation's "Cell" processor.

**Winner:** PlayStation 3

### Media Access

Both have similar gaming media such as CD, DVD and Internet. And, both support screen resolutions of up to 1080p HD.

However, the PS3 packs a Blu Ray Drive which makes it an all around better entertainment system.

Something that both did try to compete against each other with was "Motion Control Gaming." The PS3 has the motion control gaming addition, "Play Station Move" and Xbox has "Kinect." The Xbox Kinect is the preferred unit from the two. It has a far better build and user quality in our opinion.

**Winner:** Xbox 360

### Games

Both systems have the same games but each have their own exclusive titles.

A top seller for Xbox is the "Halo" franchise. But, PS3 has "Uncharted." Here, it all comes down to personal preference to what you like to play more. We gave this a tie.

**Winner:** Tie

### Online Gaming Experience

These two systems are known for their online gaming. The PS3 Network and Xbox Live offer the same service.

However, Xbox Live has a fee to play online. Xbox Live Gold unlocks multiple programs like Netflix, Hulu, Internet Explorer and more at an \$8 per month or \$50 per year contract.

The PS Network offers the same programs at no additional cost. However, the PSN doesn't offer the same quality and amount of games as the Xbox Market Place. But, the PS3 does offer a premium service called "Playstation Plus" for an additional \$50 per year. This unlocks multiple games and other exclusive offers. Once again it all comes down to personal preference and what kind of games you like to play. But, we like the Xbox.

**Winner:** Xbox 360

### Over All Best Console

Before we announce the winner of our head-to-head console match, lets consider what the experts said.

Most of the reviews have concluded the PS3 winning 5 out of 7 times for better graphics. The Xbox won only twice out of 7 in side-to-side pictures. It's also good to note that the Xbox is the cheaper of the two with a price tag of \$199 and the PS3 at \$250.

However, the Xbox has "more exclusive titles, and a plethora of content help build the Xbox Live Marketplace to the top spot in the online store category," according to gamingirresponsibility.com.

In conclusion, it is all about personal preference, however the Xbox beats the PS3 in game quality, internet connectivity and price tag. On the other hand, PS3 tops Xbox in performance.

It was a difficult choice but the clear winner here is Xbox 360! **TZ**

## Sony Reveals the PS4!

By Jamram Somoso (2016), Technology Writer

On February 20, 2013 Sony hosted a press conference in New York City revealing many details about the upcoming PS4. Sony did not show the actual system itself at the event, however they did show the new Dualshock 4 controller and launch titles with demos of the games.

Lead Architect, Mark Cerny, took the stage to reveal the DualShock 4 to be the new PS4's controller at the Sony event.

This controller has a more bulky feel and comes with a touchpad on the front, a sensor bar, and a new "Share" button above the directional pad. The "share" button gives the player the ability to capture and record video and screen shots at any moment during game play.

The sensor bar, located on the front of the controller, will be used for motion and depth reading from the new PS4 camera called the "Eye."

At the event multiple demos and games were shown to demonstrate their engine with the eight-core 64 bit x86 "Jaguar" processor with 8GB of RAM, and PC GPU, using GDDR 5 memory.

One demo demonstrated the power of the engine by dropping one million objects on to a landscape below showing the PS4's capability of handling large amounts of movement.

New launch games include Driveclub, Killzone Shadow Fall, Deep Down, Knack, The Witness, Infamous Second Son, and Watch Dogs.

Cerny said that there will be a second chip that will be dedicated to handling uploads and downloads, which means gamers will be able to play the game you are simultaneously downloading.

After Cerny's presentation came Dave Perry, co-founder of cloud-based gaming services Gaikai. Perry informed the crowd about the built-in system named cloud gaming. Cloud gaming allows the player to select any game from the PlayStation Store and have the opportunity to try any game you like for free.

"Try what you like, and buy what you love," Perry said.

