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Lowry High School

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New class and school officers elected for 2011-12 academic year

By Hana Etcheverry

On February 22, Lowry High held the 2011 school elections.

The only office running opposed was student body treasurer. Sarah Gillespie ran against Julia Dufurrena, and in the end Dufurrena came away with the win.

Chase Estes ran for Student Body President and he hopes to create mind blowing pep assemblies unlike any be-



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Chase Estes and Anna Gutierrez give their campaign speeches.

fore.

Estes cannot wait to step into this office, he thinks it will be a great experience being the "head honcho" of Lowry high, that is, second to Mrs. Watts.

Candace Comeau ran for senior class president and has high hopes on getting more students involved in their school. Comeau hopes to win class of the year for the first time in four years. She is in charge of creating the agendas for class meetings, assemblies, and fundraisers.

These students are responsible, energetic, and maintain every leadership quality they need to be in their office. To run for an office the candidates must maintain a 2.5 GPA and must be in the leadership class taught by Mrs. Grady and Mrs. Dawson. The students are required to write a speech and present it to a panel of judges (teachers), and they

must score at least a 50 points on that speech. In addition, they have to deliver the speech to their class, and depending on if they ran for student body offices, they must read speeches to the entire student body.

Chase Estes said it's worth it though, getting to be the "head honcho" and everything that goes along with that.

Mrs. Tanya Grady said, "We are very

excited to work with these students in Leadership and Student Council. We will be taking many of them to the State Student Council Conference March 24-26th at Arbor View High School in Las Vegas. They will receive training for their new roles as officers as well as have the opportunity to attend workshops, hear motivational speakers, and network with other student leaders."

Making money without spending it on education

By Desiree Cardenas and Cordet Gula

The end of my high school career is almost here. I've been pondering whether or not I want to follow my thirteen years of schooling with two-to-eight more. With the economy in its current state, many young people cannot afford to attend college. The standard rate for a four year tuition plan will cost around \$9,000 a year. The tuition to attend a private school, or out of state school will cost roughly \$35,000 a year. For me, that's a pretty hefty price tag to pay, especially when I'm not sure what I want to do. To go to a junior college or community college, the price drastically drops to \$3,000 a year.

The average person without a high school diploma is expected to earn about \$16,000 a year, if a person graduates from high school they can be expected to earn around \$24,000 annually according to allbusiness.com. Don't let the numbers seem bleak; there are many well paying jobs out there that are available for people who choose not to follow the college path, these jobs include: welding, mechanics, law enforcement, contracting and of course

all the various ranching occupations. Travelocity is even hiring but they require the typical reading, writing and math skills. Some employers look for multi-tasking skills, and certain experiences depending on the type of job that is being sought after.

The Lowry CTE (vocational) teachers, such as, Mr. Luca Bernardi, Mr. John Aberasturi, Mr. Don Walton, and Mrs. Rebecca Hill, help students through their classes as they teach particular skills that could be helpful to students looking to get a job without attaining a college degree. These four teachers mentioned options that a student may take into account if they are looking to make money without spending it on college.



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Rebecca Hill.

Mrs. Rebecca Hill said that people can become vet technicians, or they could work in the farming industry. Most ranches do not require their employees to have college degrees.

Hill also mentioned the career choice of a florist. That one caught my attention very fast.

The US Census Bureau has predicted this job choice to be good through



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PUCKER UP...in an approved public display of affection, English teacher Matt Felshaw "won" the Kiss the Pig contest held during Winterfest by Lowry NHS.

2016. There is a need to replace the older workers in this field who are looking to retire. Florists with less than five years experience can make between \$24,502-\$29,504 a year. When a florist has more than twenty years experience in this field they can make around \$49,132 a year. These numbers varies state to state and the current health of the economy.

Mr. John Aberasturi has been teaching classes dealing with automotives for 19 years. When asked what jobs there are dealing with cars, this is what he gave us: "Auto technicians, obviously, there's specialty shops, muffler shops, transmission shops, break shops, and engine repair shops." The pay for a mechanic depends on whether the employee is working for a corporation or if they're



Courtesy • WINNADA
John Aberasturi.

working for a smaller or local shop. Mechanics in the big corporations will earn around \$15 an hour, while mechanics in a smaller shop will earn \$8-\$10 an hour. The number of the job openings for auto technicians is expected to get slower as the economy slows. Another point of interest in salary for mechanics is that they are paid for 12 minutes of work no matter if it takes him/her five minutes or five hours.

"For those who have chosen not to go to college, they can start out as welders, auto mechanics, welders whom go to ranches and work on certain types of equipment, typically in the welding program," said Bernardi.

Bernardi mentioned jobs that are based in welding. To go into this profession; high school classes in blueprint reading, shop mathematics, mechanical drawing, physics, chemistry, metallurgy, auto mechanics,

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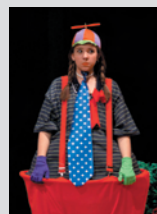
You can, but should you make the perfect baby?



Boys basketball returns to state.



Winterfest recap.



Lowry Drama performs "Alice in Wonderland".

Effects on our weather: climate change and global warming

By Maria-Elise Kitras

In the past few months the weather has seemed to differ from its usual course of action. In the spring we usually have plants starting to bloom with the occasional rain shower. Then we move into summer with its warm sunshine and bright blue skies. Next is autumn; the leaves change colors and the air becomes more crisp and clean. Last of all we have winter, the snow starts to pile up, making Winnemucca seem frosty and white. The plants still bloom in spring but the rain seems more scarce. The summers seem more dry and hot. Autumn hasn't varied much. Winter feels colder than ever, with ex-

ception to this one. It is February and we had a pitiful amount of snow fall to the ground until recently.

In the east, snowstorms have scourged the coast making driving almost impossible. There has been cold weather and snow in Australia, where usually temperatures are warm during December. There have been floods in Pakistan. Is it possible that changes in the climate and global warming have affected our weather and played a part in these strange weather occurrences?

