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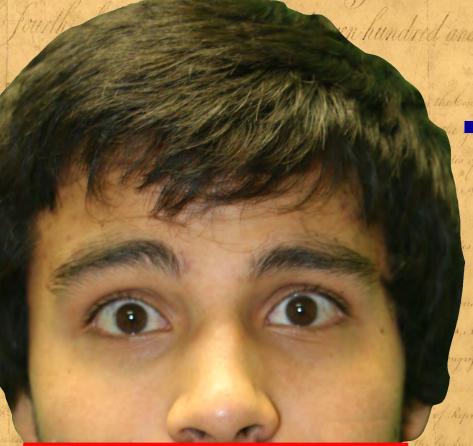
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Students, Know your rights

When students at Lowry

say Code Yellow, they are typically referring to drug searches.

According to Humboldt County School District Superintendent Dave Jensen these drug searches come about mainly if they have a reason to believe that there are drugs on campus.

The school calls a Code Yellow and the teachers lock their doors and continue teaching. No one is allowed to leave the room until the code is over. At this time police officers come in with canine units and do their search. They mostly search the hallways, but according to Chuk



but according to Chuk HCSD Police Officer Chuk Jones if they have rea- Jones./Courtesy • Winnada sonable suspicion they

can take the dogs into classrooms. When this happens the students and teachers in the room go into a different classroom. If a dog finds drugs they then go get the student whom the locker or bag belongs to.

One of the most important Supreme Court cases when it comes to searches on school grounds is New Jersey v. T.L.O. The United States Supreme Court ruled that students should have the expectation of privacy at school, but the school is allowed to search students if they hold "reasonable suspicion". Meaning if the teacher believes that a student has broken a school rule, has broken the law, or is currently breaking the law, they may search the student's belongings.

"I cannot search a student without probable cause. I am law enforcement so I am like any other cop on the street. I can't just walk up to somebody and search them. That goes for kids in school; just because I work

for the school district doesn't mean I can do that. The people that can are the administration here at the school, if they have reasonable suspicion, which is different from probable cause," explained Jones. "So if someone comes to them and tells them they saw a student pull a pill out

and take it or give it to somebody else, or they saw marijuana in a backpack, the principals can go up and do that, I cannot because for me to do it, I have to see it myself. If someone sees it and reports it— a teacher, a student, an aid, anybody or if they see it on their own, that is suspicion. That applies to anything that has to do with the school— so if you are on a bus, any schools event at any school, any school function," continued Jones.

Another important Supreme Court case is Vernonia School District 47J v. Acton. In this case, the Justices stated that students are expected to waive some rights when they're on school grounds. "Students who voluntarily participate in school athletics have reason to expect intrusions upon normal rights and privileges, including privacy". The Justices considered the drug tests to be a minimal intrusion of the student's privacy and that schools can require mandatory drug tests to a group of students if they wish. HCSD at this time cannot require mass drug testings.

Since search and seizure at Lowry mostly comes in mind with drugs involved, what are the school's policies? Most students know what is being talked about when they hear "the smoker's corner". For those who don't, it is an area on school property where students smoke. There is confusion in this whole area so let's break it down: according to the law you cannot purchase nicotine products which includes cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and vapes if you are under the age of 18; nowhere does the law state you cannot smoke them. Schools have the right to restrict smoking on campus, but our school district has allowed it in one designated area.

"The school has policy, just as anywhere else, that there is no smoking here on campus. So as a gesture, the administration here has allowed students to have an area to smoke, they've allowed it, they don't have to do that. Where the kids are standing is still considered our campus, so we are allowing them to smoke on the campus in a designated area," said Jones.

Freedom of Speech

One of the most important cases surrounding free speech on school campus is Tinker v. Des Moines Inde-

pendent Community School
District

In this case, the Justices issued the famous words that students and teachers do not, "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the school-house gate".

In Frederick v. Morse, the

Court said that students do not have the right to undermine a school's "anti-drug" principles.

Overall yes, as Americans we have freedom of

speech, but as we practice our rights, we have to consider others.

"You have freedom of speech, but when you're in a setting of a school you have to follow rules and regulations. Outside of school you have total freedom of speech as long as you're not threatening anyone or interfering with what they're doing. If you interfere with their way of life then that is depriving somebody

of their freedoms," said Jones.

One large problem at Lowry concerning freedom of speech involves social media. This year started out with a lecture from every teacher about a new anti-bullying law. Phones were said to no longer be allowed in the classroom. The reasoning behind this is that they often distract from

the learning environment. HCSD is hoping to bring electronic devices into the learning environment for educational purposes in the future.

HCSD Superintendent David

Jensen./Courtesy hcsdnv.com

But back to the anti-bullying, HCSD does not monitor the social media of students, and will only investigate if a parent or student reports a threat against another student. If a social media post is found to be "emotionally disturbing, problematic, or a threat to a student" (Jensen), then HCSD will look into it. Whether the incident took place on or off campus does not matter

Jensen commented "the issue is when they begin to identify targets, harass, threaten, or create a situation where somebody feels uncomfortable."

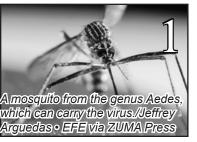
According to Jensen, if a post is identified under one of these criteria, it is no longer considered freedom of speech. If a target of criticism is identified in the social media post, then the school district will get involved.

Suspension and Expulsion

We have finally made it to the consequences within the school. Jensen was able to shed some light on the differences between suspensions and expulsions. "There's some mandatory, through Nevada Revised Statute, longer term suspensions: drug possession, weapons violations; then you start to get into the distinction between a suspension and an expulsion. With an expulsion it's an absolute termination of services, Humboldt County School District no longer provides any type of educational support," said Jensen.

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NEWS QUIZ BY NICO ESPINOLA



1. What virus is worse than first thought?

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~Officer Chuk Jones

doesn't mean I can do that."

- A. Flu
- B. Zika
- C. N1A1
- D. Ebola



- 3. Which candidate is saying the primary system "rigged"?
- A. Ted Cruz
- B. Hillary Clinton
- C. Donald Trump
- D. Bernie Sanders



- 2. This iconic music star passed away last week.
- A. Michael Jackson
- B. Kanye West
- C. Prince
- D. David Bowie



- 4. This country is allegedly being used as a tax haven by world leaders.
- A. Mexico
- B. Switzerland
- C. China
- D. Panama



Skills USA has great showing at state

SkillsUSA a national student organization involving more than 300,000 students. Recently the Lowry SkillsUSA club, advised by Mr. Andrew Meyer, competed at state in events ranging from Power Equipment Technology to Masonry.

Adviser Andrew Meyer was impressed with the students success.

"This was by far the best results we have had since my tenure as SkillsUSA advisor," said Meyer.

For most who competed at Lowry, it was more for CTE classes like welding, fabrication, etc. Overall, the competition just covers industrial jobs in general.

Kyle Young, a part of the three man welding fabrication project reported that his team did very well in the

competition. Although Kyle felt that he did decent as an individual, it was most definitely a team effort. As a team he felt they worked well together and came out with a gold.

the team was required to build an item that's on a blueprint spec. They are required to read the blueprint and build the item directly according to it. They have to go off of the actual welding symbols and signs.

Senior Joe Mullis competed in Welding Sculpture and finished second. His entry was a crane building a bridge that he had worked on since the beginning of the school year. The silver medal also earned him a \$7000 scholarship to a teach school. However, he is unsure of his career path at this point, although he does want to go into

"I want to take my skills to college with me," said Mullis. He may, however, enter the Navy for underwater welding.

Welding Fabrication (Team project):

Gold Shaun Mentaberry / Kyle Young / Jared Carrica

> Welding Sculpture: Silver - Joe Mullis Bronze - Abby Delamora

Carpentry: Gold - Griffen Elliot Silver - Joel Loya

Electrical:



Joe Mullis with his welding sculpture./Ron Espinola • The

Silver - Erik Sigurdson

Masonry:

Silver - Nathen Gelskey

Technology Power Equipment (Small gas engines)

Gold - Hunter Albisu Bronze - Jace Aberasturi

Slavery in 2016

It has been nearly 150 years since

Abraham Lincoln declared all slaves fighting for freedom, "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free". Fast forward to 2016, it seems as if slavery is a thing of the past. If you think this, you are dead wrong. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, human trafficking, whether it is for sex or labor, is the second largest globalized crime. Between 800,000 and 4 million men, women and children are taken from their homes and sold into slavery around the world each year. Sexual exploitation and forced labor are the most common forms of human trafficking. In addition, 20% of these cases involve forced labor, while the other 80% involves sex trafficking.

In the United States, this is a huge problem. California, Nevada, Texas,

and New York are the states that are mostly affected by this issue.

Even though this seems like an issue that is too large to stop, many organizations have been created to help victims of human trafficking and stop it Awaken helps victims Evangélicas



all together. In Reno, An illustration representing human an organization called trafficking./Courtesy • Flickr-Imagens

of commercial sex exploitation, and informs people about how we can make these tragedies stop. Since January 2014, Awaken has worked with more than

> 830 students in the Reno area including Damonte Ranch High School and University of Nevada, Reno according to awakenreno.org.

> "My mission to help people in this type of need started when I was in graduate school and UNR," said Melissa

Holland, a founder of Awaken.

"I started researching on this topic and realized it is a huge issue that doesn't get much attention. Things just started to snowball from there, and eventually Awaken became an organization to help and inform people about sex trafficking," explained Holland.

Awaken focuses on three main points; prevention, restoration, and city transformation. They provide counseling, mentorship, case management, job training, and even financial aid to victims of trafficking. This organization is looking to spread to more communities in hopes that they can help more people.



Leadership heads to Reno for State

Lowry Leadership

took 21 students to Reno High School on April 21 to attend workshops, junior council (JC) sessions, and get the chance to listen to motivational speakers in order to become tomorrow's

If you have been around Lowry, you have seen some of the superb posters hung around the school. Or maybe you have one of the sick locker decorations hung with care. But of course Leadership isn't just all poster making and games,

there is actually a Regional and State conference held.

"We are expecting an amazing State Student Council Conference. Lowry is taking five JC leaders and four workshops and we have two candidates running for state offices next year, Amaya and Tiana Herrera," said advisor Tanya Grady.

Not only are the advisors excited, but so are the students.

"Leadership state is the best thing ever, and it's the one thing I look forward to every year. This will be my fourth year,

and I'm going to be a JC leader with Nate Nelson which will be super fun. The theme this year is a dance, so we will be getting groovy this year," said Student Body President Madison Mayo.





Leadership students pose at the state conference./Courtesy • Amaya Herrera



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Lowry student checking into rehab for Taco Bell habit

Chance Barton, a junior at Lowry, has

been frequenting the local Taco Bell since the day it came to Winnemucca. He visits Taco Bell so much that it has become a problem for him, it has become an addiction.

"I knew it was bad when I would go to Taco Bell twice a day every day. Sometime I would wake up covered in taco wrappers and taco sauce," Barton said.