Perry went further and explained the aspects of the built-in Gaikai, like the ability for friends to speculate other players as they play, or jump in and help the player overcome obstacles or give items to help.

Overall, the PlayStation 4 shows huge amounts of potential for great gaming as well as competition. Looking at all the specs of the PS4, the next generation Xbox is going to have to step it up and improve on everything from graphics, media to online play. **TZ**



## What's the Best Carrier ?

Paul Villalobos (2015) Technology Writer

Smartphone season has arrived, and as companies start to unveil their latest offerings for their customers, you might be planning on upgrading your device or just getting a new phone altogether.

But, should you stay with your current carrier or go with a new one?

The Echo has sorted out all the information and rated each major carrier. You should know that all information was compiled from carrier's official website and that terms and prices are subject to change. So, do your research and make sure our information is up do date.

### Verizon

Verizon offers a variety of sharing plans that are great for families. The Each Share Everything plan, which includes 2 phones or more, comes with unlimited talk and text.

The Monthly line access for each phone is \$40 on top of your data plan. Verizon will recommend 2GB of data for each phone, but you can choose any allotment of data that you want, which will range from 1GB to 50GB. Data plans start at \$50 a month all the way to \$375.

The benefit of going with Verizon is that you take hold on what's probably the best 4GLTE coverage that's available right now. Verizon customer, Adrian Alcantar (2014) says this about Verizon, "Internet speeds are fast even on 3G. No dropped calls, great overall customer service." However Adrian adds Verizon is expensive. "I wish the data fee was cheaper, and there could be more phones to choose from."

### AT&T

With AT&T it starts to get a little complicated.

To get started, an individual plan begins when you select an amount of minutes per month which range from \$39.99 a month for 450 minutes to unlimited minutes which will cost you \$69.99 a month. All minute plans come with rollover minutes, which will automatically be carried on to the next month for use.

With regards to messaging, it is unlimited but you will pay an additional \$20 more.

Then, you select your data. There are three types of data allotments, one is called the "Data plus" which gives you 300 MB of data for \$20 a month. The next one is called "Data pro" which gives you 3GB of data for \$30 a month. The last option you have is once again called "Data Pro" but this time it gets you 5 GB of data for \$50 a month. That adds on to your minutes, and messaging plan. The result is all three services combined into one plan and one monthly total \$139.99 a month



## Google Eye Glasses Out Soon *Could the Futuristic Spectacles be the Way of Tomorrow?*

By Paul Villalobos (2015), Technology Editor

Have you ever wondered how we would see our future?

Then you might be happy to know that something very interesting is coming out from Google.

As other tech companies start pushing the initiative with wearable technology by making "watches," Google has taken a different approach when it comes to the way you wear your technology by developing internet connected eye glasses that show digital information right in the front of your eyes. Yes, that's right. We are moving into a profound technological era.

"In my opinion, Google Glass is going to revolutionize the way the average person communicates and goes on with their daily lives," said Adrian Alcantar (2014), an Echo technology writer.

The device has been no secret in the real world, with some of Google's top-executives wearing the glasses themselves. But, what would Google Glass do in the real world? Well on the Google Glass web-page it shows that Google Glass would have the ability to record and take pictures. Glass will also allow you to send and receive messages and search for directions or information on the internet.

with unlimited talk and text. Then, you decide the amount of data to share among all your phones. Sharable data amounts begin at 1 GB to 20 GB. The price per month for each plan starts at \$40 all the way to \$200.

As far as experiences from AT&T, a GTHS junior who wishes to remain anonymous says this about AT&T, "I have had AT&T all my life, and I really never encountered any problems. I have 4g and it's pretty fast. The calls however get dropped a lot."

### Sprint

With most companies opting out for unlimited data, there is one carrier that still offers it. In fact all of Sprint's plans offer unlimited data for Smartphones. Individual plans start at \$79.99 a month for 450 minutes with unlimited data, and messaging. \$99.99 a month will get you unlimited data, unlimited messaging and 900 minutes.

