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SENIOR OF THE YEAR Jake Jones Perseveres Over Family Crisis and Earns 4.0

By Madison Sachs (2015) and Victoria Melton (2015), Campus News Writers

TITAN TOWN—Jake Jones' perseverance is extraordinary.

During his high school days, Jake's father, Lee Jones, battled and conquered a life-threatening disease that causes the human organs to grow larger than they should. Mr. Jones also underwent two brain surgeries.

It became more challenging, having to maintain good grades and stay competitive in soccer. Jake also had to be the man of his house and stay strong for his mother and younger sister.

He finished his high school career with a 4.0 GPA and an acceptance letter to his preferred college. For these reasons, Jake was chosen as the first Titan Echo Senior of the Year.

During his sophomore year, Jake struggled with school. With his dad continuing to fight the disease, grades were not his main focus. But, he passed all his classes.

The critical shift came during his junior year. He decided to get involved in ASB, as well as join the varsity golf and soccer teams.



Photos by Jonathan Guerra (2015), Photo Editor

Soccer helped Jake take his mind off the situation at home and focus on enjoying the rest of high school. With these achievements, he completed the junior year with A's and B's.

But, by his senior year, not only did Jake's father recover, but his grades did too. He holds a 4.0 GPA for the term. The passion he had for soccer started at a young age.

He participated in community soccer since he was eight years old, which helped him gain experience to play on the varsity team all four years in high school.

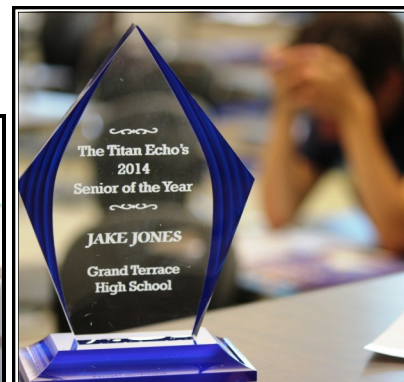
Jake has exceptional sportsmanship on and off the field, said his coach, Anthony Coronado.

"He is a natural kind of leader, doesn't complain if he doesn't play, and supports his teammates off the

field, very respectful, coachable, and hardworking."

Jake's attitude at home is no different. He does his own laundry, occasionally cooks for his family, maintains the spa, walks the dogs, vacuums, dumps the trash, and drives his younger sister, Megan, to practice when asked.

"For the most part, Jake has a very positive attitude. He has a strong faith and foundation in the Lord, and attends youth group regularly," his dad said. **TE**



ABOUT THE AWARD: Using the journalistic process of fact finding, interviews, research and enterprising, Titan Echo reporters Madison Sachs and Victoria Melton considered seniors nominated by the student body. Nearly 20 seniors were considered and examined. The award is independent of the school administration.

"Jake, you are a very giving person. You go out of your way to help both family and friends. You are an extremely outgoing person and are always willing to try new things and meet new people. We are so proud of the young man you have become and know that with continued hard work you will go on to do great things. We couldn't be more proud to call you our son! We wish you the best no matter what direction life takes you in, and know that no matter what, you will be successful because of your hard work and determination. We love you." - Lee and Monica Jones



Elliot Harvey: Extraordinary Senior

By Madison Sachs (2015) and Victoria Melton (2015), Campus News Writers

TITAN TOWN—Grand Terrace High School's first graduating class will make history June 4.

Joining them is an exceptional senior, Elliot Harvey.

Elliot has made strides and accomplishments with his special needs and takes two regular classes.

He successfully achieved in the areas of reading and art, which made him feel happy, he said.

His favorite subjects consist of reading, writing, art, and history. After high school, Elliot plans on attending college and studying sign language.

Being a part of the first graduating class makes him feel excited.

"It feels great to be recognized as one of the seniors of the year," he said.

"Elliot is one of our best students in the class, he is responsible, and the class looks up to him" said his teacher Ms. Asthon Reynoso. **TE**



Photo By Jonathan Guerra (2015), Photo editor

BLACK OUT on Campus

By Jose Castaneda (2014), Staff Writer

TITAN TOWN - Sixth period and most of 5th period were a waste on Feb. 26 when a power outage hit Grand Terrace High School, leaving classrooms without computers, lights and air conditioning.

"I almost got trapped in the elevator," said Dominique Gonzales (2014).

The blackout, which began at 12:45 p.m., was caused by a vehicle accident. A truck hit a main electricity pole and damaged it, causing a blackout throughout Grand Terrace and Colton, said Robert Viegas, a public relations spokesman for Southern California Edison.

Mr. Viegas said the areas affected were between South Center St. and E. Mt.

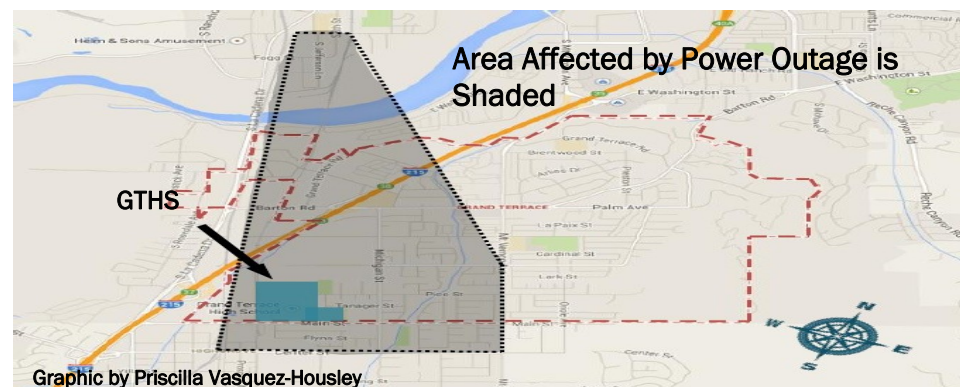
Vernon Ave., N. Congress St. and W. Grand Terrace Road.