Days like this had become a regular occurrence for Barton. Eventually the



Barton has a meal at Taco Bell before going to rehab./Nico

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people close to him began to notice.

One of his friends, Alanna Miller said, "I've known Chance for some time and ever since we got a Taco Bell here, he's changed. I can tell that it's always on his mind and lately it seems to have become a problem for him and I think he needs help."

Some of Barton's friends, including Miller, have recently reached out to him to make him aware of the problem he has developed and to try to get him to seek out help.

After being made aware of his

dangerous habits Barton made the decision on his own that he needs to do something to stop this addiction.

"A group of friends came to me and they really opened my eyes to what was happening. I knew that I really liked Taco Bell but I never realized that I was addicted to it and I have decided that it's in my best interest to go to rehab to stop this terrible addiction of mine," Barton said about his decision to address his problem.



Mexican restaurant makes

revelation

a local Mexican

restaurant discovered the secret to fantastic customer service, serving actual hot food to go along with their hot plates.

For what seems like a millennium, Mexican food lovers everywhere have continuously left Mexican eateries very dissatisfied. Not because the food was bad or because they were not constantly supplied with tortilla chips and salsa, but for a completely different reason.

"I'm a Mexican food enthusiast, but I absolutely despise having my hands scorched by a thousand

degree plate only to eat a lukewarm chimichanga. almost made the switch over to Chinese food but a local restaurant saved my love for Mexican food," said Hiram Jinklesworth.

After a hard hitting interview interpreting

has finally found out this restaurant's secret to their success.

"Our old method of doing things was very common in the Mexican restaurant industry. We would heat our plates up to temperature that could very well give you a third degree burn and then place cold food on the plate and voila, lukewarm food with a sizzling plate. The guys in the lab discovered maybe we should make the food hot and then place it on a room temperature plate for a delicious meal. The results have been very profitable," said Jose "El Queso" Rodriguez.

Now, all that is left to discover is the reasoning behind the rice drinks.



a heavy Mexican Supper Sopes. Usually an appetizer, these Mexican morsels accent, The Brand make a quick meal./Marice Cohn Band • Miami Herald/MCT

Easter Bunny proves to be real

Easter, oh how to explain that time of year. It's yet another religious holiday turned into kids getting presents from some mythical creature that nobody has ever seen before, yet still magically exists. But new found evidence shows that this "Easter Bunny" may not be as mythical as one may think. Robert Junior, a 5-year-old boy, reported a sighting of a rarely large bunny delivering tiny

baskets into children's houses in the middle of the night.

"Yeah there was a bunny and he went into my friend Paco's house. He was really tall and he had a little basket in his hands filled with those fake eggs that you buy at the store. He didn't see me," said Junior.

When Junior reported this sighting to his parents, they naturally thought he was lying.

"I mean yeah we're grown adults,

we know the Easter Bunny isn't real," said Junior's mother.

But Robert didn't give up. He did endless amounts of research to see if there were other legitimate sightings of this Easter Bunny creature that he so desperately wanted to believe in. And finally, one night he got his wish.

"The Easter Bunny came to my window. Yeah it was really scary

but I actually saw him. I remember his words like it was just yesterday. 'Stop doing research on me, I'm real to those who believe.' And ever since then I

after time, eventually gave countless amounts Abaca Press/MCT

of actual evidence that the Easter Bunny was in fact real. Eventually the parents of Junior believed him and every year they watch for the Easter Bunny together.

Moral of the story is, if you see a really big "man" in a bunny suit entering a child's house in the middle of the night, don't call the police. It's probably just the Easter Bunny.

believed," said Junior. an Junior's parents took a while to get convinced. But Junior explained word for



word what happened The Easter Bunny greets children during the annual White House Easter Egg Roll at the White House./Olivier Douliery •



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Rights

One statute is habitual discipline, it is concerned with students who are continually being a disruption. If they are a frequent disciplinary problem in the school. "[The suspension] becomes a sited administration decision based upon the policies here at Lowry High School. So Mr. Parks, Mr. Connors, and Mr. Christean would make that determination," said Jensen.

Severity of suspension is classified by the number of days and in-house versus out-of-school.

Jensen described in-house supension, "they're here at Lowry High School receiving services from a staff member, so they got the support. They're working on their assignments and we try to keep them up, so they're here on campus," said Jensen.

Expulsion is a whole different thing, if you are expelled from HCSD you cannot simply enroll in other school district, it applies across the state and across state borders. Primary causes are dealing with weapons.

Outside of School

Most the information pertaining to during school and school events have been covered, so let's move onto our rights off campus. Laws on alcohol are pretty straight forward, if you are not 21 or older you cannot drink alcohol. Some underage high schoolers commonly consume alcohol at house parties typically hosted without the knowledge of parents by people underage.

Jones gave us a look into what happens when police officers arrive at one of these parties, "we go inside, now let's say there was some kids who were intoxicated and there were some kids who were not. In that

case if you are intoxicated and you are under the age of 21 that is an automatic citation. You are getting a citation for being under the influence when you're not 21. The kids that also blow into the PBT (portmanteau of breath or breathalyzer test) that were zeros that have no alcohol on them were released to the parents. In the real world— outside school, that's how it works. You can be at a party and if you are not doing anything wrong you aren't doing anything wrong. We have to prove that you are doing something wrong". Jones continued, "you

have to be released to your parents because you are under 18 and you are found in an area where something could have happened. It is just the Winnemucca

Police Department's policy that if we found you with people that are intoxicated, maybe on drugs, we don't know if you drove there, we don't know anything else so we just call your parents. I have had it where parents show up and say 'you blow zeros you're clean, didn't do anything wrong, you're not in trouble with the law', your parents would show up, escort you off the property and if they want to give you the keys to your car to get in your car that's up to them and I'm just releasing you to them because you are a minor to your parents."

Be warned there is a case in which the consequences do not only come from your parents, that is if you are

under a contract, such as the NIAA contract. According to the contract signed by all Lowry athletes, you cannot be at a place where drugs or alcohol are being illegally consumed.

Moving into driving under the influence, it is pretty much the same.

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ally disturbing, problematic, or a threat to a

student", then HCSD will look into

~Superintendent David Jensen

"For a normal adult that is 21 or older, if you're driving and you're .08 which is the legal limit, as an adult you can be up to that point if you're not impaired so even if you're under that you can still be arrested for a DUI, if you're impaired. For someone under 21 you can't have any alcohol in your system because you're not 21," shared Jones.

Consequences for drugs or drug paraphernalia can be severe.

"If they are found with drugs or drug paraphernalia they are taken to jail. If they are under 18 they are taken to the juvenile detention center, there they are booked in and usu-

ally, if they are not under the influence at that time, they are released to parents and then they will have a court date on their charges. If they are 18 or older they are taken to Humboldt County Detention Center, not the juvenile detention center, and the same process applies there, except they are not drug tested if they are 18 or older," said Jones.

Due process

So where do our rights come into this? Right here. Due process is the legal requirement that the state must respect all legal rights that are owed to a person.

"When you're talking about a long term suspension or expulsion, [...] they are also afforded due process rights and that goes through an impartial hearing officer. At the District's expense, we hire an impartial hearing officer and then the school district would present our evidence and then the parents and the students could present their evidence and then the impartial hearing officer makes a determination of appropriateness and could potentially overturn the district's position or support the district's position," said Jensen.



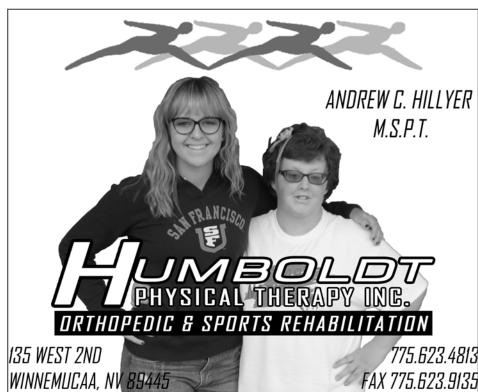
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Declassified School Survival Guide to surviving the remaining of senior year

Alright, so this was originally going to be a television show but The Brand doesn't have that kind of budget not to mention it was tough to get that air time on Nickelodeon so I'm just going to write about it instead.

Senior year. And this is isn't like the senior years where you don't recognize your grandchildren and go into cardiac arrest like eight times a day. This is the senior year where you still have your wits about you and you are probably going to do something that will severely affect when you are actually a senior citizen.

Being the prolific person that I am, people commonly ask me, "Weston, how do you do it?" Which I usually reply with a, "Do what?". Then they reply with, "You know, like survive your senior year. I mean you are kind of a loser and a nerd." To which I usually cry in self pity and watch 'Friends' wish-

ing I knew people like that but then I'm eventually like "Here, I'll write a story about in The Brand," and now I'm here. Well now I'm about 200 words deep and I still haven't provided you with any actual useful information sooooooo I'm sorry, I'll start

My first tip is probably the most obvious but I'll say it anyways because I do not know as much on the subject on senior year as I thought I WESTON IRONS did. Do NOT beinfected 🗬 senioritis and become lazy. I probably sound pretty hypocritical saying that because I'm one of the laziest people I know. A prime example would be this article which has taken me nearly a month to complete. Y'all should take one look at me and my laughable GPA and promise yourselves "I won't be lazy and dumb like Weston come senior year."

Secondly, I think everyone should break out of their shells when they are in their final year of high school. This is the last time you can do some crazy, somewhat regrettable, and possibly traumatizing things and have those things still considered slightly humerous. All senior students need to blossom like the little dandelions they are (because let's face it, none of us are roses.)

My last tip is a five letter word and it's not "money" or "drunk" or even "littt", its relax. We are entering a very scary "real" world once we leave high school and that is truly intimidating. But I believe we all just need to take it one step at a time, don't sweat the small things, and try our bests to not be miserable. This may be the end of high school but it's also the beginning to the rest of our lives and be happy that we all have this fantastic journey awaiting all of us.

${\sf USWNT}$ should not be paid as much as the men

Recently five USWNT players (Hope Solo, Carli Lloyd, Becky Sauerbrunn, Alex Morgan, and Megan Rapinoe) filed wage complaints to the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against U.S. Soccer. This complaint is due to the difference in pay between US men's players and the women's players.

There really is quite a difference in pay between the men and the women. The men were awarded \$2.5 million for just making it to the World Cup while the women earned \$1.8 million for winning the World Cup. The women earned that much for winning the Women's World Cup despite the fact that Germany was awarded \$35 million when they won the Men's World Cup in 2014.

While the men earn much more for the World Cup and bonuses, the women receive a full-time salary **M**(6) of up to \$72,000, and to add to that they also usually receive hundreds of thousands in bonuses.

"The women have without dispute vastly outperformed the men," their attorney Jeffrey Kessler told the New York Times, "not just on the playing field but economically for the USSF. The women have generated all the money in comparison with the

Kessler is right that the women are outperforming the men on the pitch because of the fact that they continue to play well in tournaments and even won the most recent Women's World Cup, but the problem with popular as the men's sports. There is nothing wrong with women's sports and it is

good that women have the opportunity to play, but it just isn't as popular as men's sports that make more money.