To answer this question we need to know the definition of global warming and climate change. According to Eoearth.com "Global warming is the combined result of anthropogenic (human-caused) emissions of greenhouse gases and changes in solar irradiance, while climate change refers to any change in the state of the climate... that persists for an extended period, typically decades or longer."

According to Geocraft.com the world undergoes an ice age every 100,000 years, though the world did go through a mini ice age during the medieval era. A period of warming ensued after this, possibly caused

by the Industrial Revolution and the black smoke that filled the sky during this time. Global warming is not the actual problem here; the problem is the greenhouse gas effect. Greenhouse gases trap light from the sun and this keeps the globe at a relatively warm temperature. The problem is that too many greenhouse gases are going in to the atmosphere, trapping too much energy. Increasing temperatures cause the polar caps in the Arctic and the Antarctic to melt. This in turn causes sea levels to rise. If rising sea levels are unchecked, they could potentially sink any cities at or under sea level; for the United States that would mean our cities on the coasts and much of Hawaii.

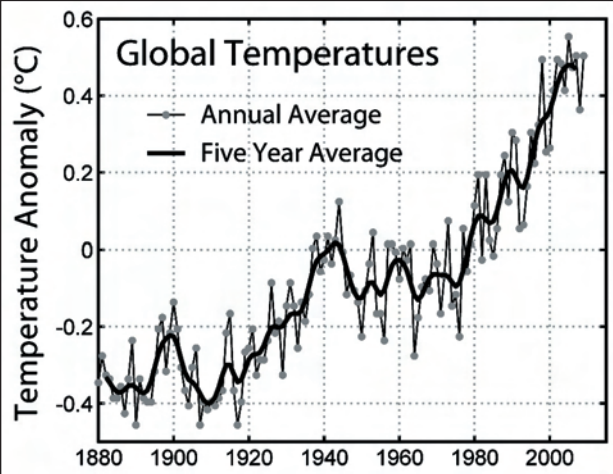
Greenhouse gases also affect our climate change. According to Astrobio.net, 3.8 billion years ago the earth's temperatures were similar to the temperatures that we have today. The power of the sun's energy was 30% weaker then. Due to reductions in carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, the earth went through a cooling period, causing an ice age. When greenhouse gases and volcanic activity increased, the earth warmed up again. This cycle has been in effect for many hundreds of thousands of years, but it usually happens over a long period of time. Air pollution, building up from the Industrial Revolution has sped up this

process. According to Discovery.com studies of hurricanes over the past fifty years have shown them to be more "intense and destructive." Also the current in the Gulf Stream is slowing down, a bad sign since this stream keeps Europe from resembling Alaska and helps regulate the temperature of the earth.

The possibility that the Gulf Stream is slowing would help to make clear the fact of why strong blizzards occurred in the east. It could also clarify why we have had intermittent snow storms. This could also explain the tsunamis, hurricanes, and other various, destructive storms that we have had in the past few months.

Mrs. Michelle Pasquale, a teacher in the science department, explained why she thought our storm patterns were different than usual.

"I believe in the theory that we do have global warming. A lot of people don't exactly know what that means... Because our earth is warming up and because our temperatures are hotter in the summertime, we have more evaporation in other places that we haven't had in the world before...so where does that water go? It goes up into our atmospheric layers. Well, it's got to condense and come down somewhere, so that's going to be the reason why we have all these catastrophic events later on."



This image shows the instrumental record of global average as compiled by the NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies. (2006) "Global temperature change".

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and industrial arts are all helpful in your chances in getting hired. It is also preferred that the employee has good eye-sight and good hand-eye-coordination. Good color vision is required for this job and so is being able to stand, stoop, and lower yourself in awkward positions for long periods of time. On average, a welder will earn around \$9 to \$22.50+ an hour. Over the next decade welding jobs are expected to remain steady.

There are two careers that have my attention torn right now. I have them down to a registered nurse or a Sacramento police officer. To become an RN I would have to go through four more years of schooling, that's not terrible; when you look at the \$70,000 a year earning. The police officer option gives

me time to decide whether or not I want to spend the money on the police academy, considering the fact that they won't even view your name if you're not 21 or older. With the three year dilemma I will have that annual \$80,000 hanging over my head that comes with being a police officer.

Mr. Don Walton is another teacher that works in the CTE building. When asked what an out of high school student can do without a degree he had this to say, "Obviously we live in an area where there are jobs available in the mines, if a job is available, you have to find something that is entry level. Entry level means you're on the end of a shovel for ten hours a day, you might be cleaning out ditches, pretty much labor jobs."

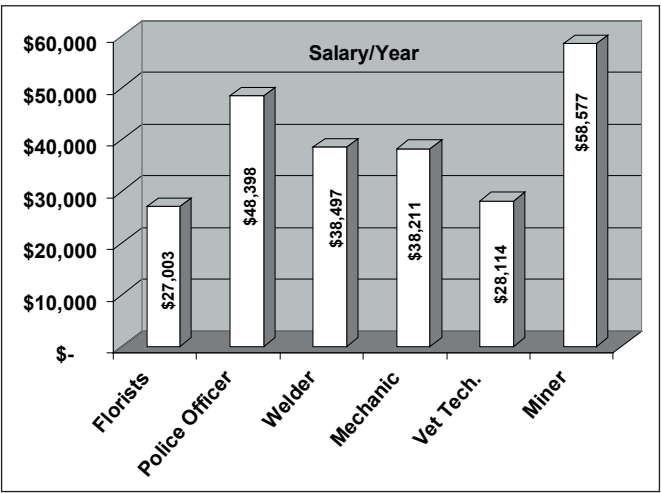
Another question that weighs on my mind is if it's harder to get a job without going to college.

"It depends on the atmosphere, I think a lot of students who are in college, think it's a good time to be in college because it is a low economy, but there are choices out there," Walton said.

"Most certificates require a certain amount of experience in the field, like the A.S.E certification, that is Automotive Service Excellence, but they are not actually certified until they work at least two years in the

field. They can take the written test, but they need the experience." Aberasturi said.

So, there are so many options to choose from it may take awhile to figure it out.



