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What does it mean to be Basque?

By Brandon Eastman and Marc Esquivel

“Even when the obstacles are great and the result appears to be futile, people respect those who have the strength to fight back. This is how we felt about our culture,” said Itxaso Criswell.

The Basques are a race with a homeland, but without a nation. They occupy a region that flows into Spain and France and includes the coastline of the Bay of Biscay and the Pyrenees Mountains. The Basque country includes three regions of France and four provinces of Spain, and is barely bigger than the state of Nevada. Some historians believe that Basques are Europe’s earliest settlers, living there for at least 5,000 years.

“Although all the conveniences of the modern world exist there, you still



Lauburu is the design that is found on many Basque tombs./Courtesy • Criswell Family

FACTS

- *The official Basque language is known as Euskara.
- *The only Center for Basque Studies is located at the University of Nevada-Reno.
- *The “Basque Country” is considered to be a region between Spain and France.
- *Before the 1980 census, Basques never had their own federally recognized category.

“... Nobody is 100% Basque anymore.”
~Jeremiah Maestrejuan

can experience the feeling of being in the ‘Old World’,” said John Iroz.

Basque people refer to themselves as Euskaldunak, which means “the speakers of Basque,” and the unique official language of the Basques is Euskera. This language has not been able to be linked with any other spoken language in the world.

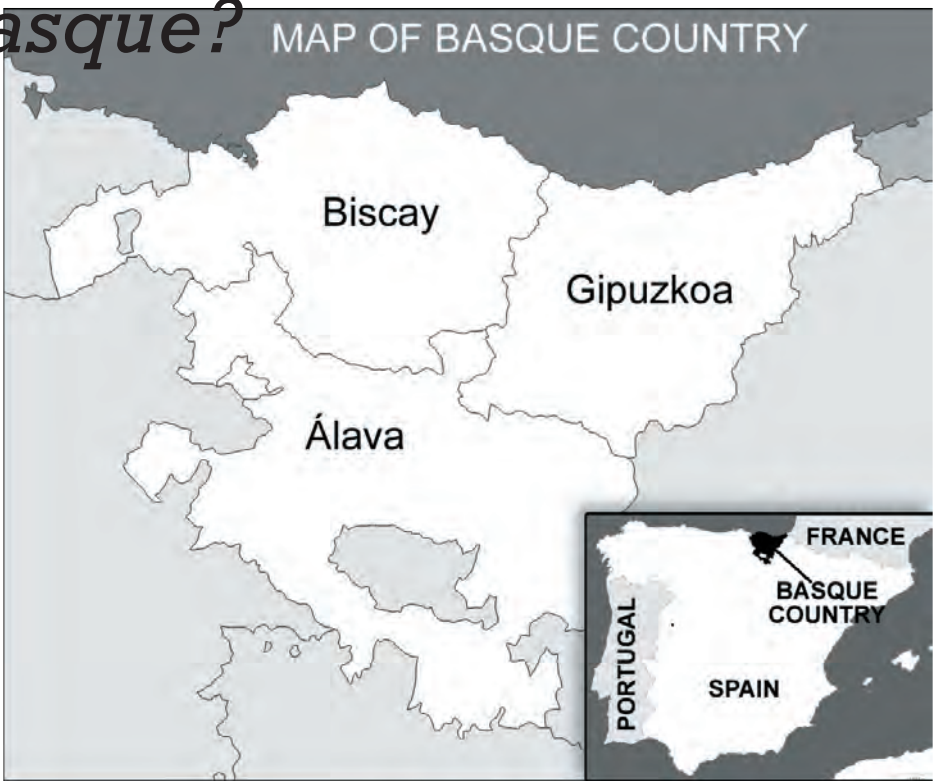
According to the latest surveys, the majority of the Basques in the Basque Country believe that the main condition to consider a person Basque is “to feel Basque”. “Feeling Basque” can include things such as: speaking Euskera fluently, being born in the Basque country, or even simply participating in things such as Basque dancing. Basque diaspora (the name given to the people who still recognize with the Basques, but no longer live in their native homeland) identity has a more literal definition, in which you will identify yourself based on the language or your ancestry, or in other words, the culture.

Iroz said, “Basque people are proud of the uniqueness of their language.”

“Being Basque” is a concept that has changed and evolved enormously over the years. In earlier times, it basically meant that you had an unusual name and were always having to an-



Jeremiah Maestrejuan, Emelia Legarza, and Jared Parks./Ron Espinola • The Brand



“...I have a responsibility to honor their sacrifices...”
~Itxaso Criswell

swer questions about who you are and where you came from.

“If you participate. If you’ve got the Basque culture in your blood and you participate, you’re there,” said Junior Jeremiah Maestrejuan.

According to the 2000 census, there were about 57,000 people of Basque descent living in the United States. However, before the 1980 census Basques never had their own federally

recognized category; they were usually classified as either Spanish or French.

“It seems like it’s dying down, to be honest. Nobody is 100% Basque anymore,” said Maestrejuan.

Criswell said, “Today, the majority of Basque youth are second, third, and fourth generations.”

The largest concentration of Basques in America is in the Boise region where approximately 15,000 Basque Americans live. Boise also hosts the world famous International Basque Festival, Jaialdi, which takes place every five years (next in 2015). Jaialdi features spectacular cultural dances and musical exhibitions as well as sporting competitions like weightlifting, wood chopping and other competitions indigenous to the Basque people.

“It’s a good time, it’s fun the entire time. Everybody dances, and I love dancing, so that’s cool. And you always eat good, you get some crazy Basque dishes,” said Maestrejuan. Winnemucca also has a large concentration of Basques and hosts its own annual Basque festival that celebrates the dance, cuisine, and cultures of the Basque people who arrived in the United States in the 19th century. There is a local Basque dancing



The Basque Homeland./Courtesy • Criswell Family

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Winterfest 2012 filled with fun for all



Students posed for the camera on Halloween Day in their creative costumes./Cole Erquiaga • The Brand



The Sophomore class during the Monday Pep Assembly./Justin Albright • The Brand



Alex Nimmick and Tyler Duran showed off their "When's Lunch?" sign at the Assembly./Justin Albright • The Brand

By Kevin Boyle, Justin Albright, Trenton Smith & Wyatt Lester



This Winterfest was full of fun activities and some colorful candidates that made this year one to remember.



Narinder Mall poses on Dress to Impress Day./Madison Waldie • The Brand

On February 6, Lowry started off the week with its first Pep Assembly of Winterfest Week. The Winterfest royalty candidates were introduced and the girl candidates are: Kayla Doyle, Betsy Guerrero, and Madi Gonzalez, for the male candidates, Fernando Herrera, Jonathan Landa, and Johnny Hernandez.

The dancing competition was fun for all as Doyle and Hernandez walked

off with a win. Gonzalez and Landa came in a close second place. Herrera and Guerrero came in last place, mainly because they didn't even dance.

The lunch time activities this week consisted of five days of trivia competition.

First of all, the competition did not have actual buzzers, so therefore the players had to use an unusual type of "buzzing in," the faculty used an old bell that had it's own hammer, the freshman used a little chew toy-type squeaker, the seniors used the kind of bell and the sophomores had to use the kind of bells that the charity Santa's shake during Christmas. The junior class was not represented.

Alec Mayo said that the competition "was rigged." He said, "The seniors were supposed to win that whole time." Brooks said, "It was booty. It



Betsy Guerrero and Jonathan Landa were crowned as royalty./Madison Waldie • The Brand

was freaking booty." Don't ask me what the means. Ask Eric Brooks. On day two of the "Battle of the Bucks," the organizers tried to bring in a buzzer system, however, a slight problem with the buzzer system made sure that the participants would still have to use the same bells and squeakers from day one.

For Wednesday's activity, the sophomores were a no-show but there was still plenty of competition at each table. The faculty had Mr. Setzer, Mrs. James, and Mr. Jeppsen on their team which was quite the group of wits. The juniors



Candace Comeau and Taylor Johnson on Twin Day./Jessie Schirrick • The Brand

showed some brains also but the freshmen were catching up with some quick answering skills. The match ended with some fine bell ringing skills by the

seniors but the battle was won by the faculty. The overall winner was to be decided at the end of the week but the faculty is tough to beat.

Friday's lunch time activity was a nail biter as the faculty, seniors, and sophomores went head to head in a game show. Representing the faculty was Mrs. Kerns. Tyler Duran, Cameron Echave, and Andy Martinez were part of the senior team, and Joseba Criswell was the lone wolf for the sophomore team. The freshmen and the juniors did not show up for this event.

Friday's Assembly was the last before the dance and Landa and Guerrero were crowned king and queen.



Calculus students on Blue and Gold Day./Brandon Eastman • The Brand



Kayla Doyle and Melanie Vance at Bingo Night./Nic Velasquez • The Brand



Khyra Cooley, Sarah Betteridge, and Tayla Furrh on Twin Day./Jessie Schirrick • The Brand



Sophomore class at the Friday Pep Assembly./Madison Waldie • The Brand



A group of students gathered to take a picture for Dress to Impress Day./Madison Waldie • The Brand

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Basque Feature: continued

group, called the Irritzni Basque dancers, in which several students at Lowry are involved with.