Over 3.2 billion people watched the 2014 Men's World Cup, and just a billion alone of that viewed the final match. In the Women's World Cup, only 764 million people tuned in throughout the entire tournament. And while the Women's final match may have broken the record for the most watched soccer game in US history, it still only attracted 25.4 million viewers in the US. It's incomparable how much more popular men's soccer is in comparison to women's.

One might argue that since the men and women are doing the same job that they should be paid the same, but they really aren't doing the same job. They may be playing the same sport but that doesn't make it the same job. If it were the same

job then both the men and the women would be playing in the same leagues and on the same national teams which clearly isn't the case and nor should it be.

The fact is that the players for the US-WNT are not paid as much as the players on the men's team. Whether they should be paid equally is something that will soon be decided since the complaints have only been filed recently. The women have played much better than the men have but yet they aren't paid nearly the same amount. The women should have their pay increased a certain amount, but in reality their salaries shouldn't be the same as the men's bethat is women's sports worldwide aren't as cause men's sports are more popular than women's sports and generate more money worldwide.

Lowry Code

Lowry Code is much harder to write by yourself, but I guess I'm up for a challenge. So welcome back and thanks for reading. This edition of The Brand so happens to fall on 4/20/16. 420 has a special meaning in reference to marijuana, and since Lowry Code is about all things Lowry and marijuana appears to be a common topic at Lowry, I think we should talk about it.

The Brand has written many different stories pertaining to marijuana, there was "Mary Jane kills the brain" for example which asked the question if marijuana should be legalized.

But let's talk more about the subject as it pertains to Lowry.

Monday March Lowry High

School in, partnership with Winnemucca Police Department, conducted their second drug search of the 2015-16 school year using drug dogs. A code yellow was called and teachers locked their doors and continued on with class. This one was a little different as the search stretched into the next

class period.

For some students this was a blessing, maybe they had an assignment due that period or they do not like that class, but

this disrupts our entire school day. Teachers, who were not warned about the search, have to change their teaching plans at the last minute. On the other hand this is only two days out of our 180 day school being disturbed.

So these are the ideas behind these drug searches, but why are they doing it? It has been made clear that many students at Lowry smoke marijuana. From a student perspective it is

typical to see a few of your classmates high during school the day. Lowry is lucky to not have bigger problems

though, they are lucky more harmful drugs are not flowing through the veins of LHS as they do in other schools. So is this really a such big problem? Maybe, maybe not.

If as a student you do not know your rights you should spend some time reading the cover story.

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Only in America

A socialist, a racist, a scandalous wanna-be gangster, and a fire breathing lizard with bad fake hair walk into a bar. But who is this mysterious group of people? They are the 2016 Presidential candidates. With that being said, there are many obvious reasons that none of the current candidates are fit to be presi-

AS PRESIDENT, HOW WOULD YOU DEAL WITH ISIS ?

dent. I will not be participating in the 2016 Presidential election and here is why you should carefully consider who you vote for.

First off, I was "feelin' the Bern". Free college? Legalization of marijuana? Sounds right up my alley. Bernie Sanders seemed like a really cool dude,

but then I realized something. Where would all this "free" stuff be coming from? The government has already reached above and beyond the debt ceiling, it wouldn't be coming from them. It would be coming from the wealthy people from Wall Street. They already went to college and became successful and paid for an education, why should they be paying for mine as well? So no, redistributing wealth is definitely not the answer. And another salient fact is that he already has one foot in the grave. He crossed is crossed off the list.

Hillary Clinton is honestly probably just salty that Bill cheated on her. She is so small, vengeful and full of anger. If the first example of Clintons in the White House wasn't a jovial experience, why would America be stupid enough to try it again? A large point in her campaigning is making pay equal for men and women. Fun fact Hillary, it has been a law since 1963. How are you going to enforce that in

modern day society?

And last and also least, Donald J. Trump. Successful businessman, unsuccessful and pervy father, and also the last candidate you should vote for. Trump may be a successful businessman, but doing business and politics are on opposite ends of the spectrum. So what, maybe he will be able to pull us out of debt, but America has a lot more problems than that. And to the areas he can't fix, what is he going to do? Build a wall around them? No thanks to that. If he were to deport all the illegal immigrants, the U.S. economy would crash. It would take 65 years to track down every undocumented worker and send them back to their home country. No Trump. Your argument is invalid.

So in November when you go in and vote, don't vote for anyone because all the candidates this year suck.

Community service is a great way to learn more about different people and things in your community and could give you a better outlook on possible things you would like to do for the rest of your life. Many high schoolers tend to focus more on themselves during their four years of high school instead of helping out the community in some way. Not only will this benefit the people you are helping, this will also benefit you in the long run in many different ways.

In Winnemucca, there are many different ways that you can help out in the community. There is a soup kitchen that is completely volunteer based. It happens on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is also a food bank that helps out with our homeless/unemployed people. Even visiting and talking to someone at the senior center or old folks home would completely change some-

one's day. There are a lot of things that students can do and it would be beneficial to all involved.

And your service does not go unrewarded either. There are many things that you can learn from doing community service that can benefit students as they get into different jobs. First of all, community service gives you great "people skills". While working voluntarily at various places you meet a lot of new people and learn how to work with a

variety of differ-Good "people be beneficial in single job in the

how to work with a ent personalities. skills" would almost every workforce.

Another great thing about volunteering is that there are many different options to choose from. You basically get to choose where you want to work and when you want to work, to a certain extent of course. There are so many opportunities to help out the community and you get to decide when to do it.

Bottom line, community service is very beneficial in high school. It teaches you many things about how to work with different people and gives you a fulfilling feeling knowing you're helping someone. It is very encouraged to check out different places where you can do a community service that looks appealing to you. Not only that, but colleges look for someone who has done some community service as well.

If that wasn't enough to convince you to go do some community service, you can get good work experience from doing it. The variety that you can choose from can give you many different skills that you can use with different kinds of jobs which makes you an overall more versatile employee and widens your horizons for other job opportunities in the future.

Teachers can help students deal with stress

Students go through stress on an almost regular basis because of their grades and upcoming tests. Most teachers throw quizzes at their students without informing the student the day before. This is causing many students to stress out and do worse than they should. Teachers should be like Mrs. Michele Doyle and go over everything that is on a test before handing it out which helps many of the students and gets them ready for the test.

Students feel pressured and start stressing, mainly near the end of the quarter, because report cards are coming out and they are having trouble getting their grades up— but the teacher doesn't hand out extra credit. Many teachers help the students out by accepting late work and assisting the student out if they ask for help. Other teachers like Laura Mercado help students by giving them a chance to retake a test if they get a really bad grade; she will also

give extra credit after a test. This extra credit helps many students out and gets their grades up fast. Many students will do the extra credit and that extra credit would help many students out. Stress is one of the things that causes students to fail classes and to do poorly on tests. These are two of the many teachers that

try to help students so they have a chance to pass and avoid stress. High school is supposed to get kids ready for college, but colleges look back at high school

grades and if you get poor grades in high school then you will have less of a chance to get into a good college.

These teachers are not only relieving stress but are helping those who have trouble learning in class. These teachers have helped me and many other students understand the field they are teaching us. Many teachers will also stay in after school and try to help students out with their work if they ask for help. Teachers like Austin Mayo will

help students with problems they don't understand and walk them through the problem. Mr. Mayo will also give the students extra time if they ask for it and they all need it.

It is also possible to get one of those teachers who doesn't like you and will not help you out. These teachers will not assist you with your work and will automatically blame you for random things. These teachers would think you are like your parents and the teacher would jump to conclusions and will not listen to you nor even help you. These kind of teachers would be a big cause of why you would have trouble finding a college that will accept you and will make you feel negative about yourself.

Stress has caused many students to fail. Some of them can't stop stressing out, mainly because of their grades. Teachers like Mrs. Doyle, Mr. Mayo, or Mrs. Mercado will try their best to help the students out and will do their job and try to relieve as much of the stu-



dent's stress as possible. Teachers need to help and support students and their grades because teachers may not notice but they are putting more weight on students shoulders than they think. Teachers could learn a thing or two from Mrs. Doyle, Mr. Mayo, and Mrs. Mercado. Other teachers like these three teachers should understand how it feels to have all this pressure on you and the teacher should try to help out as much as possible.





Varsity track travels to Carson High meet

The varsity track team traveled to Carson City for the Carson Invi-

tational to compete against Division 1 schools on Saturday, April 23.

The women's 4x100 relay team consisting of Madison Montero, Tatyana Carlson, Hailey Fernandez and Rachel Garrison, placed 4th overall with a time of 53.00. The 4x200 relay finished 1st overall with Jillian Albright, Fernandez, Shelby Garrison, and Montero contributing to a combined time of 1:50.79 seconds. The 4x800 relay team finished with a time 11:50.00 giving Brenda Martinez, Munroe, Martinez, and Brook Hansen 4th place medals.

Kenadee Jeppsen tied for first with Brianna Castiblanco from Reno High in the high jump competition with a height of 5ft. Jeppsen finished 2nd in the long jump followed by Albright in 9th. Dylan Kalkoske led the way for the boys long jumpers for Lowry placing 25th followed by Dowd in 34th and Nathan Kepler in

A group of girls lead the pack during

In the 100 meters for boys Erick Lopez placed 13 with a time of 11.37. Jacob Frazier placed 38 and Kyle Lovell was 59th overall. In the women's 100, Shelby Garrison placed 14th with a time of 13.87 followed by Tatyana Carlson in 18th and Audrey Snow in 22nd seconds within each other.

In the men's 200 race, Micah Avalos led the way for Lowry coming in 34th with a time of 25.27 seconds followed by Camerino DeLamora for a place of 38. Hailey Fernandez placed 8th in the 200 with a time of 27.72 seconds followed by Snow in the 15 spot and Juli Garcia in the 39th spot.

Will Kracaw saw a time of 11:12.93 for the 3200 meter race to place him 14th overall followed by Liam Gallups in 29th and Gildone in 35th. Kuskie placed 4th in the 3200 meter race with a time 12:43.44.

Gallups also finished 31 in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 73.26 seconds.

Lopez, Frazier, DeLamora, and Devin Dowd competed in the men's 4x100 relay and came in 11th with a time of 47.39. The same relay team competed in the 4x200 with a 10th place finish. In 11th place, Frazier, Avalos, DeLamora, and Juanes finished the 4x400 men's relay with a time of 3:54.93 seconds.

Rachel Garrison finished 8th in discus with a throw of 98-03 followed by Willey with a throw of 76-06. Terry finished 8th in the men's discus with a throw of 140-08.

Albright placed 5th in the triple jump followed by Jeppsen in 6th separated by centimeters. Danielle White placed 20th in the triple jumps as well.

In the women's pole vault competition Montero led the way with an 8th place finish clearing 8ft followed by White in 14th and Martinez in 18th.

