

# THE TITAN ECHO

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## GT Native Forecasts Weather on TV

By Jose Castaneda (2014), Campus Writer

**BURBANK, CA** - In the morning you might tune to NBC Channel 4 to watch the weather report by meteorologist Crystal Egger.

She appears across the screen, explaining weather patterns and forecasting conditions for probably hundreds of thousands of people living in Southern California.

What you may not know about Mrs. Egger is that she grew up on Barton Road in Grand Terrace, learned to spell and read at Terrace View Elementary School and graduated from Colton High School in 1996. Yes, she is a Yellow Jacket and GT native!

At CHS, she had Mr. Kirk McVey and Mrs. Karla Huesca, teachers that transferred from CHS and currently teach at Grand Terrace High School.

"I remember Mr. McVey, Mrs. Wahl, Mrs. Huesca, Mrs. Cisneros, Mr. Seaburger, Mr. Degroff, and of course, my awesome uncle, Mr. Chad Bishop, who is a Math teacher at CHS," Mrs. Egger said.

Mrs. Huesca recalled seeing her on the Weather Channel.

"I wondered to myself if that was my Crystal," Mrs. Huesca said. "It's great to see her so successful. As a teacher, it makes me feel good to see our students doing what they want in life."

After traveling and living all over the country before returning to Southern California, Mrs. Egger still comes back to our little town proving you can't take the IE out of this girl.

"I visit the Inland Empire often to see my family and to eat at my favorite spots: Miguel's and Taco Joe's," Mrs. Egger said.

Mrs. Egger also recalls many fun times growing up in Grand Terrace. She entered a beauty pageant with her girlfriends and did a humorous rendition to The Simpsons' "Do the



Crystal Egger (CHS, 1996) reporting for the Weather Channel. She grew up in Grand Terrace before becoming a meteorologist and traveling the nation. Photos courtesy of Mrs. Egger

Bartman" dance on stage at Terrace Hills Middle School.

"The video haunts me to this day," she said.

After Mrs. Egger graduated from CHS, she earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara, majoring in communications. Then, she completed a meteorology program at Mississippi State University.

"I didn't develop a strong interest (in meteorology) until I started working for a college TV station and had several opportunities to do the weather in front of the camera," she said.

Her first job was at Cable News 16 in San Diego. She then traveled to ABC affiliate KIFI in Idaho Falls. After that, she was a weather anchor for Fox affiliate KDVR in Denver. It wasn't long before the Weather Channel hired her to report on national weather and appeared in several nationally televised broadcasts like NBC Nightly News, MSNBC and the Weekend Today Show. Presently, she is back in Southern California anchoring from 430 a.m. to 7 a.m. at NBC Channel 4.

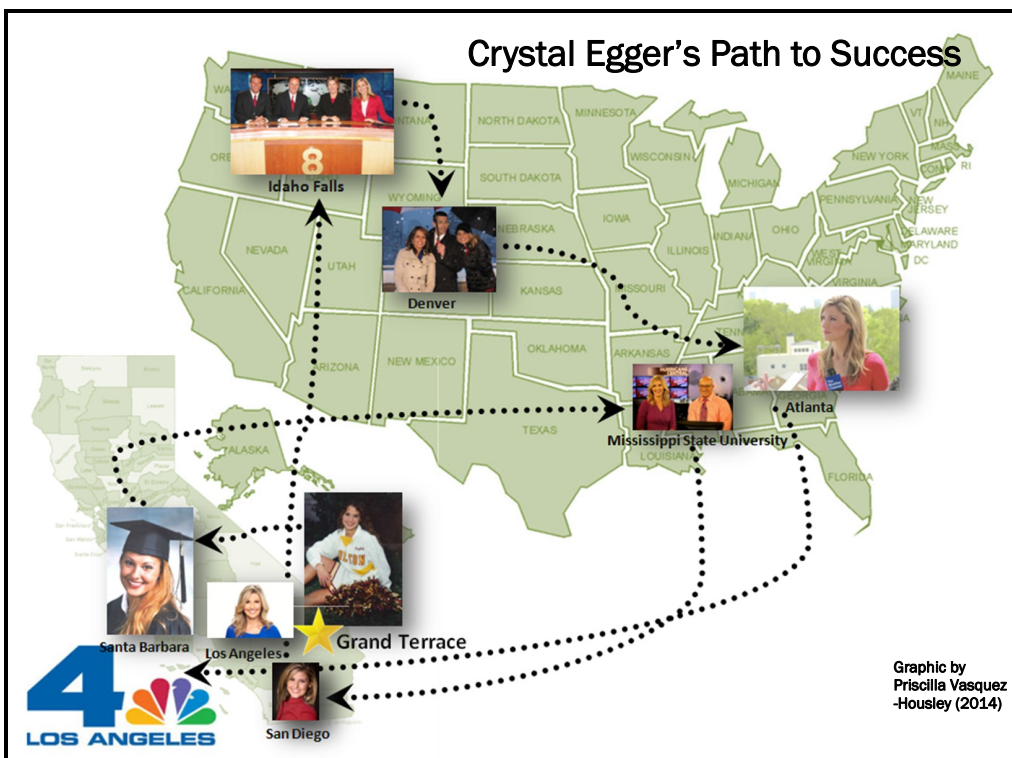
"While my career has allowed me to travel to many states in the last ten years and live in big cities, I've realized that some of my favorite spots are smaller towns like Grand Terrace. ... It will always be a special place," Mrs. Egger said.

Mrs. Egger encourages students to find their path after high school whether they stay in the IE or travel. But, she believes leaving your hometown "opens your eyes to the world around you."

She said she has learned about herself, found self-confidence and met people from all over the country.

"It was life-changing for me."

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### Single As a Pringle?