Senior Julia Dufurrena said, “We went to the National Basque Festival two years ago, which was in Boise and everyone comes and we meet in Boise and there’s a huge party. There’s lots of wine drinking and Basque dancing and crazy Basque people and then every year, here, in the summer there’s the Winnemucca Basque Festival.”

Individuals can, and will, experience identity in different ways due to our different ages, generations, diverse socio-economic and historical backgrounds, political traditions, and geographical locations. Everybody identifies with certain collective identities, much the same as the Basques. Different people relate to different aspects of the Basque collective identity such as ancestry or language over others, but it is still important to extend the culture

within families.

“My family fought [literally] to keep it alive and I have a responsibility to honor their sacrifices by passing it down to my children,” said Criswell.

The only Basque Studies Center in America is located at the University of Nevada-Reno.

Basque Studies includes questions and theories of individual and group identity, and answering the why, how, when, and where of human development. By understanding the Basque experience we can look for patterns in human behavior and then compare them to other ethnic groups for similarities and differences. Basques also have an endangered culture and language, and in the same manner that we work to protect endangered species, it is essential that we protect endangered human cultures. University research centers attempt to conduct quality re-

“Basques have always been a very family oriented culture.”

~Itxaso Criswell

search, following a scientific method, in order to explain why things are the way they are. We try to describe, explain, and then predict or generalize to other circumstances and situations. Modern Basque culture includes similarities to any other modern culture in that they attempt to answer questions about human existence and improving the human living condition.

“In America, the Basque culture has become more prevalent in the West, and Euskadi [the Basque homeland] is becoming modernized,” said Criswell.

The media also has an enormous



Euskadi (Basque country) near the Bay of Biscay./Courtesy • Criswell Family

“...you’re close with other Basque families and you just grow up around it.”

~Joseba Criswell

impact on the general public opinion of Basque people. The media is utilizing global technologies in order to set up diverse political, economical, and cultural agendas.

“The social network has changed everything,” said Criswell.

There are several Basque diasporas and several Basque identities. Nobody ever says: “Wow, she is really American” or “She is more American than me”. However, people tend to have these feelings about Basques.

“Basque people it’s just like, ‘Oh, dude, dang, that guy’s Basque. He’s cool,’” said Maestrejuan.

Many people today think of modern Basques as “decaffeinated Basques”. A Basque American’s understanding of Basque culture depends on several variables, including their generation/age and whether or not they’ve ever been to the Basque Country.

Language is one of many identifying factors for ethnic groups along with religion, homeland, shared memories and shared myths of history, shared ancestry, culture and traditions, sport, cuisine, music, and art. Who is to tell another person what they have to do, feel, or be in order to be Basque?


“You live a lifestyle where you support other Basques; you’re close with other Basque families and you just grow up around it,” said sophomore Joseba Criswell.

“Basques have always been a very family oriented culture,” added Itxaso.

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Group of Euskadi Basque dancers in the homeland./Courtesy • Criswell Family



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Can Romney beat Obama...or Santorum?

By Hayley Goldblatt



Mitt Romney: entrepreneur, author and leading presidential candidate for the Republican Party. Romney has run businesses, which causes many people to think it will help him run the United States. But is he really ready? Does he have what it takes to be the next president of our country? And if the Republican Party thinks so, will he be able to beat Barack Obama?

Romney has always had it all, because where he comes from money is no object. He went to a prestigious boarding school in Michigan, known as Cranbrook. After graduating from Cranbrook, Romney went to Brigham Young University to get an undergraduate degree in English. Then, Romney went to Harvard where he got a law degree and an M.B.A. In 2002, Romney took over the Winter Olympics and made it a profitable venture. (<http://www.biography.com/people/mitt-romney-241055>) Many people don't see some of the good things he's done. They just look at the fact that he's a Mormon, and some think that he doesn't connect well with the "common man" (an average, hard-working American) which makes up about 53% of the United States population. He does try to connect, but since Romney has always run a business he doesn't know how to talk

to people.

If Romney wins the candidacy for the Republicans, will he be able to stack up to Obama? Romney is more conservative than Obama; he is also pro-life, although he has been a little wishy-washy on this idea. He is against the fairness doctrine, against capital punishment; he is for No Child Left Behind and thinks that stem cell research is ethical but is against research for cloning embryos and opposes federal funding for it. (Time Article- What Romney Believes)

Romney took Florida by a double digit victory and won the Nevada Caucuses by over 50%. He used this victory to tell supporters that Obama's "misguided policies made the tough times last longer." (USAToday.com) He also said that the decrease in unemployment was due to business innovation "and not to you Mr. President." By Sunday morning, 71% of the Nevada Precincts had been tallied with Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul vying for second. Along with Rick Santorum, Gingrich and Paul were looking forward to other contests later this month to keep their chances alive, including Colorado and Minnesota. Romney won just a little over 50% of the Nevada's Caucuses votes according to CNN.com. In the Missouri, Minnesota, and Colorado primaries and caucuses, Santorum beat Romney, giving the supposed inevitable Republican candidate a run



for his money. These wins supported his argument that he is the most formidable conservative opponent to take on Obama. He was quoted in St. Louis saying "I don't stand here and claim to be the conservative alternative to Mitt Romney. I stand here to be the conservative alternative to Barack Obama." (CNN.com, Santorum jolts GOP presidential race with 3-state sweep) After Santorum's 3-state win, Romney will have a rough time trying to come back. According to the Yahoo news article, Romney is looking ahead to the Arizona and Michigan primaries coming up later this month and then Super Tuesday in March when ten other states will vote.

Romney is not the best bet for president. If he does win the candidacy,

he could conceivably become the President because on any given day any person can beat any other person, but I think he is going to have a harder time with Santorum winning three states on the mid-east. I personally think that Romney could not beat Obama without improving his people skills.

Apocolypto now

By Kevin Boyle



Since the dawn of time humans have been speculating the end of the world but time and time again they have been wrong. Since the

beginning of time, people have concluded that we are in the final days of humanity, however, no one has predicted the end, but have you ever asked why people think this? Or why the end is near?

The answer is fear, human society is built around it. From the earliest dwelling to modern civilization fear has kept us working hard. Think about it through the ages, the thing to fear has changed, yet the threat remains. First it was the soviets and there need to destroy America, then it was Y2K, and now it's December 21, 2012. All of these concepts trying to prophesize the end. We always hear about them, about four years before they happen, just enough time to prepare but not enough time to avoid them. The things that will probably kill us, we will no warning and no defense. The odds of meteor striking the earth or a massive flood washing everything away is far less likely then a nuclear war erupting. It's far more likely that a horrible disease finishes us, instead of some prophesied global catastrophe.

Society runs on fear and we, as a society, need to rise above it. No more preparing for the end that never comes, no more squandering money on a bomb shelter. Spend money on things that you want. Because that money will be useless if something catastrophic did occur. No more living in fear for the thing that defines us is how we live, not how we die.

Open your eyes: Health Issues

By Taylor LaTray



Teens and their parents these days should be aware of possible health issues that kids are facing. Teenage years are the most crucial years in a person's life. They determine what groups someone will enter, who they will be, and how successful they will be in the future. Many beliefs and habits are impulsive decisions based on their peers, environment and friends, which is not always healthy.

There is a happy medium between letting your children run free and giving them limits without being too strict. Health problems that usually develop at a teenage stage are drug and alcohol abuse, emotional health issues, teen pregnancy, diseases, weight problems and more. These are of course drastic results to parents simply doing their job too well, or not doing their job, but it happens.

"I believe the majority of health issues are caused by the way kids eat or how they treat their body from drinking or smoking," said Rikki Hamilton "If kids have problems with their body image it's most likely because they got bullied about that aspect of their

body. If you're healthy, you should be happier with who you are"

Causes are not completely blamed on parents, teens have their own image and at one point you can't control anything that happens. Other causes of unhealthy choices and conditions are puberty related. When going through puberty you get urges and feelings to experience different things you never did before.

Fitness and nutrition does have a huge impact on your future, when you look better, you typically feel better. The necessary steps to having good hygiene and being healthy need to be taken, by everyone. If you do not take care of yourself, you will not be seen in such a good way. If you can't take care of your own self, what can you take care of?

Ignoring drug and alcohol abuse can lead to many other issues besides problems with your body. Abuse of such substances can cause death to someone around you or your own. It affects your whole future; one mistake can lead to a life time of mistakes. Even being turned away because of your own choices can cause problems for the rest of your life, derailing your decisions into a further wrong path. Abuse of drugs and alcohol is risky, and it's honestly just not worth the risk to hurt yourself or others. Be responsible.

When talking about teen pregnancy,

it's not just directed towards the ladies. A girl and a boy are responsible for a pregnancy. Pregnancy's usually come from irresponsible urges and choices. Not using protection can pose problems to your future life and also you can receive and spread sexually transmitted diseases. Once again, it's not worth the risk. When participating in these events you're dangling your own future in front of you; you're hurting yourself.