Dowd finished 8th in the men's pole vault followed by Lovell finishing 20th.

As the season grows closer to the regional meet ever athlete is working harder and harder to qualify for a spot to prove themselves.

"Every race is a new opportunity to compete and

to push yourself. Our goal as a program is to get as many kids to qualify for the regional and state meets. Usually we only have a handful of kids by the time state rolls around and we really want those numbers to grow," said Snow.

The Bucks will continue their season trying as they hold their home track meet on Saturday,











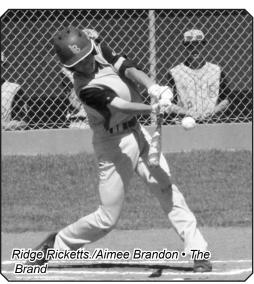
JV baseball looking to reverse losing trend

Over the weekend the JV baseball team played a two game set and

lost both games, 10-0 and 23-2.
Sophomore and captain Ren

Mattson talked about how the games went.

"We couldn't hit the top half of



the ball consistently and couldn't bring the few runners around the bases once they got on base," Mattson said.

Mattson said that the team did not put anything significant together. He said that individually, some players did well but as a whole, the team

didn't play as well as they should

Mattson commented on how this season has been.

"Other than a few of our games, we've had a progressive season. We have definitely come along way since the beginning of the season," Mattson stated.

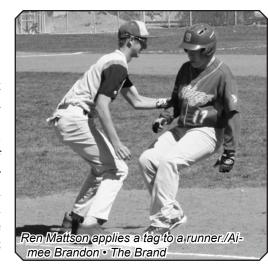
Freshman, Jimmy Rackley gave his opinion of how the team played.

"Well I think we could have played tons better and we were just not into the games. We made Fallon seem like a team that they are not and our team like a team that we are not. There will for sure be a lot of things to work on this week.

Rackley, as well as Mattson, noticed that they did not hit the top half of the ball well. He believes that over the week, the team needs to work on that. He also stated that they should work on specific things on defense such as cut offs and balls hit right at them.

As for the upcoming games, Rackley thinks that they have a tough schedule. The team expects Truckee to be a good team, but he believes that if the do what they need to do in practice they should be able to compete.

The JV team's next games are away against Truckee on April 30.





The best players to have on your fantasy baseball team

It is finally spring and that can only mean one thing, baseball season is upon us. The start of the baseball season also means the start of fantasy baseball leagues. This year, as there always is, there are plenty of players that should



be picked up or dropped that many

managers don't realize.

One player who has been all the talk because of his seven home runs in his first six games is Trevor Story.

Many managers will rush to add Story but in reality he's only a good short term addition. While Story is on pace for a great year, he is not likely to stay consistent given his history of average numbers and a career high of 20 home runs in one season.

One player for managers to keep an eye on is shortstop Trea Turner. He is currently playing for the Nationals' AAA affiliate but has batted .667 with two stolen bases in his first four games. Danny Espinosa, the Nats' current shortstop has been playing good defense but has really struggled at the plate and it may not be long before Turner begins to see some time in the Bigs.

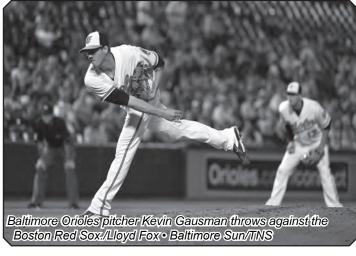
Another player is Kevin Gausman, he began the season on the DL for the Orioles but is expected to return by early May. Last season Gausman posted more than eight strikeouts per nine innings. He will also be returning to an already hot Orioles lineup. Gausman may be a bit of a risk due to the fact he is coming off an injury but it could very well pay off if he returns to last season's form.

This season, like all of them, is look-

ing to be yet another good baseball season. This article could be of no help because one cannot predict baseball, it just can't happen. But this article could give some managers an edge to win their league.

A player that has been off to quite the start this

year is Michael Conforto. He may not stay as hot as he is now because this is his second season in the bigs, but as of now he has been hitting the ball well. Conforto ,who played at Oregon State which already makes him a good pick up, has a current OBP of .422. If he continues to get on base, good things will happen for him.







THE ISSUE ASHLES

ron was born in Winnemucca and has played softball

and volleyball since she was young and has played both throughout high school. She has been a part of the volleyball and

softball programs They [her parents] have inspired four years. me to never give up and always She pushed me to be my best." been ~Ashlee Barron in yearbook

for all four

years and is now an editor and has also been in fashion design and construction for four years. Because of all that, she has been chosen as the Athlete of the Issue.

Barron has been playing softball since she was five-years-old and volleyball since she was in sixth grade. She has continued to play for that high

school teams and club teams in both sports.

She said "softball I was introduced at a very young age so I found that I really loved the sport. For volleyball I got invited to a club team at a young age

and loved it ever since. I continued to improve at it and tried out for the Junior High School team. I was for-

tunate to make the teams for both sports in high school."

Barron said that she doesn't have a preference of volleyball or softball and that she loves both sports equally. Although she loves them both equally, she stated "I always enjoy the sport I'm playing at the time more."

She said that her favorite part of

each sport is the intensity and to be able to occasionally go all out and dive for a ball and make great play. One could understand what she means because who doesn't like to make a diving play every once in

Barron said that some of her favorite memories in her sports are "for volleyball playing with my best friend Jilly and for softball sticker day, fungo day, team dinners, over nighters, playing with my cousin Caitlynn and great friends. I just have a lot of fun with all these girls and I'm going to miss them all so much, and the coaches are awesome."

Barron said that her parents have been her inspiration in sports.

She said "My parents for sure they

and take grounders. They played Pepper with me in volleyball when I could barely pass. They have inspired me to never give up and always pushed me to be my best."

have spent countless hours

taking me to go hit balls

parents are always there for her and they are huge supporters

She said that her

everything

that she does. Bar ron doesn't sports in colplan to play lege, but would like to take part

in intramurals. She plans on attending UNR and getting a business degree.

DARRIN NELSON Swimmers continue to improve

Lowry's swim team had a major change this offseason. They picked up a new head coach who is also a Lowry science teacher, Mrs. Shelby Ruff. Coach Ruff has changed many things.

"Our focus has shifted from focusing on individ-



events making the more well rounded as whole. Our athletes are not only doing more conditioning, both in

and out of the pool, but we have also been working on bringing everyone up to speed on all four competitive strokes. Many swimmers are finding their niche in specific events or strokes that they may have not trained for or even learned previously. While it has been a cultural shock for returning swimmers, almost half the team has qualified for Regionals so far with a total of 39 qualifying times and an average of 25 season best times have been recorded each meet," said coach Ruff.

As the swim team headed to Carson on April 23, they were looking to improve on their overall times and individual times.

"I dropped three seconds off my backstroke," said Hallie Caratzola.

On the contrary the swim team wanted to improve on all of their races.



"I could have done better on my events by cutting down my times," said Dave Anderson

Overall the team did very well this weekend with adding another win to their season.

"We won our meet, and we also had more qualifying times," added Hallie.

Lowry's swim team looks like they will be headed to regionals with major advantages due to all the hard work they have put in over the season.

DARRIN NELSON Baseball hosts Truckee Thursday for Senior Day

In Fallon on Friday Lowry jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but things slowly got out of hand after that.

"Our pitching was strong overall, but we didn't have a solid defense behind that pitching and with a hitting team like Fallon we really needed one. We have the ability to compete with Fallon, but our performances at the plate, took us out of the game," Mickey Donovan.

The Bucks ended the game Friday with a loss of 19-6.

On Saturday the Bucks were looking to change the outcome of their first game Saturday by having Brian Shettler start on the mound.

"This weekend we played the Fallon Greenwave and we come out on the field believing we could win. We jumped ahead but then had some mental and physical laps that continued throughout the entire series that would put us in bad situations that we couldn't From these games I see some things that get out of," Brian Shettler.

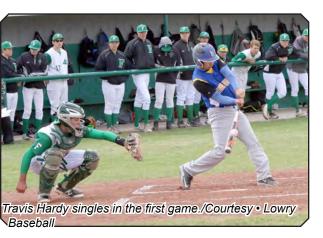
The team however couldn't get the

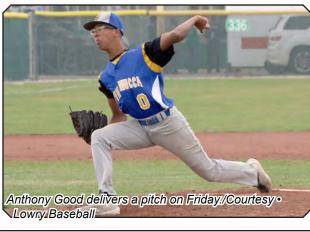
bats going which lead to them getting one run to the Fallon's ten. The Again Lowry went to a Senior on the mound as Kyle Schultz started the second game on Saturday. Schultz managed to keep the Greenwave offense in check. However, that didn't help the Bucks because again Lowry couldn't get the bats going.

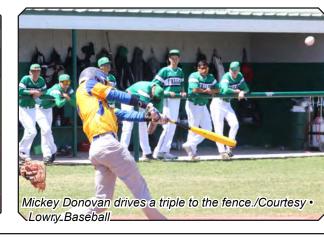
"Overall we had an alright weekend. the team needs to improve on. The main thing that we need to improve on is not

being content with the lead we have in a game and adding more runs. We can also improve on our hitting, such as better pitches to swing at and having more patience at the plate. If we can improve in these two areas I believe that we can end our season on a positive note," Kyle

The Bucks will be playing at home on Thursday and Friday against Truckee. Thursday's game will be a special one as Lowry pays tribute to all the seniors on the baseball team.









Micah Somers Willette of the Issue: Micah Somers

Most people know Mikeas Somers or Micah. Micah is a three sport athlete and is a senior. He plays football, throws

to all of my sports and

~Micah Somers

extracurricular activities."

for track, and wrestles. This year he placed second in state for wrestling. Micah has always been apart of

my siblings played sports and I wanted to do it. Also, I have always seen people on TV do it," said Somers.

sports since he was young.

Micah was the starting center for Lowry's varsity football team this year. Al-

though the football team didn't do well this year Micah said he was happy with the way his career ended.

"I wouldn't have wanted to play football with anyone else this year," said Somers.

"Football is my favorite sport because I get to hit people and it is a team sport," said Somers.

Micah will be graduating on June 9 this year.

"I am planning on going to college after I graduate," said Somers. Micah has many options for college but he

already knows what he I wouldn't be where I am at is going to do. He contoday if my family didn't go tinued, "I am going to UNR and I am going to major in education so I can become a math teacher."

> Although sports have had many impacts on Micah's life he is not going to college to play sports. "I need to focus on my studies while I am in college," said Somers.

Looking back at his sports career at Lowry he definitely had his accomplishments. "My greatest moment in sports was when I took second at state this year for wrestling," said Somers.

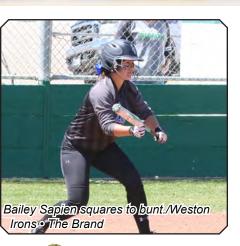
Micah, while in school, changed in a major way.

"I wanted to lose weight and that's exactly what I did. I lost a total of 90 pounds," added Somers.