Family plans, or "Share Pans" are

However, not everyone has been welcoming of the new product. Some places are already banning the glasses even before their launch. According to Geek.com the list includes places such as courthouses, military installations, movie theaters and gentlemen clubs.

According to the Google Glass spec page, the glasses will contain a 5mp camera that is capable of shooting 720p videos.

Google Glass will also be connected to your device via Bluetooth or Wi-Fi.

It will have 12GB of memory, but when synced to Google cloud storage, it will have 16GB total.

The battery life is good for one full day of typical use. Some features, like Hangouts and video recording, will drain the battery a little bit more.

Overall Google Glass is surely going to change mobile technology in the near future. But that future won't be too long.

According to TechRadar the Glasses could be released for the general public at the end of this year.

There is no doubt that Google Glass will continue to gain more attraction as we look ahead toward the future of technology. And as the release of Google Glass grows near, expect the glasses to definitely change the way we use and interact with technology in our lives. **TΣ**

good with two Smartphone lines and you have the option to add more lines if you wish. For two lines, it starts at 149.99, and you will get unlimited data, messaging, and 1500 minutes to share among the two phones.

For an extra \$20, you get 3000 minutes to share, but add \$20, and that will give you unlimited data, messaging, and minutes.

In the long run people who seriously love data, and don't want to be held on a set amount, should go with Sprint.

### T-Mobile

If you are a fan of excellent customer service, then T-mobile is for you. According to a CNET article, T-Mobile took top honors from J.D. Power and Associates for the second time in a row.

T-Mobile however doesn't have as a wide selection of Smartphones as other carriers like AT&T or Verizon. T-Mobile announced their new "uncarrier" plans

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## Galaxy S3 Vs. iPhone 5

By Paul Villalobos (2015), Technology Editor

When it comes down to the top two phones in the Smartphone market to date, the iPhone 5 and the Samsung Galaxy S3 couldn't have been better. One phone's operating system is Android and the other phone runs with an iOS operating system. Both of them are extremely competitive phones. But, they are completely different beasts. When it comes down to your wallet, which phone is better in the long run?

### DESIGN

In terms of design the Samsung Galaxy S3 features a plastic build, while the iPhone is made out of more premium materials. The S3 has a removable plastic back that is overlaid with a smooth glossy coating that makes the S3 a little slippery to hold. On the other hand, the iPhone 5 is made out of aluminum and glass that gives it a durable and robust feel. Overall, the design of the iPhone 5 beats out the Galaxy S3. When it comes to screen size there is no question that the Samsung Galaxy S3 has the largest. The S3 has a 4.8-inch screen compared to the iPhone 5's smaller 4-inch screen. People with small hands will merit the iPhone 5, while people who are into gaming and watching movies will be delighted to have such a massive screen on the S3. In terms of screen size the Galaxy S3 takes this round without any hesitation.

### SPEED

When it comes to speed, the Galaxy S3 features a 1.5 GHz Dual Core processor with a whopping 2GB of RAM. The iPhone 5 features a dual core processor as well, which, according to techmobilereviews.com, is clocked at 1.2 GHz. In terms of speed, both phones showed comparable swiftness and zippiness. With the Galaxy S3 you can really feel the smoothness and fluidity just when switching from screen to screen. On the iPhone 5, surfing the web and performing simple tasks was a breeze. So in this round it's a tie. Both phones are extremely fast, snappy, and responsive.

### OPERATING SYSTEM

When it comes down to the operating system, both offer their advantages and disadvantages. The iPhone 5 sports Apple's iOS 6.1 which offers a totally different functionality than Android. The Samsung Galaxy S3 runs off Android's 4.1 Jelly Bean, which offers a ton of Google's products and services. We can't say which operating system is better because both of them offer something that the other one lacks. It all comes down to what you want. Apple's iOS offers more simplicity, while Android offers more customization. So if you're the kind of person who just wants things to be simple, then go with iOS. But if you want more freedom and the ability to customize your phone the way you want it, go with Android. This round is a tie.