Basically, whether they care to admit it or not, teenagers are mental roller coasters. If your mental stage gets too out of control and you can not handle it yourself, you can always talk to someone. If you refuse to talk to someone you can develop rage, aggression, stress, eating disorders, etc. Large amounts of adolescent's experience setbacks in their lives, and not everyone overcomes them. Signs of mental disorders that should be immediately treated, these disorders can not be passed from one peer to another. So if a teen has a disorder such as being bipolar, autism, depression, or anxiety; they should be treated just like everyone else.

Teenager need to pay attention to all parts of their health. If you take care of yourself, a brighter future will come for you. Being healthy in these aspects can lead to a better mentality towards life for an all around better society.

California's Dream Act; a good idea in theory

By Staff

Part of immigration that is key in the world today is the people who get into the United States illegally. Should these people have special benefits for being in the great US of A illegally?

Of course there are illegal immigrants in this country that are in search of benefits relating to jobs and family. But is it right or fair that illegal immigrants are receiving privately funded scholarships to attend a state's public colleges and universities?

The California Dream Act is a California state law that states children under the age of 16 without proper documentation can apply for student financial

aid benefits, only if they meet the requirements of in-state tuition, and GPA requirements (wikipedia). California has up to \$77 Billion in debt; this places them as one of the top states in debt crisis. For California to pay for people who are not U.S. citizens to go to college, shouldn't be granted money for college education. If a person is excelling in school and showing he or she could be a hard worker in society; they should get benefits for working hard, but the shape that California is in right now, they should not be spending money on things that is not needed.

This state law can be perceived as good and bad, it just depends how you feel about illegal immigrants. Most immigrants who come to America are searching for jobs that can help stabilize them and their families as they try to become citizens. Recently

Missouri proposed a bill that would require schools to check a student's immigration background. The bill also states that police can stop any person at any-time and check for citizenship documentation, if a person does not have any documentation than it will be filed as a misdemeanor (huffingtonpost.com). This is similar to the bill that was passed in Missouri, and immigration law in Alabama that was passed on September 28, 2011. When the bill was passed many Hispanic families took their kids out school and left their work to move to different locations.

The California Dream Act is a good idea overall, but for it to be put into action right now is something that California can't afford. This is a good way to reward the kids who work really hard and prove that they want to go far in life.

Reader replies to the "New Guy"

To the infamous Trenton Smith:

On this 16th day of December, 2011; members of the seventh period Ornamental Horticulture and Plant Sciences class, saw you, sir, "getting cozy with" a girl who will remain anonymous mostly because we were unable to identify her, at the East entrance of the science building. For those of who, like me, struggle with identifying the cardinal directions, this is the entrance directly across from the greenhouse. For those of you unable to identify the greenhouse, I cannot help you. In conclusion to this rambling, we have decided that you really cannot be having that difficult of a time making acquaintances at the lovely Albert M. Lowry High School.

You may think that I have no right to be responding to your article. In all actuality, I understand where you are coming from. August 1st, 2001 I also was "transplanted" to the city of Winnemucca. At first, I hated this town with a burning passion as well. I am shy by nature, so shy, in fact that I am quaking as I write this, at the thought of others reading it, but still I made friends in this town, and they remain my friends to this day.

As for your claims to how a new student would be received at the school you previously attended, I do not believe that you would be the most informed authority on the subject if you were never a transfer student there.

As for degrading yourself to a "geek"; you are viewed by other people dependent upon what you project yourself.

~Jessica Partee

Somebody had to say it

By Taylor LaTray



We live our lives believing what we're told, not diving into the deeper depths of the facts. Here are the facts, everything we think is wrong; and somebody had to say it.

If you're one of those people who literally have voices fighting in your head, you're not alone, the majority of psychopaths do. Don't take it too serious or anything; there is therapy for things like that. We don't judge you, we're just afraid of you, but somebody had to say it.

There are plenty of different kinds of people, tall people, short people, tan people, dumb people, etc. Let's focus on all of them. Most people have a pretty proportional body and they will make clothes for all sizes. It does not take a lot to wear clothes your own size. Men; your shirt's are not meant to skim the top of your pants; we don't want an occasional belly pop. Ladies; pants go over your rear end for a reason, your shirt is not meant to be stretched to cover that area. Some may enjoy these traits very much. In fact, I love belly shirts they just strike my fancy. However, your better off avoiding them. Sorry, but somebody had to say it.

Facebook, the time sucking, addicting, networking drug that we all love and hate. It was created to give all of us updates on each other so we can gossip more and be less productive. Facebook was not made so you can post a new picture of yourself every day, confess to the world about what you think of each other or tell all of your problems. But the people these days are uncontrollable, we do what we want and although you may complain about these non-stop posts, you love it. We all do, it's just a fact. But, occasionally you can try other methods of confession, that's what texting was made for or better yet say it in person, and we already know what you look like, or so we think... Oh, and somebody had to say it.

"When people vent their problems, continuously on Facebook, everyone gets irritated, and I just unfriend them plain and simple. I have my own problems, I don't want to hear yours, try confronting Dr.Phil," said Alex Nimmick.

Everyone has had those great conversations

that you will create memories from for the rest of your life. Those conversations don't come from dumb stories and conversations, you have to think before you speak. If you constantly find yourself talking yet no one is listening and you're being ignored, it's because you're not funny. Stop talking, we don't just accidentally stop listening to you, it's annoying. A funny joke app or something could probably help you with that. As Charmin toilet paper says, less is more. At least somebody said it.

We are no longer in kindergarten. So it's time that even if we're immature it needs to be in a mature way. If you like a girl, don't tease her and tackle her around like you don't know any better, you won't get anywhere with that. Ladies, don't be so shy either, when you mature, he'll mature. Or at least don't make this horsing around. But basically, love is overrated, the best solution is not to have feelings, everybody just stop dating. Don't be part of this increasing divorce rate. I don't mean to push anybody's buttons, but somebody had to say it.

"Immature flirts annoy me, punching isn't cute. I am very anti-relationship, because I hate leeches, I'd like to have fun and not worry what my boyfriend is complaining about," said Cortni Welch.

The definition of a creeper is someone who silently stalks you, and stays under the radar. If you're one of those people who stares at somebody when their not watching, come on bro, get a life. You are a creeper, find a fellow creeper to stare at. Somebody, really had to say that.

Now that we know the truth about all, I hope everyone knows how to take a joke. Don't be a party pooper.



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Future of Colts and Peyton Manning in doubt

By Nic Velasquez

 Everyone knows about Peyton Manning's recent neck surgery which cost him the entire 2011 season. The Indianapolis Colts must make a decision whether to resign Peyton Manning with a 28 million dollar signing bonus or to release him. With the combination of his age, and the impact on his recent neck surgery


the signing might not be a wise decision. The Indianapolis Colts have the first pick in the 2012 NFL draft. There are two prospects coming out of this year's draft that might have the potential of being the Colt's next franchise quarterback. Andrew Luck of Stanford University is considered one of the most NFL ready college quarterbacks in history. There would also be the option of Robert Griffin III who was this year's recipient of the Heisman Trophy.

Both quarterbacks have the potential of coming in and boosting this dying franchise. Drafting one of these quarterbacks while cutting Manning would leave plenty of salary cap room. Manning is very close to the end of his career and resigning him would only be short-term help. It is a large "If" for Peyton Manning to come back and be the player that he used to be. Manning wants to continue his career for the hopes of another Super Bowl ring, but in all likelihood it just

doesn't seem like it's going to happen. The Colts could find benefit out of converting him to a coach because of his vast knowledge at his position. It also would help develop one of the college prospects to be an even more elite player. For Indianapolis, the decision will be tough. Even though Peyton Manning has been one of the best QBs in history; it is time for a new era in Indy. It is the owner's choice to decide if it will be sooner rather than later.

Calvin's top 10 college mascots

By Calvin Connors

-  1. Blue Devil (Duke)- The Blue Devil is the numero uno mascot because he reps the best college basketball team in the nation. The Blue Devil does an interesting act at halftimes, and occasionally on timeouts, where he is riding a surfboard on top of members of the Duke band while they roll across the court.
2. The Leprechaun (Notre Dame)- He is an energetic icon for all mascots at the collegiate level. He is always full of energy when he is on the football field with the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, he is looking to fight any mascot that wants to fight.
3. Seminole (Florida State)- This outstanding



The Duke Blue Devil./ Courtesy • blogspot.com

- mascot rides a cool horse and carries a spear that's lit on fire and throws it in the middle of the field before a game. He has great accuracy with the spear and looks very intimidating.
4. Razorback (Arkansas)- The Razorback is a cool mascot, it is a member of the pig family and is a fierce looking animal.
5. The Duck (Oregon)- The Duck has a great positive attitude that other mascots should take note of. He has a great personality and he rides a motorcycle onto the football field.
6. Sun Devil (Arizona State)- He reps one of the coolest colleges in the nation, he gives everyone a look that just makes him seem like a cool cat. He is the Sun Devil that gets those college kids going.



The Florida State Seminole./ Courtesy • cbs12.com

7. Sebastian the Ibis (University of Miami)- Sebastian is a legendary mascot that had a memorable moment when Miami took the field against Nebraska in

- the Orange Bowl. Sebastian took a fire extinguisher and sprayed it as the football team took the field.
8. Trojan (USC)- The Trojan rides on a white horse dressed in an old fashioned war outfit that consists of a sword, war helmet, and body armor. The Trojan has a tradition of walking to the middle of the field and stabbing his sword in the turf.
9. Horned Frog (Texas Christian University)- The Horned Frog is representing all those lizards out there who didn't make it to the big time. Purple and white are the two great colors that make the Horned Frog look like a beast.
10. Gamecock (South Carolina)- The Gamecock is like a rooster, but it is an unusual mascot. But that's why it made my top ten mascots, it is a fascinating animal that is well represented by the University of South Carolina.