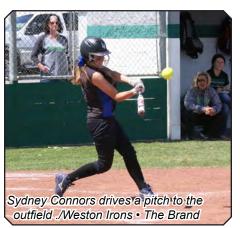
Aside from sports Micah has a very supportive family.

"I wouldn't be where I am at today if my family didn't go to all of my sports and extracurricular activities. Also they do pay for my stuff,"

added Somers.











Chorthanded softball squad wins series finale from Greenwave

The varsity softball team played against Fallon this weekend in a three game series. They won one out of three games,

but the team said that the games still went very well. "I think out games went pretty well, we played

well given we only had nine players this weekend," said McKenna Jones.

Churchill won the first two games 13-8 and 12-5 while Lowry won 6-5.

Although the games could have gone a little better, the lack of players on the team this weekend was a huge disadvantage to the team as a whole. Although Jones reports that the defense was very strong this weekend.

Jones said that the team has improved a lot over the season. They have been getting better as a whole and individually and she thinks it shows during this series. Even though they didn't win every single game, she thinks that the team really played well together and is optimistic about how the rest of the season will go.

Captain Ashlee Barron agrees.

"My favorite part about working with the girls is how hard we play and how we always have a ton of fun together," said Barron.

Their final home games are April 28-29 against Truckee

Golf places fourth in Elko and Spring Creek

Lowry's golf team has had many very successful seasons

in the recent years and was considered the most team was plagued by graduation and now has the

dominant team in the league winning state championships back-to-back. Unfortunately, the

> youngest team in the league. The team consists almost entirely of Sophomores. Nonetheless, they are doing very well for themselves and are showing others that they a team not to take lightly.

place in the league where they have pretty much remained for the the entirety of the season. In the upcoming weeks, the team hopes to place in the top three in order to make it to the state tournament as a team.

Sophomore Peyton Capellen thought the team performed very well and have the potential to go to state.

"We placed fourth days, we beat Truckee by 3 strokes the first day and beat them by a lot more than 3 strokes the second day. That's what really sealed our position in fourth," said Capellen.

Capellen had a some pretty good scores but hopes to improve them a bit more by the next tournament.

"On the first day I shot a 96 and on the second day I shot a 95 which is about average for myself so I think I did alright. The weather was really good so everyone had some pretty nice scores," said Capel-

Dylan Patterson, another sophomore, also played in the tournament.

"We qualified as fourth both days, we've had They currently are sitting at fourth that spot most of the season, we went into fifth last week but got fourth back this week. We need to place third or higher in the next two tournaments to go state but I think we are doing pretty good for a young team," said Patterson.

> Patterson was also confident in his game over the two days.

> "I felt like I did pretty good, I shot a second within the team on Wednesday and fourth on Thursday with scores of 94 and 102," said Capellen.

Zane Fifield took first within the team on Wednesday in Elko, while Steven Bosch took first on Thursday in Spring Creek.

Peyton Capellen, Steven Bosch, Zane Fifield, Dylan Patterson, J.W. McDade, and Dalton Irons will travel to Edgewood Golf Course Thursday, May 5, to earn themselves a spot in the state tourna-



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MIII JV Softball drops games to Fallon

The JV softball team have been doing great this season and are showing a

lot of improvement.

Their latest games were at Lowry
High School on April 23. Lowry faced
against Churchill County at home. The

"The team works together great, we communicate well and just work really well together. We are improving greatly as a team. We are a freshmen heavy team and some girls were fairly new to the game but now we are all great softball players." Emily Cook said, "I think of these girls as a family



gether really good and we all enjoy to be around one another."

"I think of us as more of a family. We get along as a family more than a team." Krista Parker said, "We all play good together and we all play really we stand out in our own way. I think we are doing very well and we can keep it going the rest of the season."







On Deck: Should there be an age limit in pro sports?

College is a place where young athletes to develop their skills, mature and possibly get drafted by a professional team. And for some, the only reason they are in college is to get to the pros. Some student-athletes aren't really students; they are majoring in athletics.

Most college athletes are around the age of 20 and are looking to catch the eyes of a scout. If a college athlete is performing at a level that could allow them to go pro they have the choice to stay in college or leave.

The name for the athletes that one to move on to the next level after only

one year of college is "one and done". One and dones apply to mainly basketball, for football players to be drafted they must be at least a junior in college. Baseball players can be drafted right out of high school as Bryce Harper was; although he did play one year of junior college ball at the age of 17.

Many college basketball players leave after one year to go pro so they can get paid. Some examples are Jhalil Okafor, D'Angelo Russell, Carmelo Anthony and Kevin Durant to name a few. There are many others, however,

who have not enjoyed the same success as these players.

Should they be able to leave after one year? Some people think they should have to stay longer while others don't think they should have

to attend college at all; think Kobe or Lebron. Why shouldn't a player who wants to try the NBA right out of high school be able to do so?

Yes, some of them will fail mis-

erably. At least we wouldn't have to experience what LSU went through this year with Ben Simmons. He was a great player but on all accounts was only there to serve his one year so he can enter the draft. After announcing for the draft he actually withdrew from school. Thus he didn't really attend college for a year, but a sea-



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR (nnvd1a.org)				
Activity	Date	Time	vs.	Location
Softball: Varsity	28-Apr	3:00pm	Truckee	Lowry
Baseball: Varsity	28-Apr	3:00pm	Truckee	Lowry
Softball: Varsity	29-Apr	11:00am	Truckee	Lowry
Baseball: Varsity	29-Apr	11:00am	Truckee	Lowry
Track: Varsity	30-Apr	TBD	TBA	Lowry
Baseball: JV	30-Apr	11:00am	Truckee	Truckee
Softball: JV	30-Apr	11:00am	Truckee	Truckee
Swimming: Varsity	30-Apr	5:00pm	Fernley	Fernley

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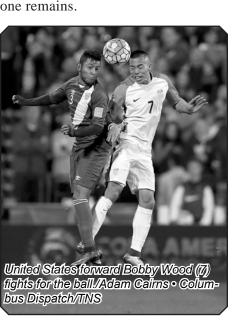
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US to host Copa America Centenario

summer, the competition of a lifetime or rather the century, is coming to the United States, Copa America Centenario. Normally, FIFA holds a Copa America every four years but since this will be the 100 year anniversary of the tournament, it will be held again this year after having the competition just last year. Sixteen of the best nations from the Americas will come together and play until only



The tournament is nearly a month long and begins June 3 and does not end until June 26. Each one of the sixteen teams is divided into groups of four, World Cup style, to make up four groups. Each team will then play each other in their respective group and the top two teams will move on. From there it is single elimination and the last team standing wins the Copa America. So who has the physicality, mentality, depth, and above all, heart, to move on past the group stages.

GROUP A

- **United States**
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Paraguay

This is easily the most grueling group of the competition not because it features the best teams but features teams of very similar quality. It will be an all out war to make it into the next round and the USA finds themselves right in the middle of it. It is not going to be an insurmountable task but it is definitely going to be tough for the American Outlaws to If the US brings their best lineup they can get the job done but they need to be on the top of their game

or this tournament could go very bad. The first match of Copa Centenario includes the USA and Colombia. Colombia will most likely get one of the two spots to move on. The Colombian National Team includes the likes of breakout World Cup star, James Rodriguez and Jackson Martinez, two of the world's most deadly attackers. Paraguay and Costa Rica are not too well known in the footballing

world but both will be just as tenacious as the other two teams. Costa Rica surprised everyone going making it all the way into the quarterfinals in the 2014 World Cup and have been on the rise. Costa Rican goalkeeper Keylor Navas has been having an incredible year with Real Madrid and will be tough to score on. Paraguay are similar to Costa Rica in the sense that they are also on the rise.

GROUP B

- Brazil
- Ecuador
- Haiti
- Peru

Taking a look at this group, there is an obvious giant amongst minnows. Brazil will easily roll over these teams and move into the next round with that top spot in the group. Neymar, Thiago Silva, Diego Alves, and Hulk are just some of the names that will most likely be in their 23. After Brazil's World Cup meltdown in 2014 they are itching to get a major cup and they have a good chance of doing that this year. It will be an all out brawl for the second position though as three smaller countries go at it. Being a very small country, Haiti has actually been doing pretty well for themselves lately. They have been winning games and have been dropping games to large countries by a very small margin. Ecuador currently sit at 12th in the FIFA world rankings which really is pretty surprising. They look most likely to move on to the next round with Brazil. Peru will have a hard time getting through but have just as much of a chance as Haiti and Ecuador. Sitting at 37 years old and currently playing for Bayern Munich, move, especially in their recent form. Caludio Pizzaro will return to captain his team and hopefully try and win some silverware after his imminent retirement is coming very soon. This



should be an interesting group.

GROUP C

- Mexico
- Uruguay
- Jamaica
- Venezuela

The first two groups both will offer a high level of entertainment and Group C will be no different. Mexico have been looking to become a world power in the sport of soccer and have been somewhat unstoppable for a while now. They defeated the USA 3-2 on US soil back in the fall and also won the Gold Cup over Jamaica during the summer. They have a very promising roster and are very resilient. They will most likely have one of the two spots. Uruguay has who is

considered the one of the best goal scorers in the world right now with Luis Suarez. Although Luis Suarez is known for his in game "antics" it is hard to deny he will be the lead man for this side. Jamaica and Venezuela are fairly average teams. The Reggae Boyz don't have much of a history as they haven't really won a whole lot of major competitions but they were the Runners up in the Gold Cup last year so maybe that is a sign of good things to come. Venezuela has appeared in 15 Copa Americas and only came in fourth once in 2011. It will be interesting to see what

Venezuela brings to the group. **GROUP D**

- Argentina
- Chile
- Panama
- Bolivia

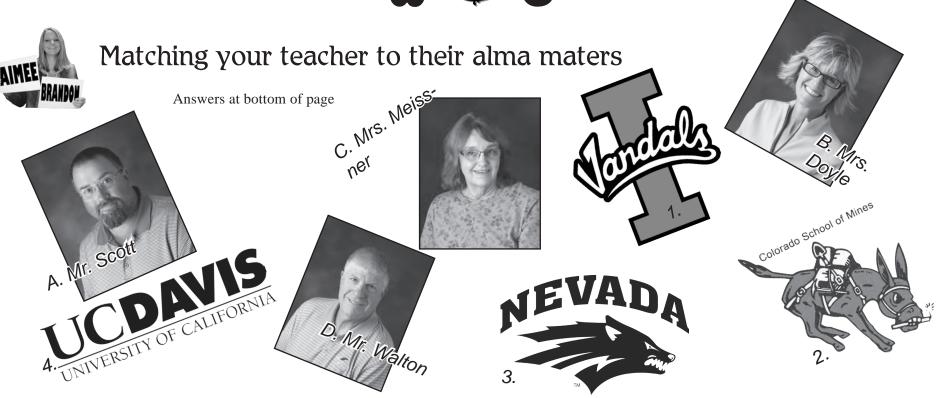
The final group has a lot of things going for it which make it the cherry on top. First of all, it contains one of the best, if not the best, goalscorer of all time, Lionel Messi. Argentina's star is a renowned athlete worldwide and is arguably the best player in the world although you could make a case for Cristiano Ronaldo. Another little enticing tidbit about this group is it contains Chile, the team that defeated Argentina in the Copa America nearly a year ago, and Argentina will be eager to get back at them. Chile is a very good opposition though. With a fast, skilled, and truly talented young forward in Alexis Sanchez, they will be a very hard team to stop offensively. Another stand out player is Arturo Vidal in the midfield who is an absolute tank. Between the goalposts in Claudio Bravo, a very experienced goalkeeper and is having some of his best years right now. Unfortunately for Panama and Bolivia, they don't stand much of a chance against competition as tough as Argentina and Chile.