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## SPORTS COLUMN

### The View from the Shades

James Munoz, Sports Editor



### “Haters Gonna Hate”

With the end of the 2012-2013 sports schedule and not very many wins under Grand Terrace High's belt, many have been critical of the sports teams.

But, there is only one thing we can really blame and we can't really even blame. But if we had to, the culprit is time.

Grand Terrace High School is in its first year. It's a rookie, or "noob" for many of you. The fact that GTHS players are all juniors and sophomores playing against more experienced seniors throughout the Sunkist League greatly affect the outcome of its first schedule.

Teams like Summit, Fontana, and Kaiser high schools have been around for a few decades now and even teams like Colton and Bloomington where many Titans were once a part of have many more years of experience than the Titans.

Our sports teams are paying their dues. Yet, many continue to complain that it's the players' fault that we haven't won that many games.

This is proven by the fact that JV teams have done rather well for themselves when playing against teams at their level.

So, when you want to bash on the teams who represent your school, compare how long the team has been around with the other teams.

And, most importantly, believe that with time Titans will win games.

Our athletes certainly think so as evident from the following quotes I have heard and recorded in my notes and memory from anonymous athletes saved throughout my sports news coverage this year.

"Keep training and never quit."

"Everyone on every sport do your best."

"Titans rule." TΣ

## Girls' Softball Takes 2nd in League



### From Staff Reports

The Girls' Varsity Softball team placed 2nd in the Sunkist League and will continue in the CIF playoffs, making them the second team in GTHS history to advance into post season play.

"It was challenging you had to have dedication because we really worked hard and we had to show up every school day to practice except for Friday, said Roxanne Martinez (2015), who plays first base on the team.

"Sometimes we had to showed up on weekends (to practice)," Martinez added.

The team ended the regular season play with a record of 12-3 and shut out nine teams, according to the MaxPreps website.

The Team was also prefect at home., 8-0.

The team beat Rialto High School, May 16 with a score of 6-4 in the first round playoffs. TΣ

## Girls' Basketball Mark First Winning Season

By Unique Jessie (2015), Staff Writer

**TITAN TOWN** – Girls Varsity Basketball had a successful first season and earned the distinction of playing in Grand Terrace High School's first post-season game.

But, they narrowly lost to Compton High School 56-47 on Feb. 14 in the first round of the CIF Southern Section playoffs.

The girls basketball team ended with a record of 11-12 overall and 6-4 in the Sunkist League, according to the MaxPreps Web site.

"In the beginning of the season we were not that much of a family," said Jessie Lewis (2015), a guard.

The team marked some big wins and proved to be an offensive and defensive force in the league.

For example, they beat Colton High 51-24 on Jan. 29 and Bloomington High 55-6 on Jan. 24. They had their highest offensive game, scoring 72 points against Colton on Jan. 10, according to the MaxPreps.

On Feb. 5 the girls varsity played against Fontana High School and had a victory with a score of 41-38.

Raja Woods, a point guard, scored a booming 13 points and had 4 steals.

Center Skylar Lewis scored 19 points with 22 official rebounds, and 3 steals.

The final game of the regular season ended with Titans losing to Summit High School, 51-33. TΣ



Titan Forward Andy Cleaves (2014) arches a free throw Jan. 15 against Kaiser. Photo by Zack Padilla

## Kaiser Conquers Titans

By James Munoz (2015), Sports Editor

**TITAN TOWN** - It was nearly half-way through the season and the Titan varsity boys' basketball team was still going strong even without a win.

But, on Tuesday, Jan. 15 the Titans lost their most lopsided game and heightened the bad feeling that the boys' had all year long when they lost to Kaiser High School.

With a score of 65-27, the Titans seemed to be left bothered and appeared to leave a bad taste for the fans as well.

The difference in height and experience showed that night.