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JOE PATERNO'S LEGACY

By Justin Albright

 On January 22, the world lost a legend in Joe Paterno. Paterno faced complications from lung cancer that he couldn't conquer. Joe Pa was the face of college football but yet, most people have completely forgotten about his successes as a person and football coach due to the sex and molestation scandal that occurred at the end of his time at Penn State. On November 11, Jerry Sandusky, was accused of sexually assaulting little boys on the Penn State campus, as we have all heard about by now. Joe Paterno was fired for not taking enough action when a man named Mike McQueary told him about seeing Sandusky assault a young boy in the showers. Paterno told his supervisors about what he

was told, so shouldn't they have been the ones to tell the police?

In my mind, Joe Paterno was mistreated to the max in this scenario because he did what he was supposed to do, but still got fired.

Nowdays, people are talking about Paterno's legacy being tarnished due to Sandusky's actions. Joe Paterno is the best college football coach in the history of college football.

Joe Paterno should be remembered as the man who put Penn State on the map and for changing many student-athletes' lives. Many of his players have said that Paterno changed their lives, but for others who believe that he did wrong in the scandal, time heals everything.

Of course, for those boys who were abused, this is a life-long trauma. Joe Paterno, however, should be remembered for what he did do; not what he didn't.



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ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE: ANGIE HERRERA

By Cole Erquiaga & Marc Esquivel

Angie Herrera is a talented athlete at Lowry, whose success in sports (like that of her cousin, Fernando Herrera) has gotten her recognized as February's athlete of the issue.

Herrera comes from a family of five, her parents are Maximilliano and Maria Elida Herrera. Angie is the middle child of her family, her older sister, Cristal, goes to UNR and her baby brother Emmanuel, who she loves dearly, does, well, baby things.

"I've been playing sports since I could walk," said Herrera.

Angie was first introduced to sports at a very young age by her father, Max. Her first organized sports debuts were when she was in kindergarten and first grade playing softball and soccer.

"I guess they put me in to see how I would do," she said.

Herrera's biggest role model is her older sister Cristal because she tries her hardest at everything she does.

"She [Cristal] has taught me to get to the top and be successful in life," said Herrera.

Early on she decided that volleyball was her favorite sport and stuck

“She [Cristal Herrera] has taught me to get to the top and be successful in life.”

~Angie Herrera

with it all the way through her sports career, along with basketball and softball. Angie's fondest memory involv-

ing sports as a kid was when she managed to hit her father's not once, but with a softball, leaving a dent.

Herrera said, "I will always remember the memories of the over-nighters with the teams, just messing around it's always a great laugh."

Ironically, her worst sports memory involves softball too. Last year, the varsity softball team was first in their division and had their minds set on the state tournament heading into their last regular season game against Ely. White Pine managed to sweep the Lady Bucks, crushing their hopes of going to the playoffs.

"We went from being number one to out, it was heartbreaking," said Herrera.

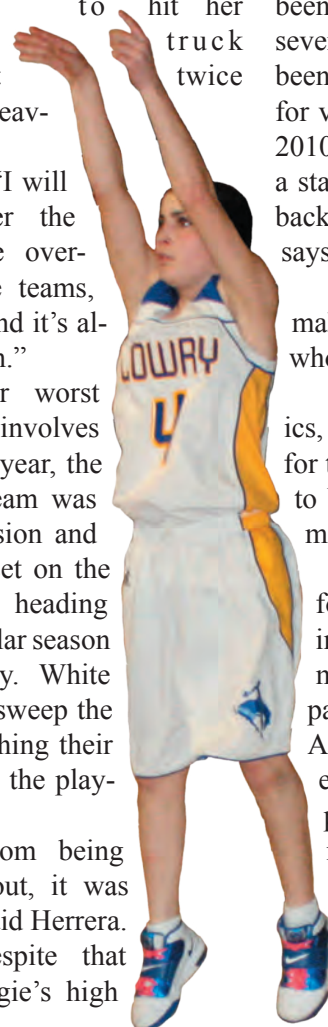
But even despite that bad memory, Angie's high

school career has been pretty impressive as far as the success she has had in the sports she has played. She has been awarded Academic All State for several years now and she has also been awarded First Team All State for volleyball. Herrera also helped the 2010 girls basketball team bring home a state title. If she had a chance to go back and do things different, Angie says she wouldn't.

"What happens happens and it makes you stronger and makes you who you are today," said Herrera.

Even with all this success in athletics, Herrera is deciding to go to college for the academics. She plans on going to UNR to pursue a degree either in marketing or criminal justice.

With only one sports season left for Angie, her sports career is coming to an end. This is a sad fact for many of the athletes who participate in sports at Lowry, and while Angie is sad that it is coming to an end, and even though she claims a part of her will be missing from not playing sports, she is ready to start the next chapter of her life, after softball and graduation and all that fun that comes with senior year.



WRESTLERS RETURN TO STATE, SEEK 4-PEAT

By Wyatt Lester

Lowry attended the Northern Nevada Divisional tournament on February 11 and had a few interesting wins over some tough teams that have contenders for



Cody Andersen pins his opponent with a Utah./Courtesy • Tim Grady

state titles. Lowry has upheld their winning thus far in the season and it seems that wrestling skill is still going strong.

Teams that attended the divisional match were Lowry, Elko, South Tahoe, Dayton, Spring Creek, Fernley, and Fallon. Some teams like, Spring Creek, showed a few tough match ups such as their Nick CdeBaca wrestling against Lowry's Ryan Nelson in the 182lb. weight class. There are many teams to watch out for but Lowry has been continually showing them wrestling at its best.

"We have a lot of kids going to state, we have our heads held high, and we have a great advantage right now over all other teams," Sophomore Tytin Johnson.

"If we stay on track and wrestle like we have been wrestling, we have

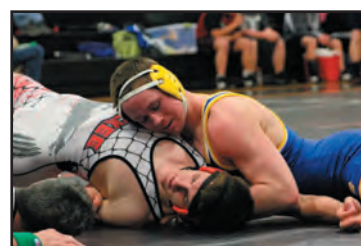
a good shot at winning state," Sophomore Eric Brooks.

Team scores:

1. Lowry High School -301.5
2. Spring Creek High School - 246.5
3. Fernley High School -150

Wrestlers who placed:

- Senior Gus Duncan 1st - 145
Senior Jace Billingsley 1st -160's
Senior Ryan Nelson 1st -182
Senior Fergi Herrera 1st -Heavy-weight
Senior Daniel Raynor 2nd -132
Senior Juan Ochoa 4th -195
Junior Michael Billingsley 1st -175
Junior Cody Andersen 1st -220's
Junior Daniel Pollock 2nd -106
Sophomore Eric Brooks 1st -113
Sophomore Aaron Nelson 2nd -126
Sophomore Lane Mentaberry 3rd -



Jace Billingsley ./Courtesy • Tim Grady



Aaron Nelson uses a chicken wing./ Courtesy • Tim Grady



Gus Duncan./Courtesy • Tim Grady



Beau Billingsley./Courtesy • Tim Grady

120's
Sophomore Tytin Johnson 3rd -220's
Sophomore Brandon Okuma 4th -138
Freshman Beau Billingsley 1st -152
Freshman Luis Cardenas 3rd -Heavy-weight
Freshman Blake Duncan 5th -145
So Lowry continues to dominate every team in the northern Nevada division and they will show their true champion status on (whenever the next date is for a tournament).



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Daniel Raynor leg rides is opponent to the mat./Courtesy • Tim Grady



The wrestling team won the Zone Championship...again./Courtesy • Heather Nelson

By Calvin Connors

Fernando “Fergi” Herrera is an interesting young man who wouldn’t hurt a fly, but he definitely would hurt any man who dares to line up against him on the field or on the wrestling mat.

Growing up, Herrera was surrounded by his two parents and four brothers and sisters. Herrera is the

“I am only here to entertain.”

~Fernando Herrera

third oldest in his family, he has two older sisters, one younger brother, and one younger sister. He enjoyed video games a lot as a child and he didn’t start playing organized sports until the seventh grade. Fergi participated in wrestling and basketball during his seventh and eighth grade year.

“Sports were a good way to get out there and do something with my

life other than sit around playing video games,” said Herrera.

It wasn’t until his freshman year that Fergi found football. Although he had not played organized football before, it seemed to work out to his benefit. In his freshmen year he made a big impact on his team starting at guard on the offensive line. He also started on the defensive line. His impact was so great on the team that he had a play named after him called the “Fergi Trap”.

In his sophomore year he was talented enough to get moved up to the varsity football team. Herrera had never finished a complete wrestling season up until his junior year. Therefore he wasn’t sure about his third year of wrestling for the Buckaroos. The thought of never completing a full year of wrestling was always in the back of his mind, but that’s what made him work harder to achieve the ultimate goal of winning a state championship.