Spotlight on a more obscure game: 'MOTHER 3'

With a cult fol-

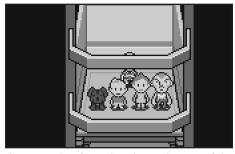
lowing that has been slowly growing for almost 27 years, fans of the MOTHER trilogy have clamored for localized releases and re-releases of these beloved games to the American and European market. The first western audiences would see of these games would be the worldwide release of MOTHER 2, known as EarthBound in the west. EarthBound (being my personal favorite game of all time) Despite critical acclaim, EarthBound was a commercial failure. Because of this, it may not be a surprise to many that MOTHER 3 was not released to the west. The MOTHER trilogy lavished in the Japanese market and is one of their most successful videogame franchises. But thanks to the exposure that MOTHER received in the west, (mostly from the main characters of EarthBound and MOTHER 3, Ness and Lucas, being fighters in Nintendo's successful fighting franchise Super Smash Brothers), the western fanbase has grown and has become loud for the localization of MOTHER and MOTHER 3, as well as modern re-

releases of MOTHER 2/EarthBound. When MOTHER and MOTHER 2 got re-releases in Japan, western audiences flooded Nintendo with requests for releases to the international market. Because of this, EarthBound was re-released on the Wii U and Nintendo 3DS and MOTHER was finally released to the west through the Wii U Virtual Console as EarthBound Beginnings. This year, the third and final installment of the MOTHER trilogy, MOTH-ER 3, was re-released in Japan through the Wii U Virtual Console, and as a result western fans are as loud as ever for a western release of one of Nintendo's greatest masterpiece. Context with this story is important, and with it out of the way we can finally talk about MOTH-

MOTHER 3, much like its two predecessors, is a JRPG that was created and written by Japanese celebrity Shigesato Itoi. After going through 18

years of "development hell", MOTH-ER 3 was released on April 20th, 2006, making it ten years old.

Unlike the previous installations of the MOTHER series, MOTHER 3 is incredibly story driven and is split into eight chapters. You play as a



A screenshot featuring the main cast of the game. From left to right: Boney, Lucas, Kumatora, and Duster./Courtesy • Starmen.

young psychic boy named Lucas and his friends, psychic princess Kumatora, master thief Duster, and Lucas' loyal dog Boney. When tragedy strikes the small town of Tazmily Village, the home of our heroes, the band of four sets out to eliminate the Pig Mask Army and their fierce rulers who were responsible for the tragedy of Tazmily. With funny and interesting main and

side characters, creative plot elements, and a heartbreaking ending that'll make the most resolute of people shed a tear; the story featured in MOTHER 3 is definitely its strongest feature.

The atmosphere of MOTHER 3 is very similar to that of its older brother, EarthBound. They are games that feature kooky worlds and funny dialogue. The main difference between the environmor based and lighthearted game Courtesy · Starmen.net than that of MOTHER 3. That's

not to say that MOTHER 3 is downright depressing all of the time, but it does hold a serious tone throughout that EarthBound only shows at certain

Gameplay is important for any game, and that goes especially for

RPGs. To set it apart from competing RPG series', MOTHER innovated the genre in a few defining ways. The games famously features a health system that slowly scrolls lower when a character takes damage like an odometer rather than instantaneously taking the damage. On paper it seems like it would be easier than the instantaneous damage taken in other RPGs, but the scrolling system can create a tense environment of stress and quick thinking where the player might make rash decisions. MOTHER 3 also adds another innovation to the genre by introducing a rhythm mechanism into its battle system. If a player can find the beat to the song playing in the background of a battle, when it is the player's turn to strike, the player can time the attacks along with the beat and get multiple hits on the enemy, leading to combos up to 16 hits. Unfortunately like most RPGs, MOTHER 3 relies on the leveling of characters, which means grinding in certain parts of the game is necessary to advance.

And finally, one of the most important features of MOTHER 3 is the themes that are portrayed in it. The

A screenshot of a battle that shows off the scrolling damments in these two games is tone. age mechanism with Lucas who has taken damage; Boney could be played in a GBA emu-EarthBound is a much more hu- is in the midst of a 9-hit combo using the rhythm mechanism./ lator. You could also dust off

MOTHER games have always been known to tackle some pretty tough themes, but MOTHER 3 takes the cake in the amount of substance of its core messages. As to not give away the point of the game and to encourage readers to play the game and experience it them-

selves, I'm going to be intentionally vague about the themes of the game; but the game deals with the importance of the family unit, the loss of innocence that every child must face sometime in life, and the dangers of commercialism. It's for these themes and how the game executes these themes that the game is not only a fun experience, but an important one.

As may be obvious from the overwhelming length of this piece, there is a lot to say about MOTHER 3. Despite its few flaws, the game is nothing short of a masterpiece. MOTHER 3 is a game that should be played by any fan of video games, and would be. MOTHER 3 has something for everybody, it's truly a work of art that you need to play yourself to understand. For those who are worried about the game being a third installation into a series and jumping into it, fret not. MOTHER 3 is a game that anybody can jump into, but there's a lot more to appreciate if you play EarthBound before you play MOTHER 3. For those who do want to play but are concerned about the lack of a translated version of the game, worry not. If Nintendo were

to localize this game, this year would be the year. Although it doesn't seem like Nintendo of America is doing anything for April 20th, an announcement in the future is always possible. If the official translation doesn't come, a fan translation was produced by a band of committed MOTHER enthusiasts at a website called Starmen.net. It is free for all to enjoy as a ROM that your old GBA and buy one of the translated cartridges online.

However you play the game doesn't matter, it's just important that you do. I hope you let MOTHER 3 and all of MOTHER into your heart, you won't regret it. Thank you for taking the time to read this article. This article loves

ER 3.





Performer of the Issue: Shaelyn Forney

This issue's Performer of the Is-

sue is Shaelyn Forney. Mrs. Corrine James selected her for more reasons than one. James

reports that she is constantly impressed with her performance on and off the stage. James said that Forney really helps with costuming and makeup and is an overall great member of the cast. She really gives her all into everything she is given, and never lets people down.

Shae says that Drama is a very big part of her life and she is very glad she joined. It has changed her perspective on a lot of things in life and it joys doing.

"Drama allows me to be whoever I want to be, it allows me to express myself," Forney said.

It's only her second year with James and the rest of the class and she is having a blast. Her and the cast have gotten really close and she genuinely enjoys working with them.

"They (the cast) are just as crazy as I am, they accept me for who I am and we're all like one big family," Forney said.

Not only has she gotten close with the cast, she has also become very close with James. She calls James a "second mother" to her and names her as a big supporter of her success. Although she has two other very important supporters in her life.

"My parents, they encouraged me to do drama for a second year and they always come to my performances," said Forney.

She said that her most recent performance of 'The Little Mermaid' went really well

and she was very happy to be working alongside such a talented cast.

Overall, Forney has been incredibly influenced by drama in her life. She has become close with the cast and Mrs. Corrine James and it has been an overall great experience for her to have.



Shaelyn Forney in the recent production of "The is something she genuinely en- Little Mermaid"./Gavin Swanson• The Brand

Looking back at 'Evolve'

The main downfall is how hard it is to win as the monster. As the monster you only have one life and you have to evolve while being tracked down; if you can't stay hidden and leave a minimum amount of tracks then you are going to have a lot of trouble getting

> As hunters you get great weapons, perks, and three lives. As you go on in this game, you can upgrade and unlock new hunters to use. Each different character has a loadout that can not be changed other than the skin of the weapons. There are four hunters in a team, each has a different class with a different purpose. The tracker will have a pet that can track down the monster. The tracker can also put down an arena to trap the monster; the only way for the monster to get out is for the tracker to turn the arena off, the tracker is knocked down, or the energy in the arena runs out. The tracker can also put down alarms or traps to grab the monster.

Another class is assault. This class used to fight the monster in close a shield. As an assault you can get a sters armor and make a weak spot for

A screenshot of "Evolve"./ Courtesy • facebook.com

weapon for close range like a grenade launcher, a flamethrower or an electric rail gun. The assault can also place mines to surprise attack the monster and deal

Another great class is support. The main weapon is a laser gun, the second weapon is a machine gun. The support class is used to provide the team with armor

ability. The great thing about this class is it has many different character load outs, but the real main weapon to use is the airstrike that can launch missiles or fire a giant laser.

The last class is medic which is used for the basic medical duties. For example, as a medic you can revive downed players faster than other teammates. You would also be responsible for healing the characters. As for the weapons you would use, you would have a submachine gun as your second gun and for a primary you would use a sniper. This quarters combat and can punch using sniper rifle can break through mon-

> other characters to shoot at. Shooting areas these would not just deal slightly more damage but also steer the monsters punches and where runs.

> > As a mon-



Do's and Dont's

- Do take this advice.
- Don't sneeze really loud just to make a scene.
- Do wash your hands before every meal.
- Don't rush high school.
- Do hang out with your friends on school
- Don't take your grades as a joke though.
- Do study for the ACT at least one month
- Don't use social media as your diary.
- Do go to as many school events as possible.
- Don't be that person that slows down dramatically when you see a cop. The speed limit is still 25.
- Do eat soup.
- Don't slurp your soup though.
- Do listen to Ke\$ha, Akon, Avril Lavigne
- Don't stalk someone 158 weeks deep into someone's instagram, you might slip up and say something you should not know on accident or like a pic.
- Do post funny pictures of yourself on Twitter, but only if it can't get you in trouble at school, trust me I learned that one the hard way.
- Do walk onto the varsity baseball field and run around on it. Espy will thank you
- Don't set your screensaver on your phone as a selfie of yourself, that's just freaking weird.
- Do park your car wherever you please, after all, our education should be the number one concern of any district member and not where we park our cars.
- Do countdown the days until summer break, it's so close I can almost touch it. T-minus 43 days.

ster you also have a large variety of monsters to select from. Most of these monsters will cost \$25 but you can unlock four default monsters: the Goliath, Meteor Goliath, Kraken, and the Wraith. Each monster has a different ability that each monster can use to its advantage.