Power was restored by 3 p.m., Mr. Viegas said.

"Repairs were made immediately after," Mr. Viegas told the Titan Echo.

But, confusion followed the blackout as some teachers were told they were on lockdown status. The telephones were inoperable to confirm. Students remained in their 5th period classrooms until dismissal. After-school sports and activities were canceled.

Nine hundred people and Titan Town's 2,900 students were affected. **TE**



Graphic by Priscilla Vasquez-Housley

Opinion: Women Deserve Equal Pay to Men

President's Obama's executive action that strengthens equal pay for women made headlines recently.

Currently in the U.S., a woman makes about 77 cents for every dollar a man makes, even when they are in the same profession, performing the same exact jobs and obligations. Wow! So, if you do the math a woman loses \$11,500 per year if she is making a

yearly salary of \$50,000 and \$23,000 at \$100,000.

Some may say that a difference of a mere 23 cents in payment between men and women is not a significant issue. However, this is not true. Money adds up, and women, just like men, could certainly benefit from the equal pay.

Unequal payment towards women also reduces the amount of money a woman will have later on in her life for retirement.

In addition to the hardships that unequal pay brings women financially, we also believe women should be paid equally to men because this allows them equal opportunity. Paying women less than a man in the same profession only ridicules the tasks that they perform in their occupations and paints them out to be less important than men.

We as citizens of the country that most champions

equality need to stand up for gender equality.

Women hold valuable and irreplaceable positions in the work force that serve our entire country, and we owe it to them to make sure they are given the proper and equal payment for their service, and to ensure that they are not made into a minority group, just like so many other people in the United States today unfairly have been.

Lastly, for you boys who think this a moot point, think about your mothers and sisters. TΣ

The opinions here 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.

Girls' Event Sparks Excitement for the Future By Priscilla Vasquez-Housley (2014), Campus Writer

TITAN TOWN - A confident woman by the name of Dr. Strong took the stage and had full command at the Lecture Hall.

"Whose world is it?" she loudly prompted.

The audience stirred and slowly stood up, beaming with excitement.

"Our world!" they exclaimed back.

On March 13, GTHS was

buzzing with activity in "Her World," an event organized by DeVry University. Approximately 100 senior girls gathered and listened to lectures on what the future holds for women.

While lectures mainly focused on empowerment and life stories of tough, resilient women, many speakers discussed how to find success in

the competitive world. Two women showed the audience how to prepare for a job or university interview and how to dress professionally and stylish in the workplace. For seniors looking to enter college or the workforce in a few short months, this was valuable information.

Speakers included a board member, teen mom, police officer, engineer and doctor.

While each had a different story, one theme was prevalent: There are countless opportunities in the workforce, but know there will always be those who will discriminate against people purely based on gender. However, staying positive and persistent will ensure one's success.

"I felt inspired," said Leanna Perez (2014).

Girls looking to a science,

technology, engineering, or math (STEM) career, there's great news, the speakers said. Due to a low amount of women in these fields, companies scout female students majoring in a STEM field to offer jobs.

"I learned a lot from the powerful women (and) they inspired me to work harder for my dreams," said Dominique Gonzales (2014). TΣ

Sports Conference Made Me Believe in my Dream



Photo by Jonathan Guerra

By Alexis Allan

Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states that, "no one can be excluded from any educational program, activity, or sport due to their sex."

Women must have the same sport privileges as men do and must be supported with the same funding in public schools, the law says.

Although this law has been in place for years, women are still having problems with getting what they deserve. We still

don't have the same opportunities as men.

We don't get the same funding, and some people go as far as refusing to sponsor female athletes. Most people don't understand that being a woman involved in athletics is harder than they think.

These were just some of the topics discussed when I had the amazing opportunity to attend **The Women in Sports Conference** on Feb. 11 at The Grove in Riverside.

The theme was Peace, Love, and Sports. It gave women the chance to share stories involved in athletic competition.

There were four speakers, but the one whose words spoke to me the most was Kim Morohunfolo. Kim told a story that was heartbreaking, yet inspiring. She was a

four-time All-American college volleyball player, and the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 2 Player of the Year for Volleyball.

She could have gone to any Division 1 school, but instead, chose to attend California State University, San Bernardino, a Division 2 university.

She worked hard in high school and became Player of the Year in college. If she hadn't worked, she never would have received the opportunity to become a top athlete in D-2.

I related to Kim because my dream is to become a D-1 softball player. Not only do I want to attend a top university, I also want to be remembered for my sports contributions.

Listening to the inspiring stories at the conference gave me the courage to reach my dream and push past it. I don't want to be known as "just another girl in sports."

I want to make an impact on girls of all ages so they can become successful in athletics. TΣ

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Influential Women: COCO CHANEL

By Crystal DeBerry (2015), Fashion Writer

PARIS—She was the second daughter of Albert and Jeanne Devolle. As both her parents were absent, the infant's last name was misspelled, due to a clerical error. So, from birth, Gabrielle's name was entered into the official registry as "Chanel."