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Making the ‘perfect’ baby

By Madison Waldie



It seems that now there are more and more people who are doing their best to protect our planet, our species, and our wildlife. There are so many different organizations and clubs that devote all of their time to the welfare of the lives of animals and the temperature increase of our atmosphere. I think that these people are getting so caught up with theories like, global warming, polar bears dying, and the big bang, that they don’t think about anything else.

When it comes to endangered species I feel like the most endangered species is the human race. There are some things that just shouldn’t be messed with and genetics and DNA are some of those things. When I first heard of “Designer Babies” I

honestly can say that I felt sick to my stomach. The thought of picking and choosing what traits your future child would have is just not natural. How would you feel if your “perfect” baby came into the world with a rare genetic mishap causing it to lose its chance at life? Say the geneticist made a mistake and your newborn baby now has a life threatening condition that wouldn’t have been there if not for the selfishness you possessed when trying to create the “perfect” offspring.

When some think of the “perfect” offspring they think of one just like them, or a clone. Human cloning is becoming more and more relevant considering that scientists have succeeded in clones of animals including sheep, cows, a camel, and rats. Just like any other procedure of any kind, cloning has its cons. People think that a big advancement like cloning is going to have a great effect on society. They never realize or think about the negative ef-

fects. There are many cons that do physical harm to the clone. It could end up missing limbs and/or organs, but people never think of the other negative aspects.

Won’t cloning devalue mankind and undermine the value of a human life? I think so. My moral and ethic principles just don’t include cloning and other genetic experiments.

The people that are promoting and fighting for the use of these projects are often the people who are worried about animals and glaciers. I feel that the human life is too precious to mess with. Yeah, you might have a beautiful baby that looks just like you, or has the specific traits you wanted it to possess but there is also a chance you are going to give birth to a baby that will suffer painful surgeries and have a terrible start at life if something goes wrong.

If that isn’t selfish, I don’t know what is.

Win streaks: Which is more impressive?

By Brandon Eastman



When Notre Dame ended the famous UCLA men’s basketball 88-game win streak on January 19, 1974 many believed we would never see anything like it again.

Well, step aside UCLA and John Wooden (who is the greatest coach of all time), and make room for the University of Connecticut Huskies and Geno Auriemma. Not only did

they match the 88 game win streak, they did two better and took it to 90 to set the all time record for consecutive wins in NCAA Division I Basketball.

Not only did they set a new record, they did so in a far more convincing fashion, with only a few teams even played the Huskies remotely close during the streak as just two of the victories came by single digits: a 53-47 win against the Stanford Cardinal in last year’s national championship game and a 65-64 victory this year against the Baylor Bears.

Some people may argue that

UCLA’s streak is more impressive because it is men’s basketball. Believe me, I took that into account. However, I looked at the two win streaks every possible way I could, and I kept getting the same answer. The 90 game win streak by the UConn Huskies was simply the more impressive of the two. UConn beat opponents by 33 points per game, while playing 27 ranked opponents. Compare this to UCLA who beat their opponents by 25 points per game, and they only played 10 ranked opponents. Another impressive statistic in UConn’s favor is in games where Connecticut was

ranked No. 1 and they were going up against the No. 2 ranked team in the country, UConn was 5-0 (with three of those victories against Stanford, who would be the team to finally put an end to the streak with a 71-59 victory back on December 30). They won these games against the second best team in the country by 14 points per game.

UCLA’s stats don’t even compare to this, and that is why (whether I’m a fan of UConn or not) their 90 game win streak is the most impressive occurrence in the sporting world, it will forever be in the record books, and

Do’s and Don’ts: The high school years

By Miranda Buttram and Savannah McDade



I am sure everyone would agree that being in high school, or adolescence itself, can be a difficult period of time and I am sure that many (whether they admit it or not) would, or would have, liked to have a list of dos and don’ts prior to entering the doors of Lowry High School as a freshman. Composed below, is a list that we would have found helpful throughout our four years:

Keep an air freshener on hand, particularly, upon entering the freshman hallway and/or bathrooms.

Do not bring so much as a parcel of food into the library, because you will inevitably be given the boot which is not only inconvenient but rather humiliating.

Go ahead and attempt to walk down that steep hill between the science building and the main building in

foul weather and observe while other students stand by and laugh as you tumble.

Do not be afraid to exercise your aggressive side while walking through the crowded hallways; if you are passive you will be late to class and have to endure lunch detention.

Speaking of which, DO NOT SKIP LUNCH DETENTION... unless of course you feel like bettering the environment by ridding the campus of trash for the remainder of your school year.

If you do not like to sweat, a helpful suggestion would be not to join Mr. Cabatbat’s Weight Lifting class.

Be especially cautious when parking your vehicle in front of the provided cement barriers in the “dirt parking-lot”... especially when you happen to drive a vintage Mustang (Miranda!).

This one applies to upcoming freshmen: Forget the common stereotype implying that seniors are pitiless and initiate cruel and unusual pranks upon the lower classes. The truth is that (aside from the truly heartless) the senior class is probably the most

tolerable because between minimal class schedules and scrambling to figure out what they are going to do with their lives, they are mostly elusive and furthermore, have more important matters to attend to (such as preparing for graduation) than to be malicious.

DO NOT yawn in Mr. Beck’s class, or put your head down... ever.

If you plan on taking a Spanish

class with Mrs. Godinez, be prepared to practice Karate “Aqui, alli, alla!” In addition to dancing with your elbows (yes, elbows), and singing (Cha cha... cha cha ...cha).

Public Displays of Affection... I do not know how to elaborate on this issue without being inappropriate, however, that is exactly what it is and I will leave it at that.



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Divorce has large impact on both parents and children

By Savannah McDade



“The consent by which the spouses mutually give and receive one another is sealed by God himself.” Paragraph 1639 “Catechism of the Catholic Church”

In ancient traditions such as Christianity, marriage is considered a “living symbol” of Christ in the church. In Judaism, “The two shall become one.” Within the Paiute culture, “Marriages were considered to be permanent unions,” (www.everyculture.com).