By Victoria Melton (2015), Campus Writer

**TITAN TOWN** - Valentine's Day is known as the day to demonstrate love for a special someone.

But, what about the roughly 70 percent of teenagers (my approximation) who do not have a special someone?

The most frequently asked question becomes, "what can I do on Valentine's Day if I am single?" Below are fun ways to lighten up the Valentine's Day social pressure.

**Girls' Night Out** - A girls' night out is a great way to decrease pressure by spending it with a group of your closest friends. Go see a movie and exchange fun Valentine's Day gifts. Enjoy the night catching up and restoring friendships.

**Singles' Party** - Throwing a party exclusively for singles is a fun way to dance the night away and to meet and interact with new and familiar faces. Make sure you stick to a singles only invite list. Those other people have themselves, remember?

**Family Day** - Valentine's Day doesn't have to be the focus of couples. Make it an unofficial Family Day to show that you love someone no matter who they are. After doing this you and your family will become closer and it will be good quality time.

**Acts of Appreciation** - Why not turn Valentine's Day into a day of appreciation. Whip up a batch of deserts and share them with the people you appreciate the most. Use this day to show your gratitude and appreciation to the ones closest to you and spread the warmth of friendship.

**Free Hugs** - A free hug day may sound weird but it's not! Statistics prove that ten hugs a day can change a person's mood. Some students may never receive a hug throughout the day. Change that. This is the perfect day to change a mood especially those that are constantly pressured by society to have a someone. TΣ

### College Choices are Far and Wide

By Elyssa Shaw (2014) Campus News Editor  
**TITAN TOWN**—With Grand Terrace High School's first class graduating this year, college is a hot topic.

There are so many universities and community colleges to choose from. This gives students the option to either go to school somewhere close, far, in state or out of state.

The Titan Echo conducted an informal poll to determine the college buzz.

Twenty out of 25 students polled said they will be applying to a university over a community college. Surprisingly, that just leaves five students planning on attending a community college.

Community colleges are popular because they are typically close to home and cost beneficial.

"I'm going to go to a community college for two years and then going to transfer to a four-year after," said Isaac Martinez (2014).

Although four-year universities can be sure to empty out your wallets, they typically do have a lot more to offer and seniors are hoping to be accepted by top-tier universities.

"I would like to go to UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Davis, or UC Santa Cruz. Any university basically," said Priscilla Vasquez-Housley (2014).

If you are attending a far away school, you will most likely live on campus. That's good, experts say.

"Studies have shown students who do decide to stay on campus earn better grades, and are more likely to graduate in 4 years," says the University of Rutgers.

Where you attend college is entirely dependent on students and their situation. Factors such as grades, GPA, distance from home, financial situation and career should all be considered. TΣ

**Top University Choices on Campus**

UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Davis, USC, University of Texas, University San Diego, Cal Poly Pomona, California State San Bernardino, UC Riverside

**Community Colleges**

San Bernardino Valley Community College, Riverside Community College, Chaffey Community College

Methodology: 25 Juniors and seniors were polled by the Titan Echo

## Hole in the Wall is a Slap in the Face

For those of us who became the first Titans last year, remember how momentous it was seeing our new school for the first time.

Personally, I remember coming to campus for Freshmen Orientation and was amazed at how new and clean the school looked.

I remember thinking that the school was so well-built and that it would probably stand for centuries just like

Colton High School, which was established in 1896.

However, I am beginning to think it won't make it.

As the first school year went on, I felt like the school started to lose its clean look. People started tagging the buildings and gym and the walls in the hallways had many large spots of dirt. Restrooms were shut down due to many incidents, including etching on mirrors.

This year, however we think

the vandalism of our campus has gotten worse than last year.

Earlier this year, the A Building had a very large hole in one of the walls on the west end of the first floor.

Although we don't know the cause of the hole we assume it was an act of vandalism and not accidental.

Either way, it shows a blatant disregard for the taxpayer's efforts to educate us

a state-of-the-art school.

It's a slap in the face to parents, taxpayers, teachers, district employees, school board members and construction workers that made such a humanitarian effort to educate us.

They care for our future and this is how we show them gratitude?

This kind of negligence toward our school is concerning to us since we were all so

lucky to have a brand new school.

Most do not get this kind of opportunity. But, we must not forget that our school and its amenities will only stay in good condition if we, as a whole, take care of it. TΣ

*The opinions were written and formed by the Titan Echo's Assistant Editor, Chase Preciado but expresses the views of a panel of the Echo's student editors.*

## Black Friday Message Corrupts Thanksgiving Meaning

Black Friday is an unofficial holiday that occurs every year on the day after Thanksgiving.

The holiday is the source of numerous extreme shopping deals, and as a result, the holiday is known for being both the busiest and arguably the most violent, shopping day of the year.

The most recent Black Friday occurred on Friday, Nov. 29, 2013.

However, I was astounded when I saw on the news that many stores had opened early in the evening of Thanksgiving, instead of opening at midnight on Friday.

Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite

holidays, because it makes me truly think about what I'm grateful for and how truly lucky I am to have the life that I do.

I was angry that Black Friday had moved over into Thanksgiving, because I feel that it's taking away from the very meaning of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Instead of people spending time at home with their families, celebrating and showing gratefulness for what they have, they are lined up at the doors of stores showing that they are not grateful but greedy for the deals and merchandise.

Can you see the irony produced by retail and brand corporations?

Black Friday shouldn't occur on Thanksgiving, because of its contradiction and how it's diluting our western heritage.

Deals are temporary and come around all year long, but memories created with the ones we love are priceless and come around once in a lifetime. TΣ

## TITAN TALK

### Is PDA Out of Control?

By Susan Danilewicz (2017),  
Writer-in-Training

**TITAN TOWN** -We see them every day at every corner and every wall.

They are cuddling, seemingly looking like they are one person. Yes, you know who we are talking about. We are talking about those couples who although are annoying to some, they seem to be in their own world.