Gabrielle's father was a street vendor who peddled work clothes and undergarments. Having learned the art of sewing during her six years at Aubazine, Chanel was able to find employment as a seamstress. She began designing hats as a hobby. That

evolved into a big business. She became a licensed milliner/ hat maker. By 1910, she opened her own boutique in Paris called Chanel Modes.

Her early fashions were constructed from humble fabrics such as jersey and tricot, which is primarily used for men's underwear. In 1918, Chanel acquired an entire building at rue Cambon situated in one of the most fashionable districts of Paris. By 1921, she opened what may have been the first boutique that offered clothing, hats and accessories and that later expanded to offer jewelry and perfume.

By 1927, Chanel owned five properties. Businessmen later inaugurated the sale of the now-famous Chanel No. 5 fragrance in department stores. Chanel's goal was to emphasize elegance through her clothing. Her popularity thrived through the 1920s because of her innovative designs. Her look was different.

Today, Chanel's influence goes beyond clothing. She is known for jewelry, handbags, and fragrance. Her signature scent, Chanel No. 5, has become an iconic product on high-end department stores. *This story was compiled using various internet sources.*

Using her creativity and determination, Chanel escaped poverty and established an iconic name



By James Munoz (2015), Editor-in-Chief

BIG ROBOT WAR-HELD AT GYM

TITAN TOWN - Human-like Hal 9000 computers and Terminator robots were loose on campus Feb. 28.

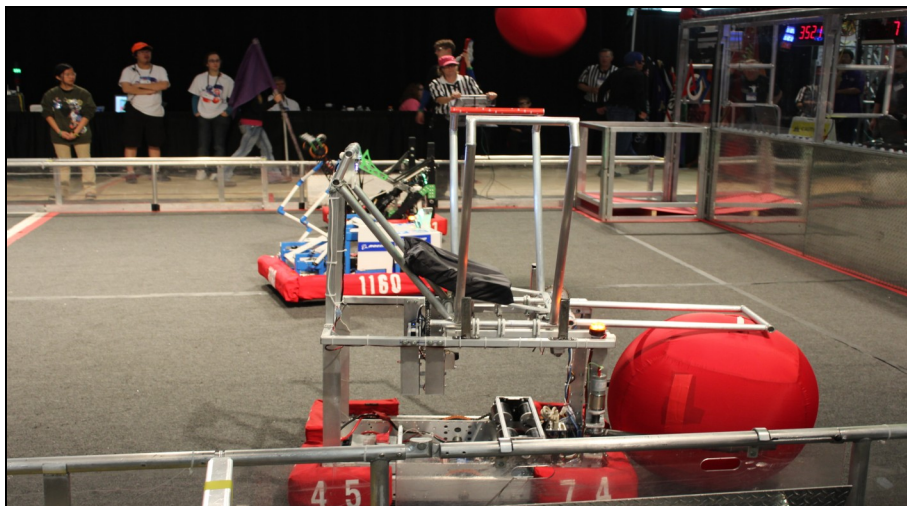
They were contained in the gym however, which was turned into a battlefield by student engineers in the first large robotics competition held here, "Robotic Olympics."

These robots were monsters and slammed into each other and charging aggressors, who were trying to block them from getting the winning shot.

In the hands of a skilled operator, some of these robots even managed to incapacitate their enemies. At one point during the final matches as the bell rang and the round started, one had already stabbed another, sending shrapnel into the sidelines and photographers.

Fans yelled and screamed as the robots' screeching nuts and bolts lay everywhere. The pits where the robots were repaired looked like hospitals and triage teams inside performed enormous operations replacing wheels and arms.

The Engineering Club of GTHS spent weeks creating a complex, yet simple robot. The robot's functions



Student-engineered robots battle for points in the Robotic Olympics Feb. 28. Photo by James Munoz

were limited but that didn't stop the little guy from competing in the Olympics.

The players and fans all treated this competition like a varsity sport and it showed. Many times robots were totaled or needed to be taken back to their pit for repairs or emergency overhauls.

In the second to last rounds when

GTHS's own club was on the court, three robots became inoperable and field repairs were made on the spot.

The competition was the school's first as host. Many schools from all over the state came and battled in the gym.

The event hopes to increase appreciation of the wonders of robotics and engineering and how rewarding the lives of robot engineers can be.

The event was so large that the gym and Titan Way were closed from the public and student access.

In addition to the high school competition, elementary students participated in a Lego competition that blew parents away with amazing remote control robots.

Here the children showed their knowledge of programming and imagination by creating scenarios where robots had to clean up a Lego world by pushing ambulances to designated points, then returning to the operator to be given its next task.

The Robotics Competition consisted of 40 different schools, each with a robot to call their own little Terminator. While the robots don't have legs they move fast on little wheels, tracks, or science magic. The robots varied from carriers to attackers but all of them could toss the ball.

Some of the teams had to get creative. For example, one team used pool noodles to act as prongs, and another team seemed to be using a hamper to catch the ball.

Individual schools didn't win but two large teams, Red or Blue, compete. In the end Red won. The battle of who was better ended for now. Next year GTHS will return to the carnage. TΣ

Studies: Early School Start Times Harmful

By Priscilla Vasquez-Housley (2014), Campus Writer

TITAN TOWN - It seems like every class has at least one student that just can't stay awake or is chronically late to first period.