Nevada is the state where for years couples have voyaged to in order to hastily “tie the knot” then divorce with an equal amount of vigor. According to an article posted on www.jour.unr.edu by Koji Ueda, “It takes 10 minutes to get a marriage license and 15 minutes

for a marriage ceremony,” moreover, a couple only has to live in Nevada for six weeks in order to file for divorce. With marriage and divorce policies being so lenient in Nevada, it is not a surprise that Nevada currently obtains the highest divorce rate in the United States (www.huffingtonpost.com).

The factors that contribute to a divorce may vary, but for whatever reason(s) divorce is not an uncommon occurrence, which poses this question: How does divorce affect the individuals in our society?

I tire of reading post hoc divorce statistics that attempt to prove that because a child’s parents filed for divorce, the child will most likely lash out and grow up to be dysfunctional, addicted to drugs, and so on. Even though I do not completely agree with the statistics, I firmly believe that divorce has a very prominent affect on children, parents, and the American culture; furthermore,

I believe that the effects vary.

“I don’t believe it (divorce) affects society at all,” said a Lowry High School student who has witnessed and endured numerous divorces, “It has helped me realize marriage is not that important and people are hard to trust.”

Many of my interviewees admitted that trust was an attribute strained by divorce.

“I have a hard time letting people in. I do things myself so no one can let me down,” said the mother of a Lowry student who grew up in a split home.

A young woman who attended Lowry a few years ago not only witnessed divorce between her parents, but married young and witnessed divorce first-hand.

“I have learned a lot of unhealthy relationship characteristics [...] those learned behaviors came from my parents and how they acted in front of

me,” she said.

No two people are perfect, therefore, it is impossible to produce a perfect marriage; therefore marriage (just as any commitment) requires work. Lowry Mom believes that in order for a marriage to persevere, a couple must learn to compromise and practice teamwork. Current Lowry student (mentioned above) added, “Marriage is almost always rushed into, before two people truly know each other marriage is on their minds today. I personally don’t believe in marriage, thus will never marry.”

I do not promote abusive relationships by any means and I am not implying that people commit to an unhealthy marriage. However, sacred vows lose meaning when they are uttered out of haste and the underlying meanings of such vows are given little to no thought as a result. Marriage is a decision that should not be made lightly.

Forget the drama of high school and focus on the important things

By Rianon Lehman



At Lowry there are a lot of things going on, like Winterfest, lunchtime activities, wrestling tournaments, and basketball games. We also have drama, and I’m not talking about the school play.

Drama is a stressful thing that nobody wants but almost everybody has. We as a school need to work together to get rid of the drama between everybody, because everyone is fighting some kind of drama related event in their lives and they don’t need everybody else’s problems on top of their own.

What we should be worrying about is our school

work; not who is calling you names because it really shouldn’t bother you.

What matters the most is getting an education and grabbing that diploma with your fellow peers. When somebody says something about you, brush it off your shoulder because it’s nothing to be worries about. We shouldn’t take things so seriously, because in the end, the only thing that will matter is graduating and getting a good job.

When we look back at our high school years are we going to want to be remembered as the kid who caused nothing but drama, or as the kid who did their work and maintained good grades to graduate on time with their peers?

Honestly, we should be putting more focus into

our school work. There are kids out there who are letting their grades drop so they can go get in a fight, or talk trash to other people. Around almost every corner there is some kind of fight going on, like yelling at one another, or fists flying and we don’t want our only four years of high school to be like that.

We want them to be memorable and fun something that we will be able to tell to our kids in the future, to tell them that they will have a blast. Instead the path we are going down we’ll be telling our kids that high school is nothing but drama and it won’t be any fun. That’s not how we want our high school reputation or years to be remembered.

So get over what that person said about you and concentrate on having fun and graduating.

\$14,183,701,138,025: What’s your share?

By Ron Espinola



“I need a credit card that’s got no limit and a big black jet with a bedroom in it.”

‘Rockstar’ by Nickelback

The lyrics from this Nickelback song seem to represent the sentiment of many Americans today and of their elected officials.

The national debt is not a new issue, but it is one that has come to the forefront of the news cycle due to the astronomical deficits of recent years (\$1.4 trillion-2009; \$1.3 trillion-2010; \$1.5 trillion-2011 and a projected \$1 Trillion-2012). When you add all of the deficits together over time, you get the enormous amount of our national debt mentioned in the headline-one that grows faster than you can count (visit http://www.usdebtclock.org/).

President Obama’s proposed 2012 budget would reportedly save \$1.1 trillion over 10 years. This is a start, but cutting annual deficits by only 10% on average still leaves the US in an enormous and unsustainable hole. With the release of the budget also came the forecast of continued deficits until 2021..the same 10 years during which we “save” \$1.1 trillion.

Can we increase revenue in the form of higher income tax, payroll tax, social security, corporate tax, and user fees...of course we can. The proposed budget does some of these things. But who wants to entrust the government with more of our money to waste?

What happens when the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (health care reform) takes full effect in 2014? It has been promised that implementation will be deficit neutral with the cost being offset with tax increases on the wealthy and savings in other areas. However, the government is not a for-profit

business and when it promises one thing and does not deliver, nothing happens. In the 1960s, Americans were promised Medicare costs would be \$9 billion in 1990 and were actually \$67 billion. Boston’s “Big Dig” ballooned by \$12 billion and seven years (www.cato.org). Even the Post Office is not immune to the government’s habit of losing billions. In a study it released in March, the USPS will lose \$238 billion over the next 10 years. It is not hard to imagine the PPACA will be more expensive than we’ve been promised.

More importantly can we trim government budgets and operate more efficiently and hold our officials accountable? I think the answer is no. Much like a parent who finds it difficult to say no to a child, it is much easier to say yes to the screaming child in the check out line just to avoid the headache and embarrassment. But the senators and representatives simply do not have the ability to say no to voters and special interests. But should we expect them to? Saying no is simply not in their best interest. The politician who has the courage to stand up to his constituents, will soon be out of office.