This game may not have a full campaign to it, but they have added a mix of a campaign to it by releasing missions. This will all lead up to one big battle that will have rapidly spawning monster minions. In order to win as a monster, you must destroy several generators and a fueling station for a ship. In order to get to this fueling station you must destroy one generator at a time and open doors to the station. As for a hunter, you must defend the generators for a specific amount of time or you must destroy the main monster.

"Evolve" has few game modes but they make up for that in the massive maps. These maps can make a match last longer then someone would usually expect. This game gives you a whole new experience for only \$20 and will give you a great new look on games in general.

a win.

been going down in sales and in price by a landslide. This game has been performing poorly in sales because people didn't really like it. Those who have not played the game cannot truly jump to conclusions. This game has been out for over a year and just from playing it you can see there

was a lot of thought put into it. The story behind this game is that there are four hunters sent out to kill a rampaging monster in a specific facility. You can play as a hunter or a mon-

What's on your playlist? By Aimee Brandon Stressed Out by Twenty One Pilots Hands To Myself by Selena Me, Myself, and I by G- Eazy and Bebe Rexha No by Meghan Trainor Downtown by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis My House by Flo Rida Work by Rihanna Roses by The Chainsmokers In The Night by The Weeknd

great damage.

and, if needed, use its cloak

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The show must go on

"The Little Mermaid" swam its way into the drama department and swam its way into our hearts after a week full of awe inspiring performances.

"The Little Mermaid" takes on a bit of a different twist on the Disney movie that we all know and love. The drama and stagecraft classes worked hard for the last few months to bring a masterpiece to the stage that appeals to people of all ages. Drama presented it for many of the elementary as well as middle school children and also had night performances all week long for the public. A typical day for the drama program consisted of four, hour and a half long perfor-

Senior and first year drama student Clay Erquiaga played two pivotal roles in the play as King Dune and as a narrator.

"I think it's a cool role [King Dune] to play, being a king and stuff, like fighting a sea witch and he has



Boobie and Princess Sun Through Water../Gavin Swanson • The Brand

to do some desperate things. He has to make his son marry a woman that he barely even knows," said Erquiaga.

Erquiaga had positive things to say about the sets the Stagecraft students created.

Erquiaga said, "I really like the set designs because they are pretty elaborate like Janagga's cave is probably one of the best set designs we've ever done. If I had to pick my favorite scene, it would be the throne palace of King Oceanus or at Janagga's cave because those are probably our best sets."

Mickey Donovan had some hard hitting things to say about the production.

"I play Booby the Gannet. I like being super goofy and making people buckle over at the knees," said Donovan.

It was difficult for Donovan to pinpoint what he



The royal families dance in unison./Gavin Swanson • The



King Oceanis and his daughters in the underwater kingdom./ Gavin Swanson • The Brand

"It's a very light fun play so I never get sick of doing it and no matter how many times you'll watch it, you'll never get sick of it," said Donovan.

Donovan did say there was a set of challenges that came with presenting this play.

"The hardest adjustment to make is between the day performances and the night performances because during the day we perform for little kids while the night it's more for the older people. They have two different senses of comedy so I would say that is the hardest transition, going from impressing the kids and them impressing the adults while still having that childish feel to it," said Donovan.

As this is Erquiaga's last year in drama he has a number of things he is going to miss about the class.

"I'm going to miss the people that I work with because these are probably some of the most incredible people you'll ever work with. They put their heart and soul into this kind of stuff and I think that is very special," concluded Erquiaga.



Unmasking this year's Prom

April showers brings May flowers, which will be made into corsages. Prom is coming up soon and the countdown to May 7 is on.

This year's event will be held at the Winnemucca Convention Center and is sponsored by the junior class. The theme will be Masquerade. The doors open at 7 p.m. Saturday night. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Tickets and rule sheets will be sold in Mrs. Mattson's room at lunch starting after spring break; the price of tickets are \$65 for a couple and \$50 for a single ticket. Decorating will be held after school at the convention center everyday after school, one week prior to the event.

Remember you and your parents must sign the rules statement and return it to Mrs. Mattson.

"Anyone is welcome to come help decorate. We will need any help we can get so we can have a successful prom and in the end that is the most important thing," said junior class vice president Annaleise Gabica.

Just in case some of you are a little nervous here are some tips for both boys and girls.

Have fun! At the end of the day, it really is just another dance plus you paid a lot of money just to go so make it enjoyable. If you have a pimple or a red spot, put an ice cube on it for 30 seconds and it should reduce the redness; learned this from Pinterest and it works wonders. Take a lot of pictures— not just on a smart phone, but on a real camera as well.

The dress style that seems to be topping the charts this year Ariano Aguilar, Skylar Yost, Janelle Cassar, and is the mermaid and the a-line dresses according to PromGirl. But if the dress isn't you, don't break the bank trying to fit in.

Get a dress that fits you and is something you would be comfortable dancing in all night.

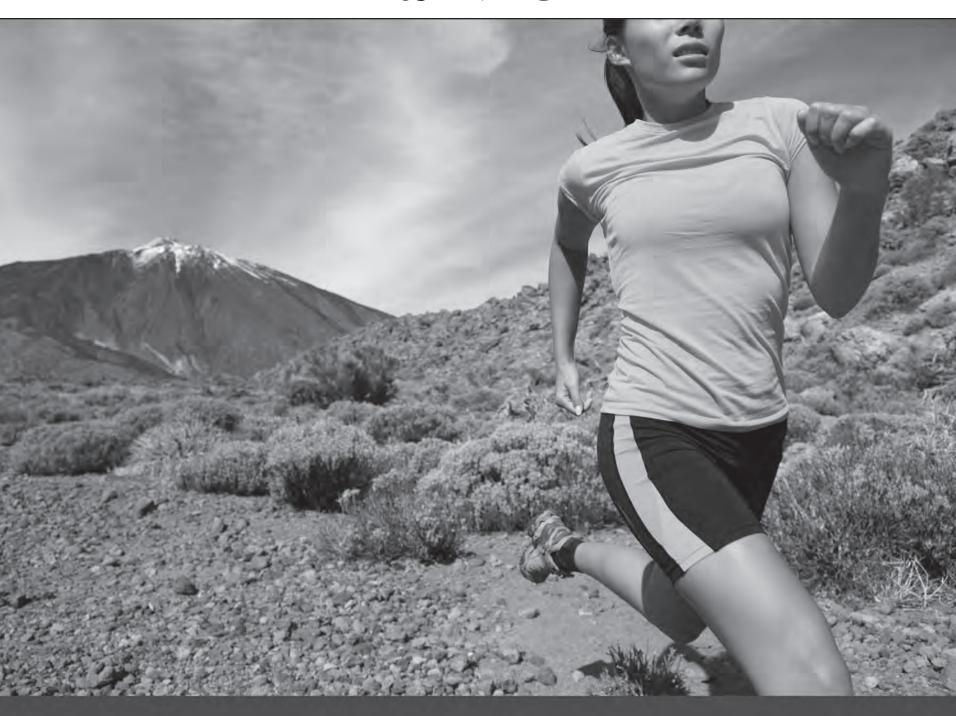


Stetson Roark take a break from the dancefloor at last year's prom./ Courtesy • Alexis Mattson



A group of friends during pre-prom pictures./ Courtesy • Lisa Scott





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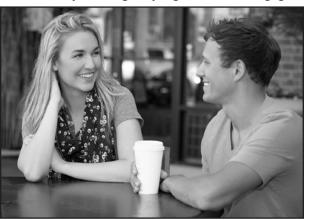
Date ideas in the High Desert

Here in the Great Basin Desert, there are very limited activi-

ties to do with your significant other. Let's face it, we live in Winnemucca. We have one movie theater, one bowling alley, and a few parks that all the tweakers hangout at. That is about it. It's pretty rough living here, but luckily enough for you readers, I consider myself a dating expert. So next time you want to take that pretty girl on a date, or just find something to do with your homies, refer back to this guide to get some excellent ideas.

Water Canyon is always a hot spot to hangout for Winnemucca teens. Although Water Canyon is a cool place, there are always weird people up there doing drugs and other illegal activities. So instead of going up to Water Canyon and smoking a doobie, I would just go out into the desert and explore there instead. Take a friend or two just in case you get lost or have an unfriendly encounter with a ravenous animal.

Most boys will gladly agree that taking girls



There are endless recipes for how a first date can go downhill -- fast./Photo courtesy Fotolia • TNS

to shoot rabbits is an adequate date. Depending on the girl, they would disagree. A good alternative to this is going out and watching the sunset. Nevada sunsets are probably the most beautiful thing known to mankind. Also, this gives you a good excuse to cuddle, and everyone loves cud- Facebook dling.



Ashley Carter poses with a dead coyote on a date./ Courtesy • Facebook

Last but not ast, it is always a the

least, it is always a thoughtful gesture to take a girl to a nice dinner, or even just for ice cream. Boys don't understand that girls don't require a lot of attention and money. You could literally buy a \$1 ice cream cone at McDonald's for me and I would probably cry. You don't have to take a girl out for a \$60 dinner. It isn't about how much money you spend on a date, it's the thought that counts.

With warm summer nights quickly approaching, try to do more outdoor things. There are lots of ponds in Humboldt County that are easily accessible that you can go spend a day at. Hiking the Sonoma's or any other surrounding canyon is a great idea as well. No matter what you decide to do with bae, just make sure you avoid creepy places because things could go bad at any second. Good luck out there, champs.



Heard in the Halls

The halls and classrooms of Lowry are unique to say the least. They

get crowded at times and the loudness probably beats the Seattle Seahawks stadium record, but amongst the crowd you can usually decipher some unusual statements. Here are a few.

"Isn't today one of those weird Irish Holidays? I'm Irish so that's how I know." Actually it is called St. Patrick's Day and I don't think you should be claiming that you are Irish if you know nothing about the culture, especially a world-wide known holiday. I also heard Connor Waldie walk into Espy's class on St. Patrick's Day shouting, "Happy St. Patty's Day my little Portuguese leprechaun you," as he stared Mr. Espinola square in the face.

"I had a zit on my back and sat back in my chair so hard it popped." Hahahahahah. That is literally one of the nastiest things I have



ever heard someone say out loud. One thing is for sure I won't be leaning back in my chair at school anymore.

"I can honestly say that I hate some of my friends." Are you serious? You say that now but I'm almost 100 percent sure that when those "friends" come around you are nice to their face. If you don't really want to be someone's friend, then don't. Why waste not only yours but someone else's time.

"Math sucks, but I love Mr.Corak." Wow. Finally someone said something that everyone can agree with. I don't care who you are, if you don't like Corak you are wrong.

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Who knows you best with Mrs. Mattson

Mrs. Rebecca Hill

1: What is Mrs. Mattson's favorite movie?

A: "Sandlot."

2: What is Mrs. Mattson's hobby?

A: "Watching her kids play sports."

3: Where was Mrs. Mattson raised?

A: "Winnemucca."

4: What does Mrs. Mattson do on the weekends?

A: "Follows her kids around."

5: How long has Mrs. Mattson worked at Lowry?

A: "Three years."