While the Titans gave it their all, they could not compete with a well worked team like Kaiser it seemed.

The team had good momentum in the first quarter but this died out too fast for the team to keep Kaiser at bay.

"Our team gave great effort but the difference in experience against a team like Kaiser was hard on them," said Basketball Head Coach Joe Ray.

Many of the fans that attended were very much into the game and were sure the Titans would give Kaiser a run for their money.

With six games left in the season at the time, the Titans still had plenty of opportunities to record their first win. But, they ended with no wins. TΣ

## Spring Sports Score Box



Varsity Softball Girls  
12-5



Varsity Baseball Boys  
7-15



Varsity Tennis Boys  
4-8



Golf  
11-2

Swimming Boys  
0-8

Varsity Swimming Girls

2-6

J.V Swimming Girls

5-3

Source : Athletic Director





## Get Fashion Ready for Spring

By Lorena Hernandez (2015), Campus Editor and Nadia Saldana (2016), Fashion Writer  
Time to hang up your coats Titans and take out your sunglasses because spring is here.

This season bright colors and patterns are in. For example, think of using a bright colored blouse with a patterned skirt. Or you can also try doing a solid white shirt

paired with a floral skirt.  
The best shoes to wear with anything for spring are sandals and flats. As you may all ready know, these shoes are available anywhere and in many styles. The best place to shop for this spring season's fabulous fashions is Forever 21, H&M, and Hollister. **TΣ**

## Smartphone

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### FEATURES

Both phones offer a considerable amount of features. The S3 has tons of features, such as Smart Stay, S-voice, S-beam, and much more. Unlike the iPhone 5, the Galaxy S3 has NFC (Near-Field-Communications). This feature allows you to send things like pictures, movies, or music to another NFC enabled device's just by tapping the two phones together. On the other hand, the iPhone 5 offers Siri. Siri is the intelligent virtual assistant that sets reminders, send texts, or place phone calls. We have to give this round to the Samsung S3 Just because it boasts NFC and slightly more

features than the iPhone 5.

### OVERALL

In Conclusion both the Galaxy S3 and iPhone 5 are both quite remarkable. The iPhone 5 has its excellent design and great camera. On the other hand, the Galaxy S3 features an awesome 4.8 inch screen and sports a micro SD card slot. Both phones are really great, but based on the specs and features, it's quite safe to say that the Galaxy S3 won. Both phones couldn't have been so close. So whether you choose the iPhone 5 or Samsung Galaxy S3, you can rest assure that you will have an amazing phone. **TΣ**



## How to do Taylor Swift Curls

By Nadia Saldana (2016), Fashion Writer

When you see Taylor Swift's curls, do you ever say to yourself, "wow, I want to do my hair like that!" Well, it is a good thing you are reading The Echo, because here are the steps to create those very bouncy and voluminous curls!

All you need is a one-inch hair wand, which can be purchased at the mall, Wal-mart, Target, or any other beauty shop.

You will also need heat protection, hair spray, a brush, and two hair ties to section the hair.

**Step 1: PROTECT YOUR HAIR!** You don't want to burn it! Apply heat protection throughout the tips of your hair and brush it thoroughly to get any tangles out of your hair.

**Step 2: Split your hair** in three sections so it will be easier and more organized. This will help you avoid missing any pieces!

**Step 3:** Get a small section of hair and wrap it around from the base of the wand to the tip, making sure to wear the glove given to you when the wand is purchased so you won't burn yourself.

**Step 4:** (Optional) If you want your curls to be really curly, grasp the hair while it's wrapped around the wand and drag from the base to the tip, and from the tip to the base. One time of doing this procedure will work.

**Step 5:** Count to ten and let go of the hair and watch them bounce.

**Step 6:** When all of your hair is curled, apply your favorite hairspray and then you are done! Now, show it and rock it Taylor Swift style. **TΣ**

**Disclaimer:** The author is not a certified beautician or cosmetologist.

## Community College Guide

By Elyssa Shaw (2014), Editor in Chief



Whether you are a freshman, sophomore or junior it's never too early to be thinking about college.