Of course nothing is this simple. But if all you see is increased spending with nobody showing interest in applying the breaks, what can the future hold?

In all likelihood something similar to what has happened in Ireland and Greece. In 2009, Ireland and

Greece had debts that were 126.8% and 57.7% of their respective Gross Domestic Products. The US percentage was 52.9 in 2009. Both countries have enacted drastic cuts while receiving enormous bailouts.

In the US the average consumer debt (mortgages, credit cards, car loans, etc) is \$52,496 (www.credit-sesame.com/).The national debt per person amounts to \$45,552. That’s all citizens, not just adults or taxpayers. Therefore, to pay off all of our debt would cost almost \$100,000 per person.

Smaller countries with big problems like Greece and Ireland can be bailed out. Can the global economy do the same with a country the size of the US? Can you come up with your share of \$45,552? Since the answer is probably no, maybe we should expect and require more from our elected officials, or take away their credit card.

They have the credit card, but we need to take away the big black jet.



Girls basketball: season in review

By Brandon Eastman

Coming into this season, the defending 3A State Champions had some high expectations, led by the efforts of three senior leaders in Rachelle Dennis, Emelia Legarza, and Jenae Neu. However, this season ended in disappointment, especially for the seniors, who will end their high school basketball careers without another appearance at the State Championship Tournament in Las Vegas.

“It was a pretty disappointing season, especially with what happened last year and we had such high expectations for this year,” said junior post Julia Dufurrena.

The girls finished the season with a 12-13 record overall and 4-6 in league play. They ended the season losing five of their last eight games and missing the playoffs as a result of losing two games apiece to Spring Creek and Elko. The Buckaroos found themselves in a must-win situation

multiple times during league play, and each time they came up short.

“As a team we struggled with a lot of injuries and we didn’t have as good of chemistry as we would have liked,” said Dufurrena.

Rachelle Dennis was the teams leading scorer on the season averaging 10.6 points per game and also led the team in assists and steals per game. Julia Dufurrena led the team in rebounds per game and blocks per game.



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Girls team before they take the court.

Freshman and JV boys basketball complete perfect league seasons



Hana Etcheverry • THE BRAND
Tytus Millikan blocks a shot.



Hana Etcheverry • THE BRAND
Josh Watterson pump fakes a defender.



Hana Etcheverry • THE BRAND
Josh Shaver jumps for a pass.



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Nate Eldodt passes over a defender.

By Brandon Eastman

The freshman and JV boys basketball teams did something that hasn’t been done in a long time: they both finished league play with undefeated records. The JV team relied heavily on defense, which was a huge emphasis throughout the entire season, to lead them to their undefeated season.

According to coach Ca-

batbat, the freshman team had a good season and worked hard and improved everyday, which was the goal from the very beginning of the season.

Both teams finished 14-0 in the Ruby Mountain League and ended the season on huge winning streaks. The JV ended on a 16 game winning streak and the freshman team ended on a 15 game winning streak.

What to Watch

By Calvin Connors and Marc Esquivel

Miami vs. San Antonio

Calvin’s Pick – The Miami Heat will beat the San Antonio Spurs because of LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, and Chris Bosh. LeBron James is averaging 26 points per game along with 7 assists per game. Dwyane Wade is averaging 25.7 points per and Chris Bosh is averaging 18.5. It’s going to be a tough game for the Heat but if the trio has a good game, the Heat will overcome the Spurs.

Marc’s Pick – The Heat are overrated, overpaid, and overall, are not a great team. The Spurs, on the other hand, are an experienced, well-rounded team. If the Spurs play like they usually do, I

believe that they will be able to defeat the trio.

Urijah Faber (24-4) vs. Eddie Wineland (18-6-1)

Calvin’s Pick– Urijah Faber looks like he could do some damage to Eddie Wineland. Faber has 13 submissions, seven TKOs, and three decisions. Also, Faber’s last fight ended in a tremendous rear-naked choke, beating his opponent in the first round. Urijah Faber is capable of winning this fight.

Marc’s Pick– Seeing that this fight will be Urijah’s UFC debut, I am predicting a big win from him seeing that he has been tearing it up in the WEC(World Extreme Cagefighting). Being Faber’s debut, he has a lot to prove for this fight because of the newly added Bantam-

weight division in the UFC. This fight will help him show his case and show Dana White that he deserves a shot at the title with the current champion, Dominick Cruz.

LA Lakers vs. Dallas Mavericks

Calvin’s Pick– Dallas has shown that they cannot only hang with the big time teams in the NBA, but beat the big time teams. Dirk Nowitzki is averaging 23.1 points per game along with 6.8 rebounds per game. Jason Kidd is not getting it done with points per game but is averaging 8.4 assists per game; Jason Terry is averaging 15.8 points per game.

Marc’s Pick– Kobe Bryant and the Lakers are going to win this game because of their highly-ranked defense and because of their starting five. Kobe



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The Los Angeles Lakers’ Kobe Bryant, left.

is averaging 25.4 points per game, with Pau Gasol and Lamar Odom averaging 18.7 and 15.3 points per game, respectively. Also, the Lakers are averaging close to 46 rebounds per

game, with 12 of those being offensive rebounds. If the Lakers play to their ability, this should be a well fought win for LA.

The best movies from each major sport

By Brandon Eastman

If you’ve ever got some down time and are looking for a good sports movie to sit down and watch, here are a few examples of some must-see feel-good sports movies from recent times.

“Coach Carter”- This dramatic movie was inspired by a true story of controversial basketball coach Ken Carter. After coming into a coaching position, Coach Carter cracks down with some strict rules. When these rules are disobeyed, Carter benched his entire team and locked the gym and refused to let players in for failing to keep their grades up. The team comes together and eventually makes it to the state playoffs where they have the difficult task of facing St. Francis, who was the No. 1 ranked team in the state.

“Hoosiers”- Norman Dale has agreed to coach a high school basketball team in Hickory, Indiana.