The Titan Echo asked Titans if there was too much PDA (public display of affection) on campus.

"I think if you're going to do PDA, at least know how to kiss." - Mecca McFadden (2014)

"No, it's a little bad. It's the same all year." - Jay Samperio (2014)

"Sometimes, but it's not bad." - Vanessa Laura (2014)

"Yeah, it's a whole lot. I think girls should respect themselves more. They should tone it down." - Julian Graham (2016)

"It's disgusting. It's just very annoying." - Capri Adams (2014)

"It makes me feel lonely." - Name Withheld (2015) TΣ

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## Unsuccessful Pickup Lines and Witty Comebacks

He: Can I buy you a Starbucks?

She: Actually, I'd rather have the money.

He: Will you go out with me this Saturday?

She: Sorry, I have a headache this weekend.

He: Go on. Don't be shy. Ask me out.

She: OK. Go out.

He: I think I could make you very happy.

She: Why? Are you leaving?

He: Where have you been all my life?

She: Hiding from you.

Compiled by Crystal DeBerry (2015) Source: Twitter

By Priscilla Vasquez-Housley (2014), Campus Writer

**TITAN TOWN** - Just a few yards from Grand Terrace High School's front gates is one of the most irritating nuisances that many encounter on a daily basis -- the train.

Countless Titans start their mornings frantically rushing trying to get to school on time, only to be abruptly stopped. Many wait for upwards of ten minutes with nowhere to go.

The constant railroad traffic has always been annoying, but with a 40 percent increase in students this year, the bottleneck traffic has worsened. Students and staff only have a couple of options when choosing which road to take to school. Unfortunately for Titans, that often involves running the risk of being delayed by a train.

However, being late isn't the only problem active railroads can cause. According to a train safety education organization called Operation Life-saver, a person or vehicle is hit by a train every three hours in the U.S.

Most of the time this happens when someone tries driving around the crossing zone while the bars are down.

A train derailment is another concern. A derailment occurs when an obstruction on the tracks or a fault with the train causes it to lose control, which is just as dangerous as it sounds. Hundreds of tons of metal hurl off the tracks and obliterate anything in their paths. These events are as unpredictable as they are deadly.

In addition, industrial railroad traffic has always been known for its noxious pollution, and our local railroads are no different.

## EXPECT NO BREAK FROM TRAIN



A GTHS student stands dangerously close to a speeding train on Main Street.

According to a Huffington Post article about extensive train pollution in Southern California, the amount of deadly particles released into the air has been reduced over the years. New regulations are being put into place to further improve air quality, but the smoke is still far from okay for adolescent lungs.

Bystanders, especially young people, are at risk for developing respiratory problems, cancer and other ailments if exposed for too long. Lead, cadmium and arsenic are just some of the poisons you can find in the smoke.

The Natural Resources Defense Council, a group dedicated to keeping

the environment healthy, discovered multiple train loading areas in California with excessive levels of these toxins leaking out into nearby areas. San Bernardino's trains were just one of the culprits.

Mr. Richard Shields is the development director for the city of Grand Terrace. He said there are no future plans to alleviate railroad issues despite that presence of a new high school yards away.

"I personally put in a request to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, but there's been no new news for a while now," Mr. Shields said. The Federal Transportation Improvement Program, FTIP, is a list of all proposed transportation projects

planned for the next six years. While actions have been taken to suggest improvements in traffic around our school, no plans have come to fruition and are not expected to very soon. Mr. Shields noted that a lot of our problems rely on sufficient funds to be fixed, which just isn't possible with the economy in its current state.

"We've talked about plans to widen Main Street, and if we did, a lot of things would change in Grand Terrace," Mr. Shields added.

The Titan Echo made several attempts to speak with Congressman Gary Miller. Mr. Miller represents Grand Terrace and areas nearby in the House of Representatives and serves as a senior member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which oversees railroads among many other modes of travel. He never responded.

Increasing the danger is the fact that the crossing on Main Street has no pedestrian signs, warning students to stand a safe distance from the train or any additional safety signage or road markings.

Students are encouraged to be vigilant and stay completely aware of their surroundings. Anyone walking home should not even think about crossing the tracks when the bars are activated and look both ways even when bars aren't down. It's not difficult to get caught in the railing, especially when trying to hurry in order to avoid an oncoming train.

"The tracks are not meant for pedestrian crossing at all," said GTHS Principal Angela Dischinger.

Mrs. Dischinger added there are plans to teach students more about staying safe around trains in the near future. TΣ

## Mrs. Villegas is the New AP



Mrs. Villegas is settling in her new job as AP at GTHS. Photo by Jonathan Guerra, Photo Editor

By Elyssa Shaw (2014) and Madison Sachs (2015) Campus Writers

**TITAN TOWN** - Mrs. Deborah Villegas was appointed the new assistant principal, filling the position left open when Mr. Scott Boggs left to head a district department.

Mrs. Villegas' first day at GTHS was November 4. She has been working for the district for 14 years and ten years as a history teacher.

If she looks familiar, that's because she has worked at Ruth O'Harris, Colton Middle, and Colton High schools.

She was born and raised in Redlands, California.

The Titan Echo interviewed Mrs. Villegas to give students insight on who she is. She appeared friendly but her demeanor was definitely strong.

**Q:** How do you like it at GTHS?

**A:** I like it a lot, it's really nice, and the facilities are beautiful. It's also exciting to see some of my old students.