For some of us college is approaching faster than others. With the average high school student starting off by going to a local community college and later transferring to a four-year college, according to studies, the Titan Echo researched some surrounding community colleges.

### San Bernardino Valley College

701 S Mt Vernon Ave San Bernard, CA 92410

(909) 384-4400

www.valleycollege.edu/

Miles From Grand Terrace High School: 6

Miles from Colton High School: 2

SBVC is now celebrating its 85th year. This school is a comprehensive community college, which means it offers many academic programs toward transferring to a four-year college. In addition, it has nursing, welding, computer information technology, electrical and many other occupational programs. Classes are available on weekend, morning, night and even online classes. This college is currently free to apply.

### Riverside Community College

4800 Magnolia Ave Riverside, CA 92506

(951) 222-8000

www.rccd.edu/

Miles from Grand Terrace High School: 6

Miles from Colton High School: 8

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# Arnold

by Ana Battle







## The Echo Wants to Get You in the Driver's Seat

By Chase Preciado, (2015), Staff Writer

**TITAN TOWN** - Titans who are 15 years old or older may want to start thinking about enrolling in driver's education classes.

But, with driver's education classes absent on campus and a thing of the past in public schools, thanks to budget cuts, the Echo researched several options in the Inland Empire.

Although nobody on the Echo staff has actually used any of the schools listed here, they are some local options for you to further investigate and we suggest you do diligently.

Whatever school you chose, be sure it is accredited and will get you the proper credentials to get you legally licensed.

**All Star Driving and Traffic School**  
(909) 948-5363  
8409 Haven Ave. Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730  
[www.allstardriving.biz/index.html](http://www.allstardriving.biz/index.html)

This organization offers both online and classroom instruction. For the online course, the cost is at a discount of \$50, according to their website. The class

room course is located in Rancho Cucamonga, as well as a location in Norco. Visit their website for more information.

**Guardian Angel Driving School**  
(909) 335-3053  
501 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA 92373  
[guardianangeldrivingschool.com](http://guardianangeldrivingschool.com)

Located in Redlands, this school also offers both online and classroom courses. For an online course, the price is \$29 and the Driver's Ed, plus Driver's Training is \$280. Visit their website for more details.

**DriversEd.com**

This website claims to get you in the "driver's seat as soon as possible with zero hassle." Their online course cost is \$99.

There is also a page on eHow.com that lists more driver's education options. You can find the page at the following link:  
[http://www.ehow.com/list\\_6640299\\_driving-schools-teens-inland-empire.html](http://www.ehow.com/list_6640299_driving-schools-teens-inland-empire.html) TZ

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RCC provides a diverse high quality, affordable education, according to its Web site. They offer career-technical, transferable, and pre-college courses. They also offer programs in liberal arts, science, performing arts, nursing and athletics.

**Chaffey College**  
5885 Haven Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737  
(909) 652-6000

<http://www.chaffey.edu/>  
Miles From Grand Terrace High School: 26  
Miles From Colton High School: 23

If you desire to get out of San Bernardino and go west, Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga is far and local enough. They also have campuses in Chino and Fontana. In addition to traditional courses that will get you in a four-year college toward a bachelor's degree, it has nursing and its own School of Business and Technology. TZ



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## TOP TEN JOBS !

By Lorena Hernandez (2015), Campus Editor

The following are the highest paying jobs according to CNN Money.