6: Who is Mrs. Mattson's favorite football team?

"Bears."



Ren Mattson

1: What is Mrs. Mattson's favorite movie?

A: "16 Candles."

2: What is Mrs. Mattson's hobby?

A: "Hanging out with her kids." 3: Where was Mrs. Mattson

raised?

A: "Here (Winnemucca, Nevada)."
4: What does Mrs. Mattson do

on the weekends?
A: "Watch her kids play sports."

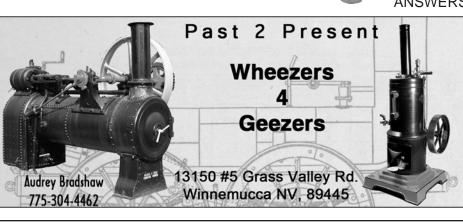
5: How long has Mrs. Mattson

A: "Four years."

worked at Lowry?

6: Who is Mrs. Mattson's favorite football team?

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The Brand, Lowry High School Student Color Color

Bugkaroo Round Up

Levi Lester, Sophomore

Q: Class, year in school?

A: I'm in the class of 2018 and I'm a Sophomore in school right now.

Q: Hobbies?

A: My favorite hobbies easily have to be playing video games and watching anime. Anime is my life and it's really enjoyable to watch and I've been playing video games since I was 3-4 years

Q: Post Graduate plans/goals?

A: I'm not planning to go to college at all or get into higher honors classes for that matter. I simply wanna move to LA or Dallas, Texas to pursue my dream of becoming a voice actor and taking voice acting classes.

Q: Role Models? Why?

A: My role models have to be voice actors, but my biggest one has to be Christopher Sabat. The reason why being that he really helps to give you the tenacity to chase your dreams and

overall he has written to me before with a letter of encouragement and it helped make me really happy.

Q: How could the high school be

A: For how I think the High School could be better is to offer more of a wide variety of classes focusing on newer things that people wouldn't expect to see in a school, but they help in life and can possibly help in other careers as well.

Q: Most important thing in your life? Why?

A: The most important things in my life are my three close friends who are Juniors and of course all of my family and other relatives. Q: Have your traveled anywhere? What was it like?

A: I've traveled to other states and to Alaska and Mexico. It has a different vibe than you'd expect to have, but they offer a lot to do and were very fun to travel to.

Q: What are you most proud of?

A: I'm most proud of who I've become as a person and everyone who has helped me get this far in my life

> and give me the courage to keep striving on and put a smile on everyone's faces.

Q: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

A: In 10 years I see myself having a wife and kids with my girlfriend who lives in Kentucky and possibly having established a career in voice acting for games, anime, and maybe even being on the radio.

Q: Favorite teacher? Why?

A: My favorite teacher has to be Mrs. Doyle because she makes you think about life and yourself.

mom when I was born.

Q: If you had to evacuate

your house immediately,

what is the one thing you

would grab on the way out?

A: The stuffed hippo my

grandmother gave me for

Q: What do you fear? Why?

A: Other drivers because

Q: One thing you want to do

A: Help people who can't

Q: What is the best thing

that has happened to you

since you have been in high

A: Being friends with Lucy

Q: Favorite teacher? Why?

A: Mrs. Doyle because shes

they drive like maniacs.

speak for themselves.

Christmas.

in life?

school?

Acevedo.

crazy.

She makes teaching really enjoyable as

Career Profile: Police Sergeant

Many people do not realize the danger of be-

ing in any rank in the justice system. Local police sergeant Mike Rangel gave an unheard perspective. Mike Rangel has been with the local police since 2011. As many people know, you must start down at the lowest position in any occupation.

"I was fortunate enough to begin my career in the patrol division making my way up the ranks. I began taking leadership courses and with my previous law enforcement experience, I was able to pass the promotional test and selected as Sergeant," said Mike Rangel.

Sergeant Rangel doesn't just stay at the office all the time. He sometimes has to do other duties.

"My patrol duties don't change, only the amount of extra duties. If I am caught up with my extra duties, I 'hit the road' with other officers and provide guidance when needed," added Rangel.



Sergeant Mike Rangel./Darrin Nelson • The Brand

Being with the police system for quite some time Sergeant Rangel has found some form of duty that he enjoys.

"My favorite part of the job has to be leading and training officers. I feel a sense of pride knowing that I can help an officer get through a difficult situation. Along the same line, I truly enjoy helping people; especially when you know you have helped them through a life changing situation," said

On the contrary, Sergeant isn't fond of one duty.

"I have to say that I don't like disciplining personnel. This causes some animosity between the patrol division and supervision. The most important part for me is to build the officer's morale and when I discipline, it may spiral down," said Rangel.

Being a police Sergeant isn't easy. There are moments when lives are endangered.

"I was a rookie Sergeant 3 years ago and the events of one late night I will never forget. We were attempting to locate a burglary suspect that forced his way into a house. Two of my officers met up with me and stated that they received word that the suspect was seen driving around town. So I told them apprehend the suspect and like 5 minutes later I heard "Shots Fired" by one of the Officers." said Rangel.

So for anyone out there who wants to join the law enforcement here is some ad-

"First, you must be willing to place the citizens before yourself. Courage your courage will be challenged; therefore you must have the fortitude to face dangerous situa-

Haley Cuellar, Junior

Q: Favorite class? Why?

A: Web Design because I get to be creative and I'm good with computers.

Q: Extracurricular activi-

A: I volunteer at Safe Haven Animal Rescue Zoo.

Q: Hobbies?

A: I like to hang out with my friends and draw.

Q: Post Graduate plans/ goals? A: I would like to pass my

AP exams with a 3 or high-

Q: How could the high school be better?

A: We could have more time for lunch and more off periods.

Q: Pet peeves? Why?

A: Someone standing over

my shoulder read-

ing the computer screen. I feel like their stalking me.

Q: Most important thing in your life? Why?

A: My dog Bella because she makes me happy.

Q: Have your traveled anywhere? What was it like? A: I've been to

Florida where my mom lives. They have a lot of lizards and turtles there.

Q: Most embarrassing moment?

A: When I was little I fell down the stairs at the Atlantis Casino,

but we got a free meal.

Q: What are you most proud

A: My role model is my grandma because she is the sweetest person I

> Q: What is your favorite quote?

A: "If I had a world of my own, everything would nonsense. Nothing would be what it is, because everything would be what it isn't. And contrary wise, what is, it wouldn't be. And what it wouldn't be, it would. You see?" - Lewis Carroll Q: What is the oldest item you own?

A: A gold-sapphire my dad bought my ring

Q: Can you describe yourself using three words?

A: Sarcastic, odd, and strange.

A: Well probably my PC, because I have more friends on the internet then I do here (No offense to the friends I do have here, they are still great people). But it also allows me to escape reality and the troubles that come with it, let my creative side run loose, and

> Q: Role Models? Why?

I'd rather not have one, as

Q: Most important thing in your life? Why?

let me be me.

A: Nope. No role models.

I don't like to take advice from others.

Q: What advice would you give to others about high

A: Get out of all the drama. Seriously it's not worth it. As well as be more open minded. Accept other people's ideas and life styles rather then rejecting and making fun of them.

Q: What do you fear? Why? A: Clowns, Dolls, and my mighty Lord Gaben. Well clowns are not normal, they are the very spawn of the devil himself. Dolls, because they fall under that uncanny feel to me. And my mighty Lord Gaben, because every time I can afford something a sale on Steam comes out.... and I can't resist.

Drake Aaron Aitken

Q: Have you ever lived somewhere else?

A: Nope. I was born and raised here for sixteen years now. And I am really getting tired of it. But, at the same time I understand the appeal of living here for some people. People who like these small towns in the middle of nowhere rather then a big and busy city. But one place I do live that isn't here is after school is out, for three months I move to the internet and come back when school has resumed. Q: Post Graduate plans/

goals?

A: Move out of this small town to one of the small towns just outside of Seattle. Maybe become an author if

my writing is good enough, or if I have

the patience to do so. Q: How could the high

school be better?

Creative writing classes to let the people who can't draw or paint a way to exthemselves press creatively.

Q: Pet peeves? Why?

A: Peeling paint, because I have no idea why it just gets to me. This goes along with loose skin because that as well annoys me. Oh and people who make poor blame others as if it was their

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STUDENT The Brand, Lowry High School



Lowry Preschool opens for another year

The Early Child-Education hood

class taught by Mrs. Courtney Rorex has begun the annual preschool. Every Tuesday and Wednesday the preschoolers have lessons taught to them from 8-10:35 a.m. Each preschooler is assigned to a 'big' kid who will help them throughout each lesson plan.

"We have been using this whole semester to prepare ourselves for preschool. It is something I think all of the kids look forward to at the end of the school year. When we don't have preschool on Monday's, Thursday's, and Friday's we plan the lessons for the next week," said Rorex.

This week was the first week of school for them and they have done a couple of opening lessons.

"We have done lessons on 'it's okay to be different', and we have gone over numbers with them. The first couple of kids are still warming up to us," said

The preschoolers seem to be enjoying every part of it as they all have something they were excited to talk about.

"My favorite part is all of it, my favorite big kid is Myra," said Valeria

Although they are young, some have the same opinion as the high

"My favorite part of preschool is

lunch," said Jimmer Backus. "My favorite part is running around

and popping bubbles. My favorite number is eight," said Bryce Santos.

The preschool is not only educational for the little kids, but for the 'big' kids as well.

"I think this preschool is helpful. It with kids and will pre- ity Sample • The Brand pare us for the future," said McKenna Jones.

Many other 'big' kids agree.

"This preschool is not only a learning experience for the kids but for us

as well. The kids are so much fun to be around and they keep us on our toes. They will always



teaches us to be patient Students and teachers listen to one of the daily lessons./Ka-

find a way to make us laugh," said Trista Furr.

The preschool will continue every Tuesday and Wednesdays until the end of the school year.

Pic of the Issue



Kenadee Miller's horse posing for a pic.



days are always a lit- Shantell Pearrow and Chasey Bradshaw help tle rocky because the with an activity./Kaity Sample • The Brand



High school students (Left) Maya Covarrubias, (Center) Brooklyn Backus and (Right) Gaven Ross with their students./Kaity Sample • The

Lowry Then and Now



(LEFT) In 1994, the dress code was not as strict as it is today. Students attending Lowry were allowed to wear hats, pictured above. Currently (RIGHT), students are not allowed to wear hats at school although no one knows why.



LOWRY VOICES: If you were an astronaut, what would be your biggest concern about going into space?



"I would be afraid of the rocket ship blowing up." Hallie Caratzola



"Dying." Kelsey Dalley



"Running out of oxygen.' Brenda Martinez



"There's no good food." Savanna

ANSWERS <u>FROM PAGE</u>

<u> 18:</u> 1. "16 Candles' 2. "Watch my kids play ball." 3. "Winnemucca, Nevada" 4. "Watch my kids play ball." 5. "As a permanent teacher five years as a sub 10 years." 6. "Chicago

Bears.