**Q:** What made you interested in becoming A.P.?

**A:** I felt that being Assistant Principal, I would be able to help more students.

**Q:** How were you appointed as A.P.?

**A:** I had to go through two interviews, and then I had to get approval from the school board.

**Q:** Was it hard to adjust to your new job?

**A:** Kind of because I had to find out where everything was, and who was in charge of what.

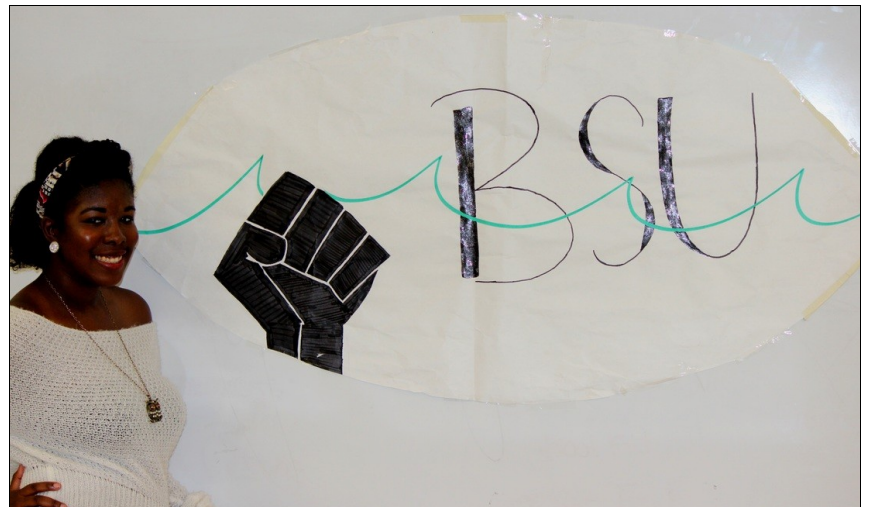
**Q:** How is the transition from being with students all day to being around more staff?

**A:** I miss being with the kids, but I like that some days, I get to help them out.

**Q:** What is your favorite thing about GTHS?

**A:** My favorite thing about GT is that I get to see some of my previous students and be a part of a brand new school and the first graduating class. TΣ

## BSU Hits Their Mark



BSU Club President Lonyai Redmond (2014) Photo by Jonathan Guerra (2015)

By Madison Sachs (2015), Campus Writer

**TITAN TOWN**—With about thirty students, the Black Student Union (BSU) has been busy.

The school club has held continuous meetings, step practices and preparing for their upcoming showcase in February, when they will honor Black History Month.

Black History Month is a significant month that honors African Americans who made a difference in history. People such as Rosa Parks, Jackie Robinson, and Martin Luther King Jr. are among the most popular figures. And for the BSU, it is the highlight of their school year.

"Black history is American history," said BSU Club President Lonyai Redmond (2014).

Step practices have been the BSU's latest form of African American expression, in which BSU has been practicing and perfecting. They are scheduled to

make their first appearance at a future rally.

Stepping is a blend of drills and footsteps accompanied by hand-claps and vocal words. Stepping came from Greek sororities and fraternities in the 1900's at college campuses. These songs were later fused with African dances and today that form of dance is known as "stepping."

Whether in the classroom explaining African customs or performing step, BSU has been busy.

The club is open to all students and meetings are usually held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in room A-111.

"BSU isn't about being black, it is welcoming to all races," said club advisor, Mrs. Sanya Valdivia (English).

"It would be a great way to celebrate diversity." TΣ

# OBAMACARE, OBAMACARE, OBAMACARE...

## What is It and Why Should I Care?



**The Controversy:** President Barack Obama (left) and democrats fiercely defend the Affordable Care Act as one of the nation's top responsibilities and was one of the president's campaign promises. Obama says the law will give healthcare insurance to every American, which will ultimately improve the economy by having a healthy stable workforce. Republicans, led by Speaker of the House and Rep. John Boehner (right), say the bill is too expensive to maintain, makes the government unnecessarily bigger and the private market should remain the main provider of health insurance. The republicans remain hostile to the law and have attempted to reverse it forty times in Congress. Social science teacher, Mr. David Crane (center) explains the law and its implications to the nation and students.

By Jose Castaneda (2014) and Adrian Alcantar (2014), Staff Writers

**TITAN TOWN—** Millions of Americans are scrambling to find a health care plan for President Barack Obama's new law, the Affordable Care Act.

The law, nicknamed "Obamacare" has been the hot topic this year and the term has been thrown around negatively and positively without no one really knowing what it is. Republicans have attempted to repeal the now-in-effect law, claiming it's un-American and will not help, but impede Americans and businesses.

Whether you like it or not the Affordable Care Act is law and will

soon affect everyone.

As much as you hate it or love it you must be informed. Every young adult will need to realize that this should be a priority on their growing list of responsibilities while transitioning into adulthood, like car insurance and taxes.

This special report will answer and dispel most of the myths that concern "Obamacare."

Hopefully, it will give students a clearer picture of what it really is and how it affects them.

Social science teacher, Mr. David Crane is the school's very own expert on government policy. He is an economics, history and government teacher.

The Echo asked Mr. Crane the key questions.

**TE:** What is Obamacare?

**Mr. Crane:** The Affordable Care Act is an attempt to ensure universal health insurance, which will do two things. One, make sure that the welfare of the nation is cared for and two, in the long run, reduce the cost of medical care.

**TE:** How does it work?

**Mr. Crane:** It works by providing subsidies and regulations for insurance companies, as well as requiring everyone to have health insurance or face a fine (...like car insurance).

**TE:** Can it affect students?

**Mr. Crane:** Yes, in two ways. One, students will be allowed to stay on their parents plan longer, and two they will be required to purchase health insurance, which many young people do not do, so it may cost more in the short run.

**TE:** Why is it so controversial?

**Mr. Crane:** Any time the government regulates something people claim that we are becoming a communist nation. They also claim that government is not as efficient as the free market in providing services.