It's not uncommon to see students resting their heads on desks trying to recover from long nights. With so much time spent trying to juggle studies, sports, and even work, Titans often don't find enough space in their schedules to get the sleep they need.

According to an article on sleep patterns in Psychology Today published in Feb. 2011, teenagers are wired to stay up later and sleep in more than children and adults.

Early school start times actually disrupt this schedule and leave students drowsy for much of the day, according to the article. Adolescents tend to need more rest during school days and take naps in order to compensate for the early hours they must wake at, according to the National Center on Sleep Disorders.

Studies conducted by adolescent sleep expert Dr. Mary Carskadon showed that schools starting in the middle of the morning (during the 9 o'clock hour) have a healthier and more attentive student body. Less behavior problems were reported, grades improved, tardiness decreased, and students took less absent days very soon after switching to later schedules.

"I think school should start earlier than that," said Maxwell Hallwachs (2014).

The 7:25 a.m. start time at GTHS is somewhat early when compared to other schools in the area. For example, five schools start later than GTHS. However, Rubidoux High starts ten minutes earlier.

Titan responses were varied when asked about the 7:25 a.m. start time at GTHS.

"It's five minutes too early, my old school started at 7:30 and that seemed better," said Tatiana Arciniiega (2015).

"It's not the best, but I like it better than starting at 8 or 9 and getting out at 3," said Dominique Gonzales (2014). TΣ

Start Times of Local Schools Compiled by Priscilla Vasquez-Housley	
High School	Start Time
Rubidoux	7:15 am
Grand Terrace	7:25 am
Colton	7:25 am
Bloomington	7:25 am
Redlands East Valley	7:30 am
Redlands	7:30 am
Arroyo Valley	7:30 am
Pacific	7:30 am
John W. North	8:00 am

Anti-Bullying Week Kicks Off

By Elyssa Shaw (2014), Campus Editor

TITAN TOWN - Imagine being the girl who gets picked on because she doesn't meet society's supposed standards of a young lady, or the guy being pushed around in the boys' locker room because he's not as athletic as all the other boys?

Have you ever been bullied and had no one to turn to, just left feeling helpless? Imagine not having the guts to speak up, most students face bullying alone.

Grand Terrace High School's Leadership Classes joined together with The Best Buddies Club to Host the very first Anti Bullying week beginning March 10.

All week students were being encouraged to get involved, and partner up and say no to bullying.

Monday early morning, free donuts were passed out to kick off the week. Posters were placed on the floor with encouraging words like "Be Unique!" and "You make a difference."

Then on Wednesday morning, free donuts and hot chocolate were passed out as the human chain link was made to symbolically fight bullying collectively. Students and staff linked arms as a stand against bullying.

All week long, leadership classes hosted lunchtime activities, and even had visitors from the U.S Marines. TΣ

Facts About Bullying You may not know

- **Approximately 160,000 students in the U.S alone miss school each day to avoid being bullied.**
- **About 25% of kids that bully will have a criminal record by the time they are 30.**
- **6 out of 10 American teenagers witness bullying at least once a day.**
- **Only 33% of students who are bullied report experiencing bullying during a school year.**

The Injury that Changed My Life *Brihana R. Hale*



HOME—I thought my senior year was going to be the best. But, I was wrong.

On Feb. 17 I was at track practice early in the morning because it was a furlough day so we didn't have school. It was a Monday, I remember distinctly.

I was almost done with my workout in the weight room and then I went outside to start my hurdles. I was doing resistance training so I was attached to a harness and bungees. When I started to run out, I ran out of slack quicker than I expected and flung backwards off my feet.

I heard a really loud pop and felt an excruciating pain in my left knee. When I tried to get up my knee popped again and almost fell down because my knee gave out. I sat and immediately iced it.

I went to urgent care later. My knee swelled up like a softball. The doctor gave me crutches and referred me to an orthopedic surgeon. The surgeon said I had a dislocated knee cap and bone chips and a possible tear. I started to cry hysterically because I never had a surgery before and I did not know what to expect. He told me that my track season was over for the year. I started sobbing when I heard that. I worked so hard and felt that this year was over before it even started.

Scheduled for surgery, I waited and enrolled in home and hospital care, receiving instruction at home because I could not go to school. This was a very difficult time. It was my senior year and I could not run track, go to school, and I could not see my friends.

I became very depressed and did not want to get out of bed. I did not know what to expect and had many worries, not knowing how the surgery would go, or how my recovery would end, or how long it would take. I did not know how long I was going to be out for, or if I was ever going back to school, and if it was going to affect me being able to graduate. I lived a life of uncertainty.

The surgery was on a Thursday. My meniscus was shredded and had five bone chips the size of baby teeth to go along with my dislocated knee cap.

I am hoping therapy will quickly help me get me to the point where I can ditch the crutches and the knee immobilizer and just have a small brace and be able to walk normal again.

In the meantime, I've gone to track

meets and practices so I can be around the sport I love. It is hard to sit in the stands and watch people do something that I can't, but love to do. My adrenaline kicks in and I want to get up and run. When they win, something inside me makes me feel like I won too. I feel I can't give up because if I still have this feeling after going through a very depressing time then that tells me that I will recover and get back to where I was before.