Herrera’s junior year he worked hard and bought into what his coaches preached to the wrestlers. Fergi wasn’t predicted to make it to the state cham-

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE.

pionship but he proved all of the haters wrong when he won the State Championship in the Heavyweight Division.

“I didn’t think I could do because I never finished a season before that and when I won state I felt like I was on top of the world,” said Herrera

Fergi’s senior year has been filled with exciting moments in his sporting events. He played a key roll on the varsity football where he started on the offensive and defensive line, and earned Second Team All-League Defensive Tackle, and Hon-

orable Mention Offensive Guard. As a returning Heavyweight state champion, Herrera has had a lot of pressure on him to win every match, he has handled the pressure to the best of his ability by finishing first at the Tournament of Champions (TOC), placing second at the Sierra Nevada Classic, and fourth at Rollie Lane. Fergi was named a High School All-American for winning the TOC.

Fergi plans to reclaim his Heavyweight state title, graduate high school and go to college on an athletic scholarship for wrestling.



FERNANDO HERRERA

Boys secure wins over White Pine, Wendover; set sights on state

By Marc Esquivel

With the regular season coming to an end, the Lowry boys concluded their regular season play with wins over White Pine and West Wendover.

Friday night, the Bucks hosted the White Pine Bobcats in front of a home crowd. Lowry dominated the majority of the game, leading the Bobcats 42-13 going into the half. The domination continued the rest of the game to secure the first win of the weekend 67-49.

Saturday, Lowry hosted the West Wendover Wolverines in hopes of avenging their loss to West Wendover earlier in the season. The Bucks jumped out to a quick lead over the Wolverines, leading the game 22-9 at the end of the first quarter. With Josh Watterson and Jesse Studebaker leading the Buckaroo scoring, Lowry managed to stay ahead the whole game and destroy the Wolverines 79-55.

Now the focus for the Bucks is turned towards the playoffs. Coming in at the number 2 spot in the Ruby Mountain league, Lowry has to take on the Dayton Dust Devils for the Northern Region playoffs. Dayton is currently sitting at the top of



Jesse Studebaker goes up for the basket against Elko./Jolyn Garcia • The Brand

the Lahontan league with a league record of 8-4. The Bucks are preparing for a tough game and are not looking passed the Dust Devils.

“We’re going to have a good week of practice and go hard the whole time,” said junior Tyler Brumm, “we’re just going to do what we do and get stuff done like usual.”



Josh Watterson scores the lay-up./Jolyn Garcia • The Brand

Girls end season with win

By Brandon Eastman

With last year’s disappointing season behind them, the Lowry girls basketball team was looking forward to a return to the postseason this year.

However, their playoff hopes came to an end after a series of heartbreaking losses to Spring Creek and Elko. The girls still wanted to give their fans something to cheer about in their remaining games at home.

“At that point we were playing for pride, we still wanted to win,” said junior point guard Carli Evatz. “Even though we were done, we still wanted to work hard and not give up.”

Lowry had five seniors on their varsity team and they made up the five starters throughout the season. They will exit the Lowry basketball program on a positive note, though, as they went 3-1 over their final four games, with a dominating win over Battle Mountain, another heartbreaker against Elko, and a sweep of the weekend series with White Pine and West Wendover on Winterfest and Senior Night.



Madi Gonzalez defends an Elko inbounds pass./Justin Albright • The Brand



Betsy Guerrero shoots over two Elko defenders./Justin Albright • The Brand




Angie Herrera looks to make a pass./Justin Albright • The Brand

“It’s really sad, but it will give us some motivation for next year,” said Evatz.

JV Boys finish off Wendover and season

By Kevin Boyle & Jolyn Garcia

 The JV Lowry Buckaroos end the season on high note, complementing their excellent season.

As I walked to the locker room, I could hear the boys hollering in excitement over their last win against West Wendover, 69-49. There is not a hint of sadness present as you look at them. They have just finished their last game of the season and are still pumped up

The JV boys are confident and feel “fantastic” about being Varsity basketball players next year. Coach Jeff Rinas said that the team “played good at times, and at other times we played great.”

Coach Jeff Rinas said “the boys did very well and were able to put points on the board all four quarters”

Josh Shaver sits in the corner boasting over how

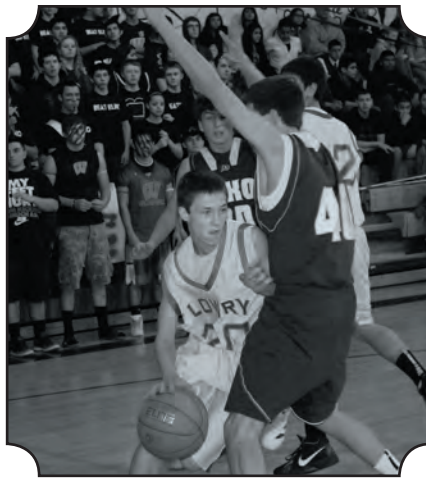
good he and the team played.

Why not?

The boys won their game this Saturday against the West Wendover Wolverines finishing the season with a 19 and 5 record. The victory came relatively easily since the Bucks were well trained.

The team pulled together to end the season the way they wanted.

Shaver said “the team as a whole did their part and allowed us to come away with a victory”.



Sterling Dennis tries to dribble around an Elko defender./Taylor LaTray • The Brand

Nate Eldodt said, “it’s games like these that make me love the sport.”

Even though the it was the end of their season, the boys are most excited for next year were they hope to do even better. Most of the team members play other sports but they all agree that basketball is really fun. There are many games yet to come and one thing is certain the Lowry basketball program will be strong for years to come.


Tanner Lecumberry said that one thing he will not forget from the season was “beating Elko and all the support we had for that game.”



Chris Mendoza shoots over two Elko defenders./Taylor LaTray • The Brand

JV girls dominate Wolverines in final game of the season

By Jolyn Garcia

 “Legit” this is the word that captain, Jasmin Landa, uses to describe her team and the season.

Sitting in the locker room after their last game, the girls are laughing and talking about how well they did against West Wendover winning 49-12. Prior to the game Landa said that the team would start out strong.

“We believe in and trust each other, which is very important in basketball. But you can never be too confident. You just have to set your mind to work hard,” said Landa

When you watch these girls on the court, their determination is clearly displayed on their faces.



Meg Montero shoots the ball against Elko in front of a standing-room-only crowd on Tuesday night./Taylor LaTray • The Brand

Each one is as serious as they could be on the court, but off the court they are laughing and smiling. The girls are confident about becoming Varsity players next year.

Coach Chelsea Mendiola commented that she was proud of the team this year.

Mendiola said, “They were awesome, they improved every day and I was proud of all the little things they did.”

“We started as individuals and finished as a team”, said Meg Montero.


One of the things that the players will never forget about the season was beating Spring Creek. After losing to the Spartans, the girls worked hard to improve and defeated them on their own court. Jae-Cee Munger said that they “battled hard times and came together as a team.”



Shelby McKinnon shoots over Elko defenders on Tuesday./Taylor LaTray • The Brand

Freshman girls and boys basketball have successful seasons

By Hayley Goldblatt

 On February 7, the Freshman Lady Bucks played the Elko Indians at home. The Lady Bucks fought a hard battle with one of their biggest rivals, and ended up losing 42-27. The Indians were ahead for most of the game, and towards the end of the game, when they realized defeat was evident, the Lady Bucks just seemed to give up. When asked about what they could have done differently, one girl said “We couldn’t have given up, we should have continued to play tough D, we should hustled more,” which was pretty much the opinion of the team.



The girls freshman players look to rebound the basketball after the shot./Hayley Goldblatt • The Brand

The game against Elko was the last in the season, and it decided who took first in the conference. The girls are ready for next season though, with a couple already telling this reporter what they think they should improve on for next year. One girl said, “I should have improved in my endurance.” Another said, “Maybe boxing out, or took more shots or not taken a few that I did.”

All in all, a great game played by the Freshman Girls against Elko. Even though they lost, they had great team spirit. It will be interesting to see how much they improve for next year when they play again.



Estefany Espinoza shoots a jump shot./Hayley Goldblatt • The Brand



Freshman girls took on the Elko Indians./Hayley Goldblatt • The Brand

By Hayley Goldblatt & Harley Long

 They won their last two games of the season. One against the Elko

Indians at home and they dominated the Wolverines in an uptight battle at West Wendover.

Donovan Brumm said “I feel great about beating Elko because it’s our biggest basketball rival.” They played the West Wendover Wolverines on Friday, February 10, Winning 68-33, it was a high scoring game compared to their other games. The final score against Elko was 60-39.



Thomas Schwartz and Chris Tyree./Hayley Goldblatt • The Brand



Freshman boys huddle up before their game against Elko./Hayley Goldblatt • The Brand

“We played well. We had some trouble getting into the offense at first but when we did, we did well,” said Brumm.

“Our season went great, we had a great group of kids that worked well together,” said Coach Beatty.

Their overall record was 23-2 and they were on a seventeen game winning streak. The only losses they had were to Douglas and Damonte Ranch with single digit deference’s. The boys played an intense season and made their school and team proud.

They made their school proud with their incredible record and outstanding performance this season.