For more information you can visit the website, [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)  
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## Teens leave Facebook for Twitter and Instagram

By Chase Preciado (2016), Assistant Editor

**TITAN TOWN —** Teenagers and college students propelled the Facebook craze since 2005.

For nearly a decade the Facebook faithful have posted pictures, events, poked (remember poke?) and promoted themselves.

But, studies now say the bulk of the Facebook generation has left for the greener pastures of Twitter and Instagram.

Many young people seem to prefer Twitter over Facebook because on Facebook, they are connected to more adults that can supervise their content.

Since Twitter is less frequented by adults, Twitter is more secure for younger people to express themselves without causing attention to their families and other adults.

"I like Twitter because I can talk to people and there's more privacy,"

said Ismael Gonzalez (2017).

"I like Twitter because you can talk more with your friends," said Larry Lunden (2017).

People have always used Facebook for different personal reasons.

For example, some people use Facebook to connect with relatives that they don't see very often, and keep them updated on what's happening in their life.

Others use Facebook for their main social network.

Whatever the reason for using the site, Facebook offers a wide range of features, including status updates, instant messages, comments and photo sharing, as well as individual groups and personal, and business-related pages.

However, Twitter, which was launched in 2006, two years after Facebook's 2004 launch, has spiked in popularity, especially with teenagers.

According to nbclosangeles.com, Twitter's teenage user base doubled from 8 to 16 percent in 2012 and continues to grow as more teens leave Facebook for other social media.

Twitter, which is slightly different than Facebook, allows users to read and post "Tweets." Tweets are text-based messages that are at a maximum of 140 characters in length.

Numerous celebrities have accounts and are active on the site, making it an easy and convenient place for them to interact with their fans, and vice versa.

According to Susan Danilowicz (2017) when asked why she preferred Twitter over Facebook, she said, "You can put totally random stuff on there. It's easy to use, and is much easier." TΣ

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## Teams Get a Bump in 2013-14

By Zachary Wilson (2015), Sports Writer

**TITAN TOWN** - So far the 2013-14 sports year for Grand Terrace High School is vastly improving when compared to last year and the teams are looking favorable through the year's end.

Varsity football improved over last year, climbing from a record of 1-9 in the 2012 season to 4-6 in the 2013 schedule.

Varsity boys' basketball is .500 through Feb. 6 with a 10-10 record overall and 3-3 in the Sunkist League.

They also beat cross-town rival Colton High School in a close game, 62-60 on Jan. 22 in Yellow Jacket territory, according to the MaxPreps website. This a team that won zero games last year.

The team is scheduled to meet the Yellow Jackets again at home on Feb. 7.

Girls' Varsity is currently 12-7 overall and 5-2 in league play. They are holding on to second place in the Sunkist League just behind Summit High School.

Junior varsity basketball is 14-1 overall and 4-0 in league through Feb. 4.

The tennis team made it all the way to CIF playoffs but lost the first round. They became the school's first league champs as well.

"I am really proud of all the teams here at GTHS, they are doing an amazing job putting their hearts into everything they do and not giving up." TΣ

## JV Girls' Soccer Continues Streak

By Zachary Wilson (2015), Sports Writer

**TITAN TOWN** - The girls' JV soccer team traveled to Fontana on Jan. 29 and scored a tremendous win, winning 9-0 in the away conference game.

"I know they kicked butt, and for Coach Nancy's (Rodriguez) sake, since she was a former coach and player, it's always nice to beat Fontana," said Sydney Gilstrap (2015).

The win is no surprise. The team also dominated Rubidoux, Loma Linda Academy, West Valley and Summit high schools this year by completely outscoring them and defending.

They have 11 shutouts this year through Feb. 6, according to the MaxPreps website.

Last year the girls' soccer team went 13-1-2 in overall play and 8-0-2 in league, which saw high scoring offense dominate other teams.

So far the team is 9-2-3 overall and 3-0-1 in league, indicating they might do as well as they did last year. TΣ



Grand Terrace High School's first league champion banner hangs in the gym. Photo by Johnathan Guerra (2015), Photo Editor

## Girls' Tennis is School's First League Champs

By Zachary Wilson (2015), Sports Writer

**TITAN TOWN** - Titan Town is finally Title Town as the Girls' Tennis Team won the school's first Sunkist League Championship.

Last year the team finished in last place and this year improved to 7-2 by beating Summit High School in Fontana twice.

They won by winning a tiebreaker from them, taking away their status as the first place team in the Sunkist League.

"It was really exciting, especially since we won against a really good team that we weren't sure we could beat again," said Vivian Meza (2015), a player on the team.

"But it was crazy to think that our little tennis team that gets practically zero attention from the rest of school

was the one to make history first."

However, the Titans did not advance far in the CIF playoffs despite their league championship because they lost to Aquinas High School in San Bernardino in the first round playoffs, which ended their great season.

The team really improved from last to this year, however.

In the individual season there were three Titans that won single matches. They include Zoa Russell (2014), who took second place in singles.

Russell had previously beaten the eventual winner, but was sick the day of the playoffs, Mr. Kirk Mcvey said, the tennis team coach.

Meza took fourth place in singles.

Seniors Jaz Amador and Liz Rosas managed to take third place in singles. TΣ

## Baseball Preview: Can Teams Build on Average 2012-13 Seasons?

By Zachary Wilson (2015), Sports Writer

**TITAN TOWN** - Next month, the baseball teams will begin playing the regular season.

They have been practicing and playing preseason games.

"The teams have been playing other schools to get ready for the regular season," said Carson Sanchez (2015), a catcher on the JV team.

The varsity team was 13-14 last year with Coach Mike Reh.

The JV team went 13-14 as well under Coach Brandon Ortega, according to the MaxPreps website.