My season may be over this year but I still have college. I will return to school and graduate. I thought my senior year was going to be the worst ever because I got hurt, but I am glad for this experience because I learned not to take small things, like walking for granted. **TΣ**

Why I Joined the Navy

Jose Castaneda



ANYWHERE - I enlisted in the Navy this summer. I was cleared and approved fit for duty at the Military Entrance Processing Station in San Diego the same day I attended Senior Orientation Day at Grand Terrace High School.

On July 1, I am leaving to become a sailor. I am going to be a hospital corpsman. I chose that occupation because I want to learn about careers in nursing.

I'm excited about the uncertainty ahead of me. Not knowing what lies ahead after graduation gives me a

rush, and the anticipation gives me a positive feeling.

As the days get closer to my DOD (Date of Departure), the hours seem to get shorter. But, I'm excited.

I've shared my news with friends and family and they have equally shared the same upbeat enthusiasm I feel about my decision.

My elementary, middle and high school experience taught me a lot. I've learned English, math, history, science and other subjects. However, I've also learned so much more.

The most important thing I've learned is I don't have to be afraid of what I don't know. Instead, I embrace the uncertainty, because as long as I have a direction, the plans will fall into place. However, it's on to the next chapter. And that could take place anywhere.

I enlisted in the Navy on an impulse. It was half intuitive and half spontaneous. It was a little scary at first. But, I still went through with it.

I enlisted because it will open up a lot of different doors and opportunities and its this thought that keeps me motivated. I also understand that my road will be lonely and that I'll miss my friends and loved ones. But, I'll make new ones.

I encourage peers and future graduates to pursue their desires fearlessly and boldly. Knowing is half the battle, and being tough enough to accept the unknown is the other half. Failure will happen often. **TΣ**

I'm a Student and a Soldier *Ismael Sanchez*

THE FRONT— I am among the first graduating class of Grand Terrace High School, and most likely the first to enlist in the Army National Guard. Being the first graduating class and guardsmen has given me the honor to represent both organizations proudly, as I wait to graduate and start Basic Combat training and Advanced Individual Training.

I will be a soldier and a student as I was admitted to Cal State San Bernardino.

I enlisted in the Army National Guard on June 13 to serve my country, and go to college simultaneously. I am in the National Guards' Recruit Sustainment Program until I ship out on June 9, five days after graduation.

This program is designed to introduce new recruits like me the fundamentals of the U.S. Army before they leave for the real training. It happens one weekend a month at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside.

These drills consist of physical fitness tests, which include 2 minutes of pushups, 2 minutes of sit-ups, and a 2-mile run. You learn basic soldiering skills such as marching, saluting, army command structure physical, mental, administrative readiness, and

inheriting the Army values.

From my first drill to my most current, I have experienced and gained knowledge about the Army months before I ship out. I learned land navigation, basic first aid, and close-quarter combat training. And, I have been promoted while assuming leadership positions from squad to platoon leaders, in which I command up to 30 soldiers. I enjoy going to these drills because I always learn something new, enhance my soldier skills and get to eat Meal-Ready-to-Eat (MREs) and I get paid as well. This basic exposure in the Guard helped me at life here at school by learning discipline and motivation leading to me being well-mannered, mature, and to serves as a personal reminder to do great in school and strive for good grades.

The army values that consists of leadership duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage, has really strengthened me both physically and mentally. I have already learned to handle pressure under control, capitalize on my growing confidence, pride and set goals for myself.

I look forward to graduating from GTHS and begin the life that follows. **TΣ**

College to Fulfill Family Dreams and Beauty School to Fulfill Mine

Yvette Ramirez

Ever since I was young, two things have come naturally to me: my ability to learn and my fascination with beauty.

I remember being in elementary school, aspiring to become a fashion designer while bringing home honor roll awards, making my mother proud of me. As I grew older, my dreams changed from becoming a fashion designer, to a photographer, make-up artist, hairstylist, and such. But, I continued to strive for academic achievement because I knew it was, in a way, my talent.

Once I got to my junior year in high school, I had to seriously think about where I wanted to head after high school. I felt that I absolutely had to go college because of my high grades and

expectations from my family. That was when I started to consider becoming a veterinarian, zoologist, and other more academic careers. In fall of 2013, I applied to colleges as a biology major. I got accepted to San Diego State University but I'll likely to be attending the University of California at Riverside in the fall.

Although I am currently making the choice to go to college, I have not given up on my desire to create beauty. I'm planning on attending a Paul Mitchell school, a highly esteemed cosmetology school, after I get my degree so that I can learn about hairstyling.

This way I can fulfill both my academic potential and my creative aspirations. **TΣ**



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Top row, left to right: Samantha Ojeda, Brandice Olmos, Melanie Olmos, Sarah Burgett, Raylyn Chagolla, Marissa Jauregui, Jocelyn Betancourt, Alexis Allan, Morgan Parsons, Destini Peck, Irene Herrera. **Bottom row, left to right:** Alexis Lopez, Danielle Rico, Laurina Pena, Eliyah Flores, Alyssa Martinez
Not Pictured: Coaches Bobby Flores, Will Laredo, Javier Olmos, Robert Betancourt Supporter: Sheila Cornell-Douty (top center).

Varsity Softball is Looking Good... Again!

Capitalizing on Their Good Season Last Year, Titans Look Good on the Home Stretch

By Zachary Wilson (2015), Sports Writer

TITAN TOWN - The girls Varsity Softball team took home the Redlands Invitational Championship Game March 22.