He had no choice but to take this job after he lost his previous coaching position for striking a player, so the pressure was on to succeed. After hearing that the star player won’t be playing that season, he must work with what few players he has. Halfway through the season this star player decides he wants to play basketball again, and shocking the entire state, he leads Hickory to a state championship.

“Remember the Titans”- Herman Boone is hired at T.C. Williams High School, and after taking the job from a Hall of Fame coach, to be expected, there are numerous clashes between the new coach, Boone, and the players. They all come together, however, and, under extreme pressure to win every single game, and overcoming some major obstacles, the team is victorious on their quest for a championship.

“Miracle”- Based off of a true story, when Herb Brooks, took an

inexperienced squad of college hockey players to the 1980 Olympics. The United States was up against all odds when they were forced to face off against the Soviet Union juggernaut. This inept group of college students and their progression through the Olympic games brought a nation together, and brought about the famous question: Do you believe in miracles?

“Field of Dreams”- Ray Kinsella hears a voice tell him, “If you build it, he will come.” He takes this as an instruction to build a baseball field on

his farm in Iowa. After his baseball field is finished, the ghosts of Shoeless Joe Jackson and seven other Chicago White Sox players banned from baseball for throwing the 1919 World Series. The voice continues to talk to Kinsella, which forces him to find out the meaning of the voice and the field.



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A scene from “Field of Dreams”.

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State boys basketball...second again

By Calvin Connors

The Lowry boys basketball season ended with a loss in the state championship, but that wasn't the only thing coach Peters was looking to achieve as a team this season.

Coach Chad Peters is not new to this program at Lowry, he attended Lowry High and played three sports football, basketball, and baseball. Chad is one of the select few to win a state title as a player and as a coach. In his senior season at Lowry he lead the Buckaroos to a basketball title in 1992 and came out victorious. Ten years later (2002) he lead Lowry to another basketball state title but this



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Anders Pace..

time as a coach. In that season they overcame controversies and ended up being the state champions.

This season Peters was faced with a challenge coming in as the new head coach in hopes of bringing back a state title to his hometown of Winnemucca. The Buckaroos season started off slow but progressed as the season moved forward. Lowry's first game of the season was at Hug High School, and even though it didn't turn out as a victory for the Bucks, there were lessons learned in just that one game.

The pre season for Lowry was up and down but when league games came around coach Peters had his boys focused and ready to play. Lowry went on the road to play the Dayton Dustdevils, in that game Lowry played pretty sloppy and had one to many turnovers. The bucks lost 53-48; but after that game Lowry put everything that happened in Dayton behind them, because they had a game the next day against Fernley. Lowry seemed like a new team and put

a beating on the Vaqueros 62-25.

"This is one of the closest teams I have ever been and I went through a lot with all the guys," said Junior Jordan Rinas.

The Bucks never looked back as they went on a 13 game winning streak after their loss against Dayton. Lowry was declared the Ruby Mountain League champs and was lucky enough to hold their opening playoff game at home against the Fallon Greenwave. Lowry won the game 73-55. Lowry then got to go to Las Vegas for the state tournament, Lowry faced off against the Sparks Railroaders. Lowry stuck it to Sparks with a win that ended in a score of 71 to 63; Lowry would be going to the state championship to play Moapa Valley.



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Grant Miller.

For wrestlers, 3-Peat is the name of the game

By Marc Esquivel

The Lowry wrestling program has always been a dominant force in Nevada's 3A and 4A, and these last three years have been a tribute to the legacy that was started over 30 years ago.

This year was very successful for the wrestlers, going undefeated in

league tournaments and duels all the way to the finals at Spanish Springs High School.

"I think we had one of the best seasons Lowry has ever had," said sophomore Michael Billingsley, "We definitely lived up to our expectations."

The wrestling team celebrated a perfect season, placing fifth at the Rol-

lie Lane tournament in Idaho and placing seventh at the Sierra Nevada Classic in Reno.

"We won every [league] tournament and dual, we placed higher than ever in both the Rollie Lane and SNC," said junior Fernando Herrera.

The state championship came down to who wanted it more between Lowry and Spring Creek, with Lowry winning as a team with 200 points over Spring Creek's 170. The Buckaroos also yielded five state champions: Gus Duncan at 140s; Jace Billingsley at 152s, Michael Billingsley at 160s, Ryan Nelson at 171s, and Fernando Herrera at heavy-weight.

"To be an individual champ feels like you've accomplished something great," said first time state champion Herrera, "It's one of the best feelings in life and no one can ever take that from you."

Including those five state champions, Lowry had 11 wrestlers in the finals and consolation rounds and that



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The wrestling team poses with its latest trophy.

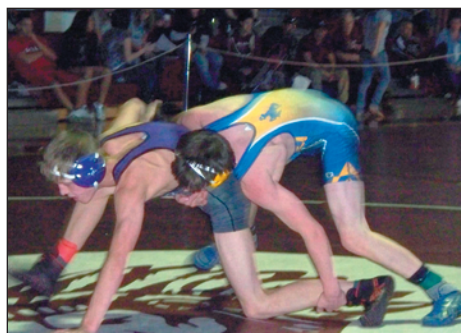
was a big help to the team earning points. Three freshmen did exceptionally well at the tournament and placed second at their first state championship. These freshmen were Eric Brooks (103s), Aaron Nelson (112s), and Brandon Okuma (135s). The wrestlers in the consolation matches were Bobby Marley at 135s, Mario Bautista at 145s, and Ivan Ramirez at 215s.

Being three time consecutive state champions, the Buckaroos have a big target on their back for the next wrestling season, and there are a lot expectations to live up to and the wrestlers know that.

"Next year we expect nothing less than a fourth state championship," said Herrera.



Tim Grady • Courtesy
Ryan Nelson won his 3rd state title.



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Aaron Nelson took second at state.



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Michael Billingsley.



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Gus Duncan takes control of his match.





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What makes the Lowry Athlete?

Dana Pardovich was chosen for the mouth because she is a constant vocal leader, whether it is on or off the field. She is constantly helping out her teammates with words of wisdom and advice. Pardovich was also named to the Northern 3A First Team at the catcher position. “It benefits me because I can see the whole field. Therefore I can tell the whole team what’s going on and tell them where to go, and I’m really loud so that’s a plus.”