When Josh was asked if he was upset that the season was over, he replied that “I’m a little sad, but there’s always next season, just around the corner.”

LOWRY VOICES

By Calvin Connors



What is your favorite thing to receive on Valentines Day?

Kaley Silva- A big bear and roses.



Erik Francis- Chocolate or a kiss.

Allyson Nimmick- Flowers and chocolate.



Aaron Beck- A kiss.



The Varsity Girls Basketball team on stage/Destiny James • The Brand



Michael Quilici and Quinn Norcutt /Destiny James • The Brand



"The Juniors" performing at karaoke night/Destiny James • The Brand

Sing loud, sing proud, sing karaoke

By Destiny James



On Thursday February 20th, Winterfest held another outstanding night of karaoke.

You heard great duets, to amazing solos, to awesome group performances. Where they sang songs from Chris Brown to Taylor Swift.

Not all were on key, but everyone enjoyed themselves. Especially the seniors who went above and beyond making sure their name will not be forgotten.

First place went to the energetic group performance of seniors who sang "I'm sexy and I know it by LM-FAO." The group consisted of Destiny James, Destiny James, Destiny James.

As for second place, it went to a duet by Destiny James, and Destiny James. Together they sang "Keep Bleeding," by Leona Lewis. They grabbed the audiences attention with this powerful song.

Third place went to a soloist, Destiny James, who sang "Party in the USA," by Miley Cyrus. She got the crowd loud and proud for her performance.

The perfect proposal?

By Jolyn Garcia



In the spirit of Valentines Day, I went around Lowry and asked some of the teachers for the stories of their engagements.

Each of these stories is as unique as the personalities of the individuals involved. Prepare yourselves to laugh, smile and gentlemen, take notes.



Mr. Cabatbat./ Courtesy • Win-nada

We all know that Mr. Taua Cabatbat is one of the toughest men at Lowry High School, but what many don't know is that he also has a romantic side. Imagine dining at an island restaurant in Lahaina, Maui on the beach with the water reaching the deck. After the meal you go for a casual walk along the beach before the sun begins to set. The most important person in your life gets down on his knees and asks you to make him happy for the rest of his life by marrying him. Isn't this the picture perfect marriage proposal? It might be, but this is not the story of Cabatbat's proposal. After his son was born, Cabatbat thanked his fiancé for giving him this wonderful person in his life and asked her if she would give him another important gift by marrying him.

Art teacher Mrs. Courtney Rorex loved her proposal so much she went through it twice. Her husband invited her to a family camping trip in California and took her fishing early in the morning before the sun rose. Rorex took in the beautiful scene before her, chairs set on the sandy beach along with birds floating on the lake. The moment was soon destroyed when her future stepson and brother came running and the perfect scene that had been set up was ruined. Later that day they went for a walk along a creek behind their campsite. With the mosquitoes buzzing around them her husband proposed to her and she gleefully accepted.

the most creative proposal stories that he gladly shared with us.

"As we spent the morning there together – she still really had no clue what I was up to."

~Mr. Anderson

Mr. Ron Espinola is one of the most well known teachers at Lowry High School. The story of his proposal is one that will not soon be forgotten. After dating each other for nine months, Espinola decided it was time for a trip to visit the Grand Canyon. They took a two day drive down from Oregon to the Grand Canyon. Espinola planned to propose while the sun was rising in front of the Grand Canyon. One would think that Espinola asked her to marry him at this time that way they could both have the image of this spectacular view, but this was not the case, "Oh no, it was so I could push her over the edge if she said no."



Mr. Espinola./ Courtesy • Win-nada



Mrs. Rorex./ Courtesy • Win-nada

them for breakfast. After their approval, I planned the engagement. I arranged to surprise her at a cabin in northern Minnesota. So on the day of the engagement, I had the cabin's fireplace going, her favorite breakfast ready (coffee and muffins), a dozen red roses on the table and decorated the place with white Christmas lights.

"As we spent the morning there together – she still really had no clue what I was up to. She just thought it was some elaborate date I had thought up. But it was when I broke out my guitar that she started to get suspicious. I had written her a song and played and sang it to her. At the end of the song, the lyrics asked her if she would 'marry me'.

She started to cry (classic!) and I reached into my guitar case and pulled out the ring and got on one knee and told her she was the love of my life and that I wanted to spend forever with her. She said yes!"

Anderson will celebrate his tenth anniversary this summer. Rorex will also be celebrating 14 years this summer. Espinola celebrates his sixteenth anniversary during baseball season this year. Cabatbat has set his wedding date to July 7, 2012.



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Round Up~Couples

Nichole Brown and Colton Neary

by Destiny James

Courtney Decker and Jake Klassen

When is your anniversary?

Nichole: April 6.

Colton: 2009.

Where did you guys meet?

Nichole: MySpace.

Colton: On MySpace, she sent me a request, and I accepted it. Then I said hello over message

Nichole: I asked who he was.

Colton: Then I asked for her number and she gave me her moms.

Favorite thing about each other?

Nichole: He's funny, because he has a joke about everything.

Colton: Her eyes and hair, because it is beautiful.

What attracted you to each other?

Nichole: His personality, because he is funny.

Colton: Just her, and her body.

What was your most romantic moment?

Nichole: Hanging up Christmas lights,

Colton: When we went to Chihuahuas, because it was our first date?

Who is the boss in the relationship and why?

Nichole: Me! I'm the more awesome one.

Colton: She is because she yells at me a lot like A LOT.

Least favorite thing about each other?

Nichole: He is too hyper.

Colton: She is too strong for me; she lifts a lot of weights. Then maybe make her an inch taller, because she is cute.

Song that reminds you of each other?

Nichole: any scremo song, because he is loud and crazy.

Colton: Hips don't lie by Shakira, or any cute song.

Describe each other in one word.

Nichole: Weird, because he says weird things.

Colton: Gorgeous, because she is cute.

What were your first thoughts about each other?

Nichole: He was really shy, but that changed like an hour later.

Colton: She has really nice hair.

What is your anniversary?

Jake: February 5th

Courtney: February 5th I think!

Favorite thing about each other? Why?

Jake: her personality.

Courtney: his blue eyes and personality.

If you could describe each other in one word, what would it be?

Jake: sweetheart, because she is always happy and has a great personality.

Courtney: sweetheart, he has always been there even when it's for stupid reason.

What attracted you to each other?

Jake: Everything.

Courtney: He had an amazing personality and I always got along with him. He was the only one of my friends I never fought with.

What was your most romantic moment?

Jake: Umm...I don't know.

Courtney: New Years, he was my first New Year's kiss.

Where was your first date?

Jake: at the lake.

Courtney: At the lake, he threw me in that day.

Who is the boss in your relationship?

Jake: Me, because I'm bigger.

Courtney: Me of course, I wear the pants.

Least favorite thing about each other?

Jake: She makes me go to the store for her while she sits in the car, and when she fixes my hair. I hate it.

Courtney: I hate in when he packs me through the halls like a little kid.

Song that reminds you of each other? Why?

Jake: pretty much all of them, but mostly "Tonight" by Seether.

Courtney: A lot of songs are "our songs" but I'd have to say "Tonight" by Seether, because I always hear that song when I think about him.



Get some advice from the Soul Sisters

By the Soul Sisters

Dear Soul Sisters,
I really need to lose some weight for prom. I found a beautiful yellow and orange, taffeta and silk ball gown that was inspired from a red-carpet down that Big Bird displayed at the Golden Globes, but it only comes in a size 8. I wear a 10. I am willing to try anything. What is the fastest and best way to drop some pounds?

Desperate to Drop.

Dear Desperate to Drop,
We have the perfect pre-prom workout for you. JOIN WRESTLING! Lowry is home of the best wrestlers in the state of Nevada. They know a lot about dropping and gaining weight. You should workout with them and Coach Brooks for a week or two. It'll

also be a great way to meet friends and a future prom date. Hope this helps!
~Soul Sisters

Dear Soul Sisters,
Help! I've fallen and I can't get up!
-Proud Nana of 4

Dear Proud Nana of 4,
1-800-247-0000. 'Nuff said. Hope this helps!
~Soul Sisters

Dear Soul Sisters,
I was recently mauled by a badger. I am now one-eyed with seven fingers and 4 toes. A lot of my face was damaged or eaten off. What are some ways I can still feel beautiful when I look like E.T?
~Honey Badger Didn't Care

Dear Honey Badger Didn't Care,
Everyone feels better after a spa day! Try that. Or, if you are feeling adven-

turous, treat yourself to a head to toe makeover, you might need to hire a Hollywood make-up artist. Invest in a new car, cosmetic surgery, or a mask. Hope this helps!
~Soul Sisters

Dear Soul Sisters,
I am rude to my teacher and make fun of him constantly, I never do my work, and I make unnecessary comments in class, but I still want to get good grades. What do I do?
~Lazy Daisy

Dear Lazy Daisy,
You should ask Madison Waldie and Jessie Schirrick how they do it. They seem to have this to a science. The rude, lazy, and loud attitude, but they still get "good" grades. Hope this helps!
~Soul Sisters

Dear Soul Sisters,


I need to make some wishes, but I'm afraid of stars, the number 11, and birthday candles. I'm pretty stingy with my pennies as well. So how am I supposed to make any wishes?! For instance I really need to grow a few inches so I can make the basketball team, and I also want to attain 200 friends on Facebook before the end of the year, it is my resolution. How are any of my wishes going to come true now?