They played Redlands High School for the last game of the tournament, when they outscored RHS 13-1.

In the first inning, six runs were scored alone. They added four more in the third and climbed their way to a lopsided victory.

As of April 16, their record was 9-4 overall and 4-1 in league. This is no surprise. Last year, the team finished second in the league, according to the MaxPreps Website.

With 11 games left in the

regular season, the Titans are looking to be in a good position to secure the Sunkist League Championship.

If they do, they will be the second Titan team in history to do so. Earlier this year, the Girls' Tennis Team took the first ever league championship. This and last years' teams have been coached by Bobby Flores.

The JV team is also on a good start. As of April 17, the MaxPreps Website showed they had an undefeated overall and League record of 5-0.

The regular season for both teams ends on May 16, when they will play Fontana High School. TΣ

Sports Briefs

By Zackary Wilson (2015), Sports Writer



Girls' Varsity Basketball Ends Winning Season

TITAN TOWN- The Varsity Girls' basketball team had the opportunity to advance into the playoffs Feb. 22.

But, they lost against Moorpark High School, 44-33 at home.

The team showed will and skill as they reached to the position of being in that position to begin with. They ended the season with an overall record of 14-9 and 7-3 in league play, a winning season.



Boys' Swim Wins First Meet
SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL—The Boys' Swim Team scored their first victory in history in a swim meet against Summit High School on April 17.

The beat the Sky Hawks 108-62,

said Swim Coach Elissa Kirkland.

"This a huge accomplishment for them," she said.

At the same meet, the Girls' JV team also scored a victory with a score of 75-51, said Coach Kirkland.

However, the Girls' Varsity team could not get passed the Sky Hawks and lost, 78-14.

"We had many personal and school records broken yesterday," Coach Kirkland said. "They have been working very hard and we are proud of them," she added referring to all swim teams.



Boys' Soccer Remains Idle

TITAN TOWN— The Boys' Varsity Soccer team slightly stepped up their game by improving their record from the 2012-13 season when they were 6-16-1 overall and 0-9-1 in league play, which is kind of bad.

This year, they won one league game, according to the MaxPreps website.

This year they end with a 6-13-2 overall and 1-8-1 in the Sunkist League. The beat Summit High School at home on Jan. 14 with a score of 4-3 for their only league win, according to the Max Preps Website. They tied Bloomington High School on Jan. 17.



Track Loss Attributed to Shoes

TITAN TOWN— Recently the track team competed in three meets and lost one of those meets due to inappropriate track shoes.

That meet was against North Vista High School in Riverside, which has an all-dirt track.

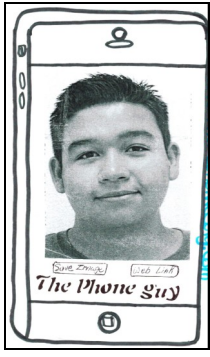
"Our track team didn't have the right cleats for their track, so our times were much slower," said Joshua Cheeks (2014).

The other two meets were at Ramona High School and Titan Town.

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DORM ROOM TECH MUST HAVES



The Phone Guy Cyber Travels Far and Wide to Find the Best Dorm Room Gadgets



By Paul Villalobos (2015) Technology Editor

YOUR COLLEGE CAMPUS- Seniors who will be moving into college dorm rooms need to have some tech in their lives. While technology is usually on the expensive side, the Titan Echo compiled a list for seniors who want to stock their dorm rooms with affordable and cool tech.

PHONE

First, you need the perfect dorm phone. The Nexus 5 and the Moto G are two advanced phones with great prices. The Nexus line in recent years has become synonymous with low prices, and with Google's latest iteration, the Nexus 5, that statement could not have been more true. The Nexus 5 has the latest processor (Snapdragon 800), and has a sharp 5-inch 1080p display. The price for the Nexus 5 starts at \$349 for the 16GB model, which is an unlocked and no-contract price. A sweet deal for any up-and-coming college student to own.

Those looking for a more affordable phone without the sacrifice should look at the Moto G. The Moto G starts at \$179 for the 8GB model, that too is an unlocked and no-contract price.

TV

No dorm room is complete without some form of mindless entertainment. The Google Chromecast, at \$35, looks more like a USB drive, than a media box. The slim and ultra-portable device connects to any TV with a USB port and HDMI port. Chromecast works with only Nexus

devices at the moment, so device compatibility is slim.

Those who do have a Nexus device, the Chromecast allows you to "mirror" what's on your phone, or tablet. This allows you to stream Netflix from your phone to the TV almost seamlessly. College students who have an iPhone or iPad, but still want a way to access your media, will want to get Apple TV. Apple TV currently costs \$99. It's a slim box that you can put next to your TV and connects via HDMI cable. Apple TV allows you to access your iTunes library, Netflix, Hulu, and more. You can also use your iPhone, or iPad as a way to "mirror" what your phone is displaying straight to the TV. So, you can see your college roommate hit the first pole on Flappy Bird on the big screen.

You don't even need an iPhone or iPad to appreciate Apple TV. If you have an iTunes account on your computer or laptop, you can buy, rent or stream movies and TV shows, right from your Apple TV.

SMART-WATCH

The Pebble Steel is a Smart-watch with some pretty nifty features that will make any college student drool for. The Pebble Steel is arguably the best Smart-watch on the market, performing a variety of tasks

that limit the use of having to rely on your Smartphone. The Original Pebble that started it all is only \$150. That's a lot for a watch, but then again, it does things no ordinary watch could.