So, Titans check and see if your future career makes the list and if not, you might want to reconsider and prepare. TZ

1. **Neurosurgeon:** Someone who does surgery on the nervous system, mainly the brain  
**Average Annual Pay:** \$368,000  
**Top Annual Pay:** \$643,000  
**Subjects to Study:** Math, Biology

2. **Petroleum Engineer:** They are employed by a petroleum company to design, test, and apply methods to remove gasoline and oil from the earth and sea floor.  
**Average Annual Pay:** \$162,000  
**Top Annual Pay:** \$265,000  
**Subjects to Study:** Math, Physics, Geology, Earth Science

3. **Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA):** A nurse who specializes in the administration of anesthesia  
**Average Annual Pay:** \$159,000  
**Top Annual Pay:** \$205,000  
**Subjects to Study:** Math, Biology

4. **Petroleum Geologist:** A specialist in petroleum geology  
**Average Annual Pay:** \$149,000  
**Top Annual Pay:** \$247,000  
**Subjects to Study:** Math, Geology, Earth Science, Physics

5. **Dentist:** A specialist to treat the diseases and conditions that affect the teeth and gums  
**Average Annual Pay:** \$147,000  
**Top Annual Pay:** \$253,000  
**Subjects to Study:** Math, Biology

6. **Actuary:** Someone who compiles and analyzes statistics and uses them to calculate insurance risks and premiums.

**Average Annual Pay:** \$136,000  
**Top Annual Pay:** \$208,000  
**Subjects to Study:** Math, Statistics, History

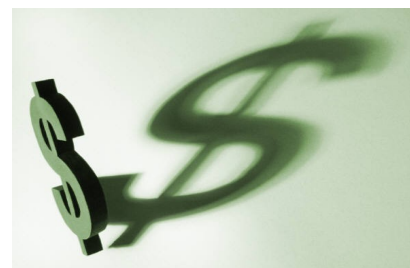
7. **Software Architect:** A computer programmer who makes high-level design choices and dictates technical standards  
**Average Annual Pay:** \$119,000  
**Top Annual Pay:** \$162,000  
**Subjects to Study:** Math

8. **Pharmacist:** A person who is professionally qualified to prepare and dispense medicinal drugs  
**Average Annual Pay:** \$114,000  
**Top Annual Pay:** \$133,000  
**Subjects to Study:** Biology

9. **Management Consultant:** Adviser to business about efficient management practices  
**Average Annual Pay:** \$110,000  
**Top Annual Pay:** \$198,000  
**Subjects to Study:** English, History

10. **SAP Basis Administrator:** Someone who installs configures and maintains software programs used for business management.  
**Average Annual Pay:** \$107,000  
**Top Annual Pay:** \$160,000  
**Subjects to Study:** Math

Source: CNN Money



## Carrier Shootout

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that are a little different than what other companies are doing.

Instead of a full-fledged contract, T-Mobile says they have done away with them and replaced them with installment plans.

For example, a Samsung Galaxy S3 a customer would pay a \$69 down payment. Then each month on top of your plan you will pay a small fee each month, which in this case will cost \$17.99. That fee will go toward paying off the entire phone price over a period of 24 months. As mentioned before, on top of your monthly fee,

you also have to pay for your monthly plan. An individual plan is \$50 a month, which will include unlimited talk, text, and data, which includes 500MB of high-speed data, but you have the option to add more high-speed data, which goes up to 2GB to unlimited.

If you choose to add a family plan, which starts at two lines, it will cost you \$80 a month for unlimited talk, text, and web. 500MB of that data will be high-speed, but you can add more high-speed data from 2GB to unlimited. After you reach your high-speed data limit speeds go down to 2G speeds.

It might sound like a lot, but the end result would be less expensive than other company's plans.

Discussing what makes T-Mobile great, Echo techie Jamram Somoso (2016) says, "call quality was fine, internet speed was great, and I like their customer service". No doubt customer service is the best quality from T-Mobile.

Overall the Echo strongly recommends Verizon, as the go-to carrier for your new or next Smartphone, because of their great coverage, and a variety of plans to suit your needs. TZ

### The Titan Echo Rank System

1- Awesome, 2-Great, 3-Good/Ok, 4-not worth it, and 5-stay away

**Verizon: 1**

**T-Mobile: 2**

**AT&T: 3**

**Sprint: 3**