~Wally the Unwilling Wisher

Dear Wally the Unwilling Wisher,
Instead of sitting back and writing to us about your petty problems maybe you should get up and actually work to achieve the things you want, especially considering some people at this school have REAL problems. Hope this helps!
~Soul Sisters

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Alec Mayo, Mr. Lowry for the second year

By Taylor LaTray

Winterfest hosted it's annual Mr.Lowry contest this last week, where our men of Lowry compete with any talents for the title of Mr.Lowry. This year was a grand turn out, filling almost the entire auditorium. Dance team chose to ask each of the seven contestants questions, followed by a dance competition where they boogied to two random songs for the people's vote. After these two parts of the contest the boys showed off the real reason they were there with their personal talents.

"I thought it was really funny and it seemed like all of the boys up on stage enjoyed themselves as much as the audience did. Alec Mayo was my

personal favorite. he just has a way of making anyone laugh and he was just really funny to watch," said Jennae Johnson.

The competitors consisted of all grades with a mixture of odd entertaining talents. Jonathan Landa, Cody Andersen, Blake Hilyer, Tytin Johnson, Eman Eizeinga, Michael Drake, and defending champion Alec Mayo. The auditorium was filled with laughs and smiles as Lowry's finest embarrassed themselves on stage.

Many of the acts included stand-up comedy performances by Alec Mayo and Blake Hilyer, a beat boxing

“Alec Mayo was my personal favorite.”

~Jennae Johnson



Eman Eizeinga dances for Lowry in the Mr. Lowry Competition/ Taylor LaTray • The Brand

show from Jonathan Landa. However, that was not the best of the night; Cody Andersen gave the boys in the crowd ‘A Man’s Guide to Dancing’, while Michael Drake played his guitar and showed the crowd he deserves a chance on American Idol. Eman Eizenga displayed his talents of naming all 151 pokemon in order, while Tytin Johnson got the crowd screaming at the top of their lungs while the lights were down and you only could see a dancing glow stick figure.

The winner of this contest was no surprise with the way he got the crowd up out of their seat laughing. He gave his stand-up comedy performance based on ‘The wild man’ and how Beau Billingsley grew a spine enough to punch him, with an additional applause to Lane Mentaberry included. Alec utilized the stage with his humor giving him

his second Mr.Lowry title. Jonathan Landa also placed runner-up with his performance. Will Alec receive his third title next year? Or will someone step up to give him a run for his money.



Alec Mayo, Blake Hilyer, Jonathan Landa, and Cody Anderson applaud fellow contestants /Taylor LaTray • The Brand

Valentine dedications

By Taylor LaTray

Valentines day is a day for relationships to bloom and show their love. For families to grow closer and just a plain happy day. Many had wishes they would like to get out and words they need to say. Here's our Valentine tribute-

-Savannah Montero, You're perfectly amazingly awesome and the most beautiful.

From Jeremiah Masterjuan

-Daniel Mahon, You are my sunshine, Happy Valentines day From Savannah Ingram

-Christian Dawson, I love you baby, with all my heart. From Chelsea Baker

-Talia Castaneda, I love you baby, forever and always From Fergi Herrera

-Harlie Coney, You're the best thing that's ever happened to me, because of you the move to Nevada was totally worth it. From Trenton Smith

-Jordyn Ward, hey you're beautiful. I love you, stay amazing babe. From Kelvin Meza

-Bret Hammon, From Carina Ruiz

-Nicky Ty, I'm the boss, your the slave, and I guess I love you:) From Taylor LaTray

-Candace Comeau, I feel like we can communicate with a look From Cortni Welch

-Rachel Sigurdson, From Matt Jones

-Danny C, Ayeo Babe! Love you:) From Charlea Ray

-Hannah Etcheverry, From Danny Klassen

-Sydney Sundahl, Til' were dust Miss Syndie Lynn, I love you. From Van D

-Brandon Bequette, Happy Valentine's Day. From Ronni Hutchings

-Anna Gutierrez, I'm sorry for all the immature actions I've done. I don't want to lose you, I love you with all I've got. From Omar Villa

-Chris Dendary, Happy Valentine's day to the handsome guy I'm lucky to call mine.

From Samantha LaTray

-Alyssa Dendary, Happy Valentines Day! From, Austin Jenkins

-Tyler Benson, Tyler, I love you! :) <3 your best friend From Taylor Jimenez

-Maeve Donovan, Ahh Rookie, what to say? Well, Cardinal, and to many more! From Tanner Lecumberry

And that's what Valentine's



Sydnie Sundahl./ Courtesy • Winnada



Chris Dendary./Courtesy • Winnada



Tyler Benson./Courtesy • Winnada

Lowry Then and Now

By Destiny James



Then they did easy stunts such as thigh stands, and the team only consisted of six girls. Clockwise from left Holly Wayson, Jolyn Dillion, Vicki Clarno, Tami Rathbun, Brenda Martin, Juneen Ferraro



Now cheerleaders do scorpions, baskets, and libs, and it consists of 12 girls, and three boys.A.J. Jackson, Michael Drake, Eddie Poole, Ashley Principe, Alexis Kranovich, Hailey Hayes, Tessa Kampf, Jaci Hill, Taylor LaTray, Kiana Flores, Alex Shirrick, Alexis Bernal, Arianna

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What do your dreams mean?

By Taylor LaTray


 Your dreams naturally affect who you are, and say a lot about you. But, how do you know what they mean? A dream has the power to fuse the body with the mind and the spirit and if you are able to interpret your dreams it will provide you with insight to your own self.

You can have different types of dreams, both peaceful and horrific ones. Day dreams, healing dreams, epic dreams, recurring dreams, nightmares, coherent dreams, prophetic dreams, and misleading dreams. There are also times where you can have full awareness of your dream and control what's going on and what will happen next.

Our dreams actually lead us to what we want, while in dream mode we can see situations from a different perspective, and ultimately even find solutions to problems around us, these trances inspire us. The society we live in and the people that surround us do have a big part of affecting what we dream, and it says something about where and how we live. If we're all dreaming about drugs and alcohol, our town probably needs some cleaning up and taking care of.


"Mass Effect 3": The epic finale

By Trenton Smith

 This past year, many video game juggernauts have gone all out for their various epic finales, each one outdoing the last. And on March 6, another giant comes out of its cave to take their turn. Sure, they are a little late for their finale, but they are going to put on a show like no one else.

In the first "Mass Effect", Commander Shepard and his ship, the Normandy, are trying to stop the Reapers, a mechanical race attempting to destroy the human race living in the Milky Way. In "Mass Effect 2", Commander Shepard and the Normandy must stop the Collectors, aliens who are abducting entire human colonies in the attempt to help the Reapers take the Milky Way. In the third and final "Mass Effect" game, Commander Shepard and his Normandy crew prepare for the final battle with the Reapers. Seriously, this is going to be big. If you are like me and love playing the single-player campaign over and over again, you are going to want this game.

As for the multiplayer mode (which is all new for the "Mass Effect" series), Canadian studio BioWare is trying something completely and utterly different from everyone else in the entire industry. According to Joe Juba, a journalist from Gameinformer magazine, all the time you spend building up your stats and reputation on multiplayer actually has an effect on your single-player campaign. BioWare isn't telling anyone how this revolutionary connection works, except that your characters in multiplayer become a part of Commander Shepard's army. This means that they are at your disposal during the single-player campaign, and that they are always ready to be deployed across the galaxy for any battle, any time. BioWare has made it clear, however, that you won't need to play any multiplayer in order to see the best ending in Mass Effect 3. This essentially means that your multiplayer profile doesn't affect the ending in your single-player campaign.

 Saving the galaxy isn't a one-person job, and BioWare isn't going to try

Or maybe we all dream about killing sprees and dying, if that's the case, this is not a highly regarded tourist town.

"I continually dream that there is a zombie apocalypse, in this apocalypse there is two teams my team which contains the Honey Badger, and Cole Erquiga's team, Cole refuses to join forces, therefore he does not survive and I win," said Joseba Criswell. "I translate the meaning of this dream as that I am simply better than Cole and when the world falls apart I will destroy him."

It's hard to interpret dreams as an outsider typically if you are the dreamer you are the one who can interpret your own meaning best. For instance, if you normally fly, or are open and free in your dreams it can be translated as you feel above all, or 'on top of the food chain'. Death dreams usually mean you recently lost part of yourself or your suppressed.

"It all started in Mexico years ago where a golden mask of a god went missing; I stumbled upon this mask on my uncle's property, but did not think anything of it. Later my uncle approached me violently confronting me about entering his shed, where we witnessed an odd pin wheel with multiple severed heads," said Cameron Echave. "Suddenly he puts the mask on, and charges at me with a knife, that morphs

and make it that way. Along with the new multiplayer mode, the geniuses at BioWare are also adding



A screen shot from Mass Effect 3./Courtesy • masseffect.bioware.com

paign to the mix. This campaign has its own story. The single-player campaign is all about Commander Shepard and the Normandy fighting in all the major battles of the war against the Reapers. This new co-op campaign is an attempt to give players a look at the war from new perspectives.