It hooks up with your Smartphone via Bluetooth, and receives your incoming text messages, and notifications. That means, whenever someone texts you, or emails you, no longer do you have to take out your phone, turn it on, and see the message. This watch is ideal for any college student who won't have to miss that tweet or text message during a lecture.

The Pebble can last up to 5-7 days on a single charge, it is also waterproof. Pebble says you can use it in the shower, or in the pool. Pebble also has

A dedicated app store where you can download a variety of apps and watch-faces. Those looking to fancy themselves will want to get the Pebble Steel, which has a more professional design and comes with both steel and leather watch-straps. The Pebble Steel has the same specifications that are on the original Pebble, except for the improved design. The Pebble Steel costs a bit extra, \$249.

TABLET

Each college student is going to need a tablet to keep all important documents, set reminders and take notes. Tablets are becoming strong performers in the marketplace, and in

some cases, they offer the same power and portability as laptops.

Students looking for tablets, should consider the iPad Mini (2013). It is the one of the most recent tablets from Apple, and while the name "mini" is used, it is by all means a power-house. It has a 7.9-inch display which is the perfect size to place in backpacks or purses. The iPad Mini has the all-new A7 processor with 64-bit architecture. This is the latest and greatest to come out from Apple, and is no slouch when it comes to small to heavy-duty tasks.

The iPad Mini is compatible with hundreds of accessories such as cases or keyboard. And since this is the iPad Mini you have access to the largest App Store available. So you can get in some work, and play in between classes.

LAPTOP

While Tablets are great, some student's will want the use a laptop. Apple's laptops are arguably the best you can get, but not everyone can afford the high price.

Those looking for a durable and affordable laptop, that should last them through their college career, will want to take a look at the Dell Inspiron 15.6-inch touch-screen laptop. This laptop has 500GB of Hard-drive storage and runs a 3rd gen Intel i3 processor, which should be enough power to get you through your research papers. The laptop also features a built-in webcam for Skyping and video-calling with friends and family. The Dell Inspiron 15.6-inch laptop is available at Best Buy for \$399 at the time of this writing.

OTHER TECH

There are much more tech items to spruce up your dorm room, much of which will require your own creativity and research. Other tech items may include some headphones, a Bluetooth speaker, or maybe a portable phone charger. Hopefully this list will help you, future college students, to transform your college dorm room into a tech wonderland. **TΣ**

Samsung Plays it Safe and Comes up Short in New Galaxy

By Paul Villalobos (2015), Technology Editor

Disappointment is defined by Dictionary.com as "the act of failing to fulfill expectations or wishes of, to defeat the fulfillment of hopes." Disappointment is not a word you would typically use to describe someone or something. Yet the word, disappointment, can accurately describe the Galaxy S5.

The Galaxy S5, which is expected to be Samsung's biggest Smartphone launch yet, isn't the kind of Smartphone many were expecting. So why is the Galaxy S5 disappointing?

The Galaxy S5 is more like a Galaxy S4s, which means, the Galaxy S4 offers little to no change compared to the Galaxy S5.

The Galaxy S5 features only slightly faster processor, and a

slightly larger screen and a slightly better camera. The only new additions that are on the Galaxy S5 are the health rate monitor, and the new design that allows the S5 to be both water and dust proof.

Everything else is almost exactly the same as the Galaxy S4. It is a shame that Samsung didn't go all out this year, and made a phone truly worth getting.

Why would they do that? You have probably heard the saying, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it." That's what Samsung, and for that matter, even Apple, appear to have been doing for quite a while now.

The Galaxy S3 was an excellent phone at the time, the phone that arguably brought Samsung up in the market. The Galaxy S3 sold millions, with its unique design, innovative features, and amazing specs. You can say Samsung mastered the "secret formula. Since the Galaxy S3, Samsung has stuck with that "winning

formula" and has released its subsequent flagships with specs that are more of an evolution than an innovation.

Since phones like the Galaxy S3, were extremely successful, Samsung probably doesn't feel the need to push the envelope when it comes to newer phones.

Many were expecting a lot from the Galaxy S5. Sadly those high-expectations were met with disappointment. But everything has a silver-lining. With the Galaxy S5 not as great as many have had hoped, many manufactures such as HTC, LG, and Sony, might have a chance to gain some ground with better more compelling offers than the Galaxy S5.

So, not everything is a disappointment, just the Galaxy S5. **TΣ**



HOW TO WALK THE WALK

Walking in Front of Thousands to Receive Your Diploma Could be Tricky

By Ana Battle (2014), Writer-at-Large

66ers Stadium — Graduation is near and many are beginning to plan the attire for their big day.

But the graduation ceremony brings issues that should be considered when planning for wardrobe.

First, it's likely you will be partially walking the "Walk" on grass or artificial turf.

So, shoes with thin heels might not be a good idea. Stilettos and pumps will have you sinking into the grass, causing your momentous walk

to be awkward, maybe falling in front of a thousand people and even injuring yourself.

Some seniors however, will risk it.

"To begin with, I'm short, so I will wear stilettos! Even though I may trip and fall, beauty is pain, sacrifices have to be made," said Rosa Ruiz (2014).

Wedges, flats, booties or wide heels should be considered. And, perhaps one could carry their heels in a large handbag.