Ronnie Jo Schofield was chosen for the arms because of his dedication to hitting the weight room, which not only helps him on the football field, but now that he has taken his talents to the cheerleading team here at Lowry, his strength is a great asset to the squad. “It helps a lot with all the stunting, and our bases. It also helps with the stability with our flyer. You have to be pretty strong to hold a girl above your head.”

Cortney Kieser was chosen for the hips because of her desire to always improve her golfing abilities. Kieser finished 14th at the 2010 Girls Golf State Championships, which was the highest of any Lowry golfer and also helped the team place 3rd overall. “Hips are important when golfing because they are involved in the movement when you swing the golf club.”

Jacob Gibson was chosen for the feet because he has been a huge part of the Lowry soccer program throughout his high school career. He has been a consistent player for the Buckaroos and his senior leadership will be missed next year. “There’s a lot of accuracy and precision involved with the inner workings of the feet. Quick feet help you to keep up with the competition and vanquish them forever.”

Jace Billingsley was chosen for the head because of his ability to read and react to whatever is thrown his way. Billingsley was the 3A Offensive Player of the Year this past season and helped to lead the Lowry Buckaroos to their longest postseason run in quite some time. “Usually that’s how you figure out how to beat someone, you have to get a plan and usually if you execute it right that’s when you win. It really makes the difference between winning and losing, if you execute your game plan.”

Elisa “Esh” Higbee was chosen for the hands because of her great leadership for the volleyball team from setter position. the Higbee also received an honorable mention for the all-conference team. Esh led the team in assists per game and was also one of the most consistent servers. “Well with setting, the ball is in your hands a lot so you have to have good hands because everything is basically going through you and you touch the ball quite a bit each point.”

Will Thacker was chosen for the torso because of his great upper body strength which helped him to become the 3A Line-man of the Year for the 2010 football season. Thacker helped the Bucks get back to the State Semifinals after a long drought from the postseason. “It [my strength] helps me push the other guys off of me when they’re trying to block me and all that good stuff.”

Chase Estes was chosen for the legs because of his dedication and determination for cross country running. Estes finished 17th at this seasons Cross Country State Championships, which was the highest finish for any Lowry runner. “I can run a long ways pretty fast, like if I was a zebra and there was a lion behind me, I’d be a really good zebra, like I could run away from it for awhile.”



Lowry's newest activity...Dancing with the Moms

By Madison Waldie

Are you looking for a new activity or club to get involved with at Lowry? Do you love your mom? Do you want to challenge yourself both physically and mentally? If you answered yes to any or all of these questions then "Dancing With The Moms" might be for you!



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Ryan Kracaw.

"Dancing With The Moms" is a new and uprising club for the students of Lowry. Founders Ryan Kracaw and Anders Pace described DWTM as a creative

outlet for both them and their mothers. "Now there is finally a club to do this [Dancing With The Moms]. I mean we just usually do this on our own," said Kracaw.

The club is going to begin practices in early April so that all the members are prepared for competitions during the summer. Although Kracaw and Pace are the only two members of DWTM so far, they hope to increase their membership numbers. When asked about their ideas for recruiting new members, Pace said, "We are just going to start small, like with our friends, and other students. We have even thought of bringing in people that we find on Craigslist, and in Wal-Mart."

Kracaw has even thought of putting banners on airplanes to promote the

new phenomenon.

To form a club for the whole student body Pace and Kracaw had a lot of inspiration. "I just love my mom and I love dance, so it's just like PB & J. It works together. Oh, and I love me some P, B, & J... with my mom. Also, the SNL skit with Patrick Swayze and Chris Farley," said Pace about his personal inspiration.

As a club they plan to have movie nights and just boogie woogie oogie, as well as learn as much about dance as they can. As the founders of the club the boys are ready to begin to instruct practices and cannot wait to see what their effect on the student body will be. "As a quartet, Ryan and our moms have been secretly practicing and preparing for this club for like months. We are

masters of many genres of dance. Tap, ballet, Latin, jazz, krumping, break dance, ballroom, and swing dancing!"

exclaimed Pace.

If you and your mom are intrigued, excited, and anticipating this club you are urged to contact either Pace or Kracaw.

"We really just want the whole student body to try it", said Kracaw.

Note: DWTM is not real.



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Anders and Mary Kay Pace demonstrate their dance skills.

Male cheerleaders, Drake and Schofield, giving squad a big boost

By Shandee Sullivan

This year at Lowry High School, aside from all the additional girls that have tried out for cheerleading, there have been two very committed and talented guys added on to the team. These two boys are senior Ronnie Joe Schofield and sophomore Michael Drake.

Schofield has joined cheerleading because last year he promised himself that if he got more muscular he would join the squad. He said that the girls were kind of worried at first but when they knew that it was really something he wanted to do and they supported him.

Even though Schofield is the biggest cheerleader, he respects his teammates. "It doesn't matter how much muscle I have they are still tougher than me," he said.

Schofield enjoys cheerleading so much that he wants to go to the University Of Reno to cheer after he graduates and was accepted to their school.

Michael Drake also joined Lowry cheer this year because he thinks that it is "the best sport ever". The girls on the team were very supportive when he made the decision to join the squad. Drake is planning on cheerleading after high school. He is looking into Boise State, Oregon, and the University Of Reno.

Drake and Schofield have added their athletic talents together with the equally talented female cheerleaders to have a great basketball season and they have had a positive and good attitude about their positions on the squad even though they are the only two males.

When it comes to the girls and their faith in Drake and Schofield, there is a lot of trust in the boys and their strength. "On a team, everybody trusts everybody," Drake said.



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The cheerleaders toss Berenice Sanchez high into the air during the Fallon game.

Lowry Voices: What is the number one thing on your bucket list?

By Marc Esquivel



Nic Velasquez, Junior – "You know, I just want to get sacked by Clay Matthews."




Dillon Andersen, Senior – "I want to go to Australia and snorkel the Great Barrier Reef."