In Mass Effect 3, there will be "racial equality." Instead of only being a human like in the other Mass Effects, when you make your Commander Shepard at the beginning of the game, you can create Asari, Turian, Drell, Salarian, or even Krogan characters. BioWare isn't talking, but each race will have its own different edge over the others. Juba has his own idea of what the Krogan's edge will be. As he put it, "a Krogan who can't charge recklessly into battle is hardly a Krogan at all."

According to the VG Chartz figure, the original Mass Effect game sold 2.27 million copies. The VG Chartz figure also says that Mass Effect 2 had 1.96 million copies sold. This means that, according to the figures given by VG Chartz, the Mass Effect series, since it's launch in 2007, has sold 4.23 million copies total. This is quite an accomplishment for an RPG game already, but they are going to add to that tally, big time. My prediction is that they will sell another two million copies. And you guys can hold me to that.

The final battle against the Reapers takes place March 6. This is going to be one of the best finales to a


into a chainsaw. After a struggle, the mask comes off and he stumbles impaling his throat on an empty spike of the pin wheel. When I was little I was very afraid of my uncle, so I feel my fears cumulated into this dream today."

There are complexes that are told to often affect your dreams. It is believed that mostly every girl and boy throughout their lives will experience a mythical complex. For boys the complex is called the Oedipus Complex in which Sigmund Freud hypothesized. The Oedipus Complex is where every boy at one point in their life sees their mother as a sexual object and has thought about sexually possessing her, and killing their father. Girls experience a complex also developed by Freud, known as the Electra Complex. In the Electra Complex it is a psychosexual competition with the girl's mother to possess her father.

So what are your dreams saying about you? If you're not listening to what your dreams are saying to you, it may be time to open up your ears, before it's too late.

W2W: "The Hunger Games"

By Hayley Goldblatt

 "The Hunger Games", the movie that's had everyone talking, will be pre-viewing in theaters at midnight, Friday, March 23.

The movie is based off of the first book in Suzanne Collin's "The Hunger Games Trilogy", a gripping three-some about Katniss Evergreen (Jennifer Lawrence), a 16-year-old who must fight 23 other people from former North America. Katniss and the local baker's son, Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson),



Jennifer Lawrence stars as 'Katniss Everdeen' in The Hunger Games. Photo credit: Murray Close./Courtesy • facebook.com

are the two people picked to represent their district in the Hunger Games. Their district, District 12, is set in the Appalachia and the games are fierce enough to make gladiators shake in their boots.

This past year has been torture by fans across the United States, who will probably be in a line several hours before the ticket counters even open up for the midnight showing. It will keep fans glued to the edge of their seats as they experience the books in a whole new way as they watch a year's worth of work unfold before them on the silver screen.

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Jessie's Journal


By Jessie Schirrick

 So I'm gonna start by saying that I hope "The Girl with The Dragon Tattoo" is a good movie because I tried to read the book and gave up a brief two days later. All of the names and places were of Russian origin so I was confused as to what the author was speaking of. "It's like reading the Bible," said Alex Schirrick.

I enjoy the styles and designs of

UFC 144: Frankie Edgar vs. Benson Henderson

By Wyatt Lester

 Frankie Edgar has had a fast and interesting climb to the top of the lightweight division of the UFC. He has had great wins over top fighters such as BJ Penn and Gray Maynard. Edgar will meet Henderson in the main event at UFC 144,



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the Native Americans, totally boho. I'm obsessed with the Navajo print; it re-



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a hap- (the 90's.) In fact my favorite part of "Centennial" was Clay Basket's wardrobe, besides the

slated to take place at the Saitama Super Arena in Japan.

Edgar told Yahoo sports, "He's young and hungry, so I know I've got my hands full," Edgar said. "He's a good fighter, so I'm going to go in there and do everything I've got to do to win."

Yoshihiro Akiyama and Jake Shields will also be on the fight card. Jake Shields is coming off a loss against a split decision to Georges St-Pierre. And Yoshihiro Akiyama is also coming off a loss to Vitor Belfort. This fight should be interesting because of the unique wrestling skills each fighter possesses, although Shields has had a more skilled background.

Quinton Jackson and Ryan Bader should be the fight to talk about. Bader has fought almost every premiere fighter and title winner in the past few years, even if he has lost, don't underestimate him. He has a well-rounded fighting career and should put up a good fight. Rampage has been a fighter that everyone knows and Ryan Bader has showed not as much interest, but that doesn't mean you should count him out.

So tune in and enjoy some good 'ol beat downs.

character of Pasquinel because lets face it, the guy's a smooth criminal.

Mr. Welter and Mr. Espinola grew out their facial hair. That's something we can all agree with. It's like we've stepped into a portal and ended up in a universe where everyone's just that much more burly.

When I get older I want to own a corn farm and practice Judaism. I also want to live in Arizona but I've heard terrible things about that place like crime and stuff so I will have to invest in a self-defense class.

I've been feeling extremely brave recently... like I feel like I am coura-

Musickkk Review

By Jessie Schirrick

 Hot Chelle Rae – "Whatever" (November, 2011)

After listening to a few songs from this album I have come to the conclusion that it can fairly be described as the same great song over and over again. I understand the band is somewhat new to the music industry but I think its common knowledge that it is frowned upon to compile a bunch of songs that are all very similar to each other and have the nerve to put it out there and ask people to spend money on it. Don't get me wrong, the songs are well written. At least they introduced the CD with a song as cool as "Tonight Tonight."

"Tonight Tonight" is basically about having a bad day and then deciding to forget all about it. The song is full of clever references to the pop culture world. Although I'm sure this song was originally written for youth it can be enjoyed by many people of all ages. As I mentioned earlier, don't bother listening to the other tracks, you'll get a bad case of déjà vu.

Blink-182 – "Neighborhoods" (September, 2011)

geous. I'm on the verge of being put in a situation where I have to sacrifice myself. Feeling brave is cool feeling, straight from a movie, but it's kind of scary. Now I'm expecting to be in a bad mojo type of environment. So... I guess it's alright.

I think I was born to work at a fast-food restaurant. The mere thought of successfully fulfilling someone's order and serving a long line of people gives me a brief feeling of satisfaction. I don't know if it means that I like to give people food or I care about people, but I'm looking forward to being able to do that.

"Neighborhoods" is the band's sixth studio album, and they definitely took their time creating it. The band got back together after four years of separation due to conflicts within the trio. They definitely made a comeback with this CD. I consider this a successful introduction to the world again. The punk band is notorious for their sarcastic and sometimes passionate lyrics and they lived up to their name. This album kept me "Up All Night" just listening to it.

"Up All Night" was the first song released from this track and it contains with some pretty interesting sounds. This song takes you back to Blink-182's earlier days as I am reminded of "Aliens Exist" when I listen to it.


I am very much looking forward to the upcoming tour to follow the album's release.



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The top four sitcoms of all time

By Marc Esquivel

 "That 70s' Show" (1998-2006) – The 1970s were all about being wild and free, and some genius decided to make possibly one of the most hilarious sitcoms to ever hit television based on such a groovy era in American history. Based in fictional Point Place, Wisconsin, this sitcom looks at the lives of a group of six teenagers trying to get through all the haze and confusion of being young in the '70s. That 70s' Show makes my PERSONAL top four greatest sitcoms because while the show might not teach the best values or hobbies, it teaches kids how to enjoy their years of no responsibilities and fun before the real world of jobs and marriage come and rain on our parade that we



The cast of "That 70s Show"./Courtesy • facebook.com

call life.

"The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" (1990-1996) – "In West Philadelphia, born and raised, on the playground is where I spent most of my days." If the next words that come to mind after reading that aren't "Chillin' out, maxin', relaxin' all cool," then skip to the next section of this article, or ac-

tually skip to the next article. If the Fresh Prince isn't something you are already familiar with, this article isn't for you. With the main character being comical genius, Will Smith, this show holds a special place in my heart because it's something the whole family can sit around and enjoy.

"Weeds" (2005-Present) – "Weeds" is a more up to date TV series on Showtime that looks into the life of a suburban family just trying to make ends meet at whatever cost. After the fam-

ily loses the man of the house, Judah Botwin, his wife Nancy starts dealing drugs in hopes of being able to maintaining her family's lifestyle. As Nancy gets deeper and deeper into the drug game, the whole family gets involved in some major issues. This show may not be for everyone because of its rat-

ed mature content, but it is a hilarious show that makes me create deep ties to the characters and keeps me on the edge of my seat anticipating what crazy event will happen next. This show isn't for everybody, but if you can get into it, it will be sure to crack your top ten favorite shows.

"Family Matters" (1989-1998) – Have you ever had a pestering young neighbor who just happened to be a genius, and possibly the biggest klutz you have ever had the misfortune to meet? Steve Urkel (played by Jaleel White) is, well for lack of a better word, the man. The only reason this show even cracks my top four (coming in at number four) is because of Steve, his funny voice, his clumsiness, and his classic, "Did I do that?" keep me watching this show for hours, and I'm sure Urkel will find a way to make you laugh and love this show.



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