Many might have the idea that graduation is like a ball where you will be gracefully striding across the runway with a flowing dress and billowing robe. Just keep in mind that the commencement ceremony is a business-formal event.

"I want to wear something comfy and cute, not too fancy not too casual, because my robe will be covering it. At the end of the day no one is really going to see my outfit," said Nancy Escobedo (2014).

Weather will be optimal if history repeats itself. It was 84 degrees last year on June 4, the day that commencement is scheduled for this year. Wearing something cool and breathable would be wise.

Wind will not likely be an issue. But, in the event of a windy day, use bobby pins to secure your cap. It might be a good idea to keep a batch of bobby pins in your pocket just in case your do doesn't agree with your cap. TΣ

Prom Tip: The 1920's Faux Bob

By Crystal DeBerry (2015), Fashion Writer

The Great Gatsby theme prom is right around the corner. If you're thinking about what hairstyle might fit the Twenties theme, consider the "Faux Bob."

This is how every hip flapper wore their hair as this style represents the "new breed" of young American women of the Twenties. Freedom was in the air and women wanted something sleek and attractive to show that they were wild and fun. Be bold this prom and flaunt your inner flapper at prom. You may want to experiment with the step-by-step guide before the big night so you get it perfect on May 17. TΣ

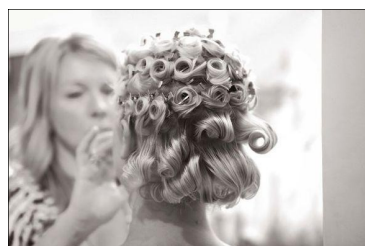
Step 1:

Section hair underneath hair into a small tight braided bun close to neck

Step 2: curl two vertical sections in opposite direction & pin



Step 3: let curls cool



Step 4: brush out hair and sculpt bangs



Step 5: Pin and Tease



Step 6: pin hair under hair with little bun



Step 7: Apply light hairspray



Disclaimer: The author is not a certified beautician or cosmetologist

A Purse is Not Just a Fashion Piece

The Echo's Fashion Guru Shows How a Purse has Many Uses

By Crystal De Berry (2015) and Ana Battle (2014), Staff Writers

Beginning when girls are young, a purse is already a necessary item.

Over the years a purse begins to be increasingly useful.

A girl begins to know that an empty purse holds a lot of treasures and necessary items and can even save you money.

For example, instead of paying \$10 for a popcorn and drink at the theatre, you can bring your own PB&J and as long as you put it on the bottom of your bag away from the sight of theater ushers, you just saved \$10.

A girl can also use her purse as protection. Unfortunately, there will probably be a time when you're using public transportation and you can hit that annoying stranger that's trying to pick your pocket or other stuff. Its

just of an enough distraction for you to dart off and avoid being a victim.

A girl can also show how considerate she is by sharing her purse. Lets say you're spending a day with your guy. He'd love to have somewhere to put his keys and wallet and you could graciously offer your purse.

In addition, you can beat your own record on Flappy Bird in your purse while everyone else is falling asleep watching some movie in class.

Finally, on those rainy days when you're not prepared your purse is an instant umbrella!

There are some advantages of being a girl, a purse has to definitely got be one of them!

Just remember to always keep it fashionable. TΣ



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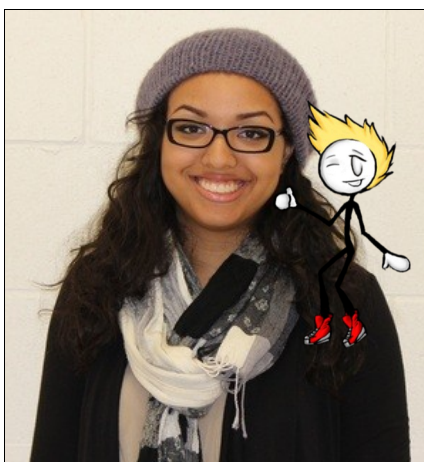
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Book Review: Graphic, Disturbing and Oddly Relatable, Persepolis Hits the Mark

By Jose Castaneda (2014), Staff Writer

My impression of Persepolis (2000) is bold, daring and creative.

Authored by Marjane Satrapi, this is a story partially autobiographical. Satrapi writes of a young girl living in revolutionary Iran in the 1970s. It is in comic-book form, offering witty illustrations, which makes it so unique and intriguing.

At that time it's a nation suffering from war, political unrest and cultural clashes.

Her imagery is bold with her astounding world view, daring with the adventure she takes on and creative with her graphic novel style.

Growing up, Marjane must endure a war-torn country and corrupt ideological structure by Iran's new political brotherhood.

By the time she is a teenager she is left with the difficult choice and opportunity to leave her oppressive country and travel to Austria to receive a once-in-a-life-time opportunity. She has the chance to experience a full education free from what she feels is the hypocrisy of her country's oppressive Islamic régime.

For four years she lives alone in Vienna and learns to survive by herself, growing and making new friends along the way.

Once she returns home she realizes her country will leave her little room to grow and ultimately makes the tough decision to self-exile and leave her family behind.

The story is left open ended and it is implied that she will be just fine leaving her home.

On a grand scale the book was awesome, inspiring, leaving me with a feeling that I am not alone in the sometimes confusing world we live in. I highly recommend it to anyone that enjoys history and art, or just enjoys a well-written and creative coming-of-age story. **TΣ**

Caution: This novel contains graphic imagery, language and disturbing events.