Cassy Hanzlick, Senior – "I want to go to Rome, to see the coliseum."



Melony Roberts, Senior – "I want to go to Paris and take a culinary class or something like that."



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The Buckaroo Roundup: Couples Edition

By Marc Esquivel

Ashley Principe and AJ Leal



Describe your relationship?
Ashley: It's the bee's knees.
AJ: It's the cat's pajamas and the greatest thing ever. Can you tell me the day you guys first started dating.
AJ: It was July...
Ashley: No it wasn't.
AJ and Ashley: November 6th, 2009
Can you describe your first date?
AJ: I took her on a romantic dinner in Hawaii. I took my private jet there.
Ashley: It was Highland Park, actually.
How do you like Winnemucca compared to the other places you've lived in?
Ashley: It sucks.
AJ: It's the awesome-est place ever, a lot better than Round Mountain.
What are your post-gradu-

ate plans?
Ashley: Becoming a doctor.
AJ: To become a trillionaire and to have at least a thousand girls around me all the time.
How do you feel about that Ashley?
Ashley: Fine, as long as I'm one of them.
AJ, when did you first meet Ashley?
AJ: Her freshman year and it was the most magical moment ever.
Ashley, can you explain the first time you met AJ?
Ashley: It was on MySpace, it doesn't get much better than that.
AJ: And it was her single most greatest moment ever. Can you state some similarities between you two?
Ashley: We both like food.
AJ: Yeah a lot, that's all we do all day is grub. Other than that we're pretty much opposite. She's always cold and I'm always hot, she's really white and I'm kind of brown, she has really long fingers and I have really short fingers.
Ashley: He's a boy and I'm a girl.

Jonathan (JJ) Diaz and Macy Alvarez



Do you look at each other as boyfriend and girlfriend or as friends that you can tell anything to?
Macy: I can tell him anything.
JJ: I can tell her anything. I have a good friend and a girlfriend all in one.
Do you guys have any pet names for each other?
JJ: Well she calls me a bunch of stuff like "Chub-Chub" and stuff like that, she mocks me because I'm a little thick.
Do you two have any differences that make you two butt heads at times?
Macy: I don't know.
JJ: That's one difference; I always have to do all the talking. I do everything in the relationship.
What do you do in the relationship Macy?
Macy: I wear the pants.

JJ: Yeah, they are my pants and they fit big on her, it's too much responsibility for her to handle.
What kind of fun things have you guys done?
JJ: During the summer we went to the water park in Reno, that was pretty fun. Macy got in trouble because we got home late, but it definitely wasn't my fault.
Macy: It was your fault.
Macy what's really your favorite thing about JJ?
Macy: His smile.
Macy, what is JJ's favorite thing about you?
Macy: My smile and personality.
JJ, what's really your favorite thing about Macy?
JJ: Her smile and her face.
When did you guys start dating?
Macy: It was May 2nd, on prom night.
So prom was your first date?
JJ and Macy: No.
When was your actual first date?
JJ: You know, if I could remember I would tell you, but I honestly don't remember.
Macy: I don't remember.

Tyler Cox and Tori Echeverria



What's your favorite high school memory so far?
Tyler: This one.
Tori: This one, and the football games.
Tori, what's your favorite memory with Tyler?
Tori: We went to Oregon in the summer. We stayed 10 days on the beach.
Can you describe your first date?
Tyler: It was very romantic, candlelit dinner. No I'm kidding, that was a little exaggerated.
Tori: It was Winterfest night.
Tyler: We just drove around in my car.
Tori: It was awkward.
Do you guys have differences that make you butt heads at times?
Tori: Ty's kind of weird sometimes.
Tyler: She never under-

stands what I'm talking about. I have to explain stuff like four times and she still sometimes doesn't get it because my brain doesn't work the same as hers.
Tori: Sometimes he explains stuff in like ten million words and I'll explain it in three.
Tyler: Yeah it takes me a story to explain what she does in one sentence.
Tori: And he reads really slow, he reads like a first grader. I don't like it when Tyler wears the same sweat-shirt for about two weeks in a row.
Tyler: That's an exaggeration.
Tori: OK a week and a half.
Tyler: A week flat.
Tori: A week and two days.
What do you like to do on the weekends and after school.
Tyler and Tori: Be ninjas.
Tyler: I like to practice my Tae Kwon Do. And we play Mario Kart. We also like crossword puzzles.
Tori: We like to watch movies, and we eat a lot.
Can you two describe some similarities you have?
Tori: We like to eat. And we like to play Mario Kart!

2011 Winterfest: A huge success with Bingo, Karaoke, Mr. Lowry. . .

By Dustin Hatch

Winterfest week was kicked off with a "white out"; most of the students wore white to represent Navy Day. Monday's assembly was full of excitement and laughter. The honorary Buckaroo, Mike McDonald, has been supporting Lowry for over 20 years. Winterfest candidates were Tyler Cox and Berenice Sanchez; Danny Ochoa and Alicia Kelly; and Emilia Legarza and Shane Bell. The queen candidates had to throw ping pong balls into a bucket that was placed on the top of the king candidates heads. The Dance Team performed to a mix of "Barbie Girl". To close the assembly the Leadership class held a competi-

tion amongst the classes. Chase Estes and Luis Gutierrez set up an obstacle course while the competitors were being blindfolded and ear-muffled so they didn't know what was going on. While the competitors waited, the obstacles were removed; leaving the competitors to go through a nonexistent obstacle course.

Who is Mister Lowry? That was the question on Monday, February 7; and after the candidates presented their skills and talents to the audience, it was decided.

There were many acts that wowed the audience, such as Hiram Howell's rendition of "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban. The audience laughed along with the stand up comedy of

Alec Mayo, and experienced that special feeling of having a song dedicated to them by Michael Drake playing and singing "Every Day" by Simple Plan.

Lunch time activities were held throughout the week. Monday students guessed how many marshmallows were in a jar. Wednesday's activity included an obstacle course race. The sophomores proved best at the race

Bingo night was