"I cant wait to see how the teams will improve this year, Sanchez said.

Their first regular season game will take place March 1 at Rialto High School .TΣ

### Baseball Schedule Through March 2014

- 3/1 @ Rialto
- 3/6 Rim of the World
- 3/11 @ Romona
- 3/16 San Jacinto
- 3/19 @ Colton
- 3/24 Bloomington Christian
- 3/25 Pacific
- 3/26 San Jacinto

Source: MaxPreps

## TITAN SOCRE BOX FALL SPORTS



Varsity 4-6

JV 8-0



Girls' Varsity 13-8

### FALL SPORTS

THROUGH FEB. 6



Girls' Varsity 12-7

Girls' JV 17-1

Girls' Frosh 6-3

Boys' Varsity 10-10



Girls' Varsity 14-3-5

Girls' JV 10-3-3

Boys' Varsity 6-10-2

Source: MaxPreps

# What to Expect This Year

By Paul Villalobos (2015), Technology Editor

**THE FUTURE** —2013 has come and gone, and in the world of tech, 2014 is shaping up to be a pretty interesting year.

The Titan Echo put together a list of things we might see this year in technology.

### Wearable Technology

Expect wearable technology to skyrocket this year, with smartwatches and internet connected glasses taking over the market.

Many tech companies such as Apple, Microsoft, HTC, and Samsung, are expected to release some sort of wearable technology, and we are excited to see what they will bring to the table.

### Flexible Displays

This past year saw the rise of flexible displayed Smartphone's, such as the LG G Flex, and the Galaxy Round, but with this latest fad we should expect more flexible action from other companies.

Whether this trend will become popular remains to be seen (remember 3D?). Regardless, expect more flexible Smartphone's to invade the Smartphone marketplace.



### Bigger Phones, Modular Phones

Last year we saw an unprecedented surge in the phablet (phone/tablet) space.

With Smartphones such as the Galaxy Mega 6.3, and HTC One Maxx pushing the boundaries between tablets and phones, displays now measure around the 6-inch area. And we don't expect this trend to stop, with more phablet sized Smartphone's and possibly a Tablet/Smartphone hybrid.

Motorola aims at creating the world's first modular Smartphone, with Project Ara. Motorola so far has been quite open with the on-going project, and even mentions it in their blog post that they are expecting to release a developer edition of the fabled phone this winter.

Hopefully we can expect a consumer launch date sometime this year.

### In the next 5 years

While 2014 will certainly be an awesome year for technology, what about the next five years?

Five years is a while from now, but a very short one for technology. If you were to ask me what technology we might see in the next 5 years, I would say a more connected world.

We are already connected as it is, but in the next 5 years I envision more things connected.

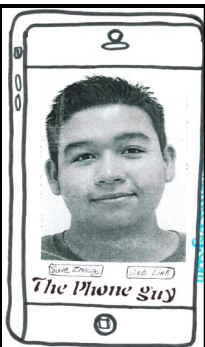
For example, washing machines will tell you to reload your clothes via text message, your dinner plate showing you how much you should really eat, and the list goes on and on, just be creative.

Expect more automobiles to be driverless, a move that will probably not catch on for years to come, but may be an option made available in the next five years.

Additionally, things like foldable smartphones and walls that are a massive tablet will be available soon. The future looks very bright.

Five years is a long time to wait, and 2014 will hopefully be the year we see technology advance in a broader scale, one that will transform our world into a futuristic utopia.

I quote Albert Einstein, "Imagination is more important than knowledge." TΣ



# The Best Tablets Around

The Phone Guy Compares the Nexus, G Pad, Surface, Note and iPad to Determine Which is Best for You

By Paul Villalobos (2015), Technology Editor

**CYBERSPACE**—Tablets have become popular among consumers and students at Grand Terrace High School.

Tablets are continuing to play a major role in the tech industry, with many now opting for tablets instead of laptop computers.

The following are the top five tablets you should consider if you are going in that direction.

### Asus Google Nexus 7 (2013)



The newly updated Nexus 7 tablet is definitely the go-to tablet of choice for those on a budget. The Nexus 7 (2013) only costs \$229 for the 16GB model and \$100 more for the 32GB model.

The Nexus 7 also has a sweet list of specifications, including a very sharp 1920x1200 HD display, Snapdragon 600 quad core processor, and Android 4.3 right out of the box.

As a plus, the Nexus 7 will be receiving the latest and best operating

system updates from Google before anyone else. You can purchase the Nexus 7 at a variety of retailers.



### LG G Pad 8.3

Those looking for the perfect sized tablet should gravitate to the LG G Pad 8.3. The G Pad has a slew of great specs and very lovely design. Specs include a 8.3-inch 1920x1200 display, Snapdragon 600 quad core processor, and has a 4,600 mAh battery.

The G Pad will cost \$349 for the starting 16GB model.



### Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1 (2014):

Samsung has refreshed its line of

tablets.

Those looking for a 10-inch tablet will want to consider the Galaxy Note 10.1 (2014).

Released at the IFA Trade Show in Berlin, the Note 10.1 has some pretty decent specs.

Specs include a 2560x1600 display with a 2.3GHz Quad Core processor, and an amazing 3GB of RAM. The Note 10.1 will cost \$549 for the starting model.



### Surface Pro 2

Microsoft recently updated its own series of tablets, including the new Surface Pro 2.

If you're a fan of the Windows look and feel, then the Surface Pro 2 is for you.

The Surface Pro has a kickstand which now features two different angles instead of one, ensuring that your experience of the Pro 2 is solid all around.

The Pro also has 1.6GHz Intel Core i5 processor, a 1080p HD display, expandable storage and sports either 4GB or 6GB of RAM.

The Pro 2 will start at \$899. Anyone who is in love the Windows ecosystem should consider the Surface Pro 2.



### Apple iPad Air

The new iPad Air is by far the best tablet ever made by Apple.

The new iPad Air features thinner bezels and design similar to that of the iPad Mini. The iPad Air is remarkably thin at only 7.5mm thick. And, it weighs only one pound.

The iPad Air contains the new A7 chip and it screams speed with applications and games faster than ever.

The iPad Air went on sale recently starting at \$499 for the 16GB Wi-Fi only model. TΣ



# Too Much or Too Little:

## A GUY'S GUIDE ON THE USE OF COLONGE

By Crystal DeBerry (2015), Fashion Writer

**TITAN TOWN**— Cologne commercials usually send the message that wearing it will attract women.

For example, Axe conveys the one where a young, not so attractive, boy sprays himself with it and is instantly being chased by a mob of really gorgeous women.

But does wearing cologne really work? Does a guy really need to wear it?

When a girl wears perfume, its routine. But, not every guy feels the need to wear cologne and it becomes more of a statement.

However, cologne's strong smell needs to be tamed. Its overpowering. Anything more than two dashes or sprays gives a girl only a headache to remember you by.

Still, most guys overdo it.

To put the myth of "guaranteed" cologne magnetism to the test, the Titan Echo asked a few guys to see if wearing cologne has helped them score the digits.

"A good smelling guy gets da ladies," said Erron Jauregui (2015).

Some guys are a bit more cautious about putting too much.

"... you don't want to stink," exclaimed Christopher Soloman (2017).

Now, we are getting somewhere, Christopher. Stinking is bad. Giving off a subtle scent is good.

"If you wear a little, it helps," said Jordan Underwood (2014).

Jordan added that one should never wear too much or you could be scaring girls away. Finally, some good advice Jordan. But, does it really help?

Where do the girls stand on cologne? Listen up guys, here are some clues.

"I don't like a guy that wears cologne because it's always too strong," said Alexis Ingram (2016).

I do think many girls can be traumatized like Alexis.

"If you wear cologne it continuously keeps that scent in your head all day," said Victoria Melton (2015).

Your scent is part of your personality!

Sophomore Alyssa Alaniz said that she loves it when a guy smells nice.

True Alyssa, when you hug a guy you like to smell something besides his deodorant and breathe.

But, Isabel Aguilar (2016) said "it depends on what cologne they wear?"

Isabel is right. It totally depends on the type of cologne that will either give you a headache or catch your

breath.

The following potions are the ones I would consider "professional" colognes. They smell a lot better than the average drug store Axe or simple headache spray.

They include: Paco Rabanna's 1 Million Intense, Y'ves Saint Laurent L'Homme, Gold by Jay Z, Versace's Eros, Calvin Klein's Encounter, Hollister's So Cal, John Varvatos and Ralph Lauren's Polo Blue.

Personally, coming from a person that wears perfume all the time, I love the Hollister smell. I think that a guy that smells good is a keeper, but if you stink it could also be a definite deal breaker!

### Hollister Sol Cal

It's clean, fresh, and masculine. This cologne truly embodies the laidback beach life.



### Versace

This classic fragrance can transition very easily from casual to business use. It is spicy and has a fresh scent of fruits, jasmine musk, wood and amber. Its also Versace's top selling cologne.



### Gucci

The very scent of defiance, for the most contemporary of rebels, top notes of lavender and lemon. Very professional smell of cedar wood and patchouli. TΣ



# Carefree, Casual or Clean-cut

## Which are You and What that Does Your Style Say About You?

By Ana Battle (2014) and Crystal DeBerry (2015), Fashion Writers

**TITAN TOWN** - Every guy in school has a fashion style.

For brevity, we can categorize these styles into three: carefree, casual, and clean-cut.

Carefree guys often look as if they favor certain pieces of clothing and don't like haircuts. They don't change much.

But, its not a bad thing because what they are actually doing is prioritizing comfort and convenience over fashion.

"I already have a lot of things to stress about, so I just grab whatever is in front of me, and that's the pick of the day," said Jake Cravens (2014).

"I consider my styles slightly lazy but not over the top," said James Munoz (2014).

It is safe to assume that the Carefree dressers enjoy comfort and ease and don't like to stress. They embody Hakuna matata.

And although they may look a bit sloppy at times, at least they make an effort to not completely ignore social norms of dress.

Casual guys aren't so shabby or shaggy. They reach the equilibrium between carefree and clean-cut. They wear some name brand and keep their hair neat and trim.

"I dress casual because I don't care how people label me. I wear what I like and what I like is comfort with a stylish flare," said John Repuyan (2014).

The casual dressers have some benefits because anytime they want to stand out, they spice up their dress or they can take it down a notch. Nobody will really notice. Walking on both sides of the fence is a part of who they are.

And now the lions of the school, full of pride and poised to catch eyes, the clean-cuts.

For clean-cut guys, clothing is not only an expression of themselves, but how they want people to see them.

They wear high end wear, immaculately clean-white shoes, jewelry and keep not only their hair trimmed but eyebrows too.

If you don't know what category you fall into, the Titan Echo created a helpful guide. If you wear at least two of the pieces in one category consistently, guess what? You are mostly likely that category. TΣ

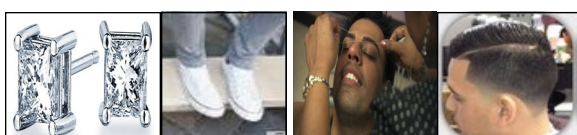
## Two or more?



= CAREFREE



= CASUAL



= CLEAN-CUT

# Valentines' Day Grams

To: Crystal DeBerry  
From: Jonathan Guerra, Zach Wilson and Ana Battle

Happy 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

To: Michael Segovia  
From: Jocelyn Bermudez

Happy Valentines' Day  
☺ I Love You!



# Is Sorority Life for You?

By Victoria Melton (2015), Campus Writer

**TITAN TOWN-** Women of the first graduation class of Grand Terrace High School will soon be experiencing college life.

One part of the college life that many chose to be a part of is the sorority.

A sorority is defined as group of young women at a college who help the community, one another, and show school spirit.

But, does this definition stand up because the common view of a sorority is a group of uninhibited young girls that party and are care-free when it comes to academics.

The Titan Echo conducted a probe to attain a better understanding of what actually goes on in a sorority.

The biggest fear about joining a sorority is the thought of having to go through some type of initiation process that is supposed to demonstrate your willingness to become a sorority member no matter how demeaning.

Applicants are called pledges. If a pledge passes the initiation, they are allowed in the exclusive group.

But in the past, these rituals have resulted in serious injury or even death.

Because of these incidents, California law and colleges prohibit hazing, which is the process of torturing people. According to the University of Rochester, 82 percent of all hazing deaths involve alcohol.

The University of Rochester says that hazing falls into three

major categories: subtle hazing, harassment hazing, and violent hazing and warns that “hazing at any level has the capacity to inflict mental and physical harm on its target.”

And although sororities deny that hazing happens, initiation processes are secret.

Ms. Christine Romero (Social Sciences) was the president of her sorority chapter, Alpha Pi Sigma, at UC Riverside.

“There are confidential things that stay within the sorority,” she said.

But Ms. Romero stresses that community is a big part of sorority life. The community near your college will become your home and by being in a sorority, you have the opportunity to take care of the city like it is your home.

Most community service work includes, adopting a street, cleaning the city, and volunteering at your local homeless shelters. Community service plays a big role in the sorority life. They love to interact with the community and have hands-on experience, according to Ms. Romero.

There is this tradition where an old sorority member mentors a new member joining the sorority. They are known as big sister and little sister. Sisterhood is meant for a long lasting friendship with companions that will be there through the test of time.

According to Ms. Romero, if a member is interested in participating in social events and holding leadership positions within the sorority, they are required to meet the GPA requirement and keep it consistent. If they cannot meet the standards they will be required to take extra study classes to improve. TΣ

## Categories of Hazing

### Subtle Hazing

This type of hazing is more mental than physical, thus it is falsely viewed as harmless by members of many groups. Subtle hazing goes against standards of mutual respect and can result in the ridicule, embarrassment, and humiliation of new members.

- Requiring new members to perform duties not required of existing members
- Expecting certain items to always be in one’s possession
- Quizzing/drills on meaningless information

### Harassment Hazing

Harassment hazing includes behaviors that cause emotional or physical stress. It creates situations that confuse and frustrate new members.

- Verbal abuse
  - Threats or implied threats
  - Sleep deprivation
- Stunt/skit nights with degrading, cruel, or humiliating acts
- Expecting new members to do chores or personal favors for existing members

### Violent Hazing

Violent hazing includes activities with the potential to cause physical, emotional, or psychological harm to new members.

- Use of alcohol or drugs
- Paddling or other forms of assault
- Public nudity
- Expecting illegal activity
- Abductions or kidnaps
- Bondage
- Branding water

Source: University of Rochester

# A Starter Kit for Student Loans

By Elyssa Shaw (2014), Campus Editor

If you are going to college, either community or a full-blown university or a vocational training institution, chances are very likely you will take out a student loan.

Even if you have scholarships and grants, it’s unlikely it will cover all of your educational expenses after high school.

A student loan is money that can be borrowed from a student to be used for college or career training expenses, such as tuition, books and living costs. These loans provide a way for a higher education when funds are not available.

According to Justin Pritchard’s Student Loans 101, you can often get student loans at a very good interest rate, which means you will pay a reasonable amount of money on top of the money you borrowed.

Almost any student can borrow a minimum amount of money, regardless of income or credit history. This makes borrowing money easy, with-

out stress of having to pay it back while you are going to school or with a high interest rate. There’s also a slightly-definite chance of getting approved for a minimum amount of cash.

The largest provider of student loans is the federal government, specifically the U.S. Department of Education. Yes, you are going to borrow money from the government.

“We offer more than \$150 billion each year to help millions of students pay for higher education,” says the DOE website.

The best place to begin to get informed is by going to the government’s informational website on student financial aid at studentaid.ed.gov. You should also read the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA website at fafsa.ed.gov.

Keep in mind that although government student loans provide reasonable terms, you will have to pay them back when you finish your education.

“You must repay your loan, so be sure you understand your options and responsibilities,” says the FAFSA website.

Private student loans not administered by the government are available through banks as well. However, these loans tend to have higher interest rates. So, make sure you get all you can from the government first before considering a private student loan.

Lastly, become familiar with the terminology associated with loans. It is a language all to its own and it will be impossible for you if you don’t know what “interest” or “principal” means.

The Titan Echo has compiled a basic glossary by order of importance to get you started. TΣ

## GLOSSARY →

**Borrower:** you

**FAFSA:** the free application used for federal student aid.

**Interest:** Money charged for the use of borrowed money.

**Interest Rate:** The percentage at which interest is calculated on your loan(s).

**Principal:** The total sum of money borrowed plus any interest that has been capitalized.

**Grant:** Financial aid, often based on financial need, that does not need to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund).

**Private Loan:** A nonfederal loan made by a lender such as a bank, credit union, state agency, or school.

**Cost of Attendance (COA):** The total amount it will cost you to go to school.

**Default:** Failure to repay a loan according to the terms agreed to in the promissory note.

**Delinquent:** A loan is delinquent when loan payments are not received by the due dates.

**Room and Board:** An allowance for the cost of housing and food while attending college or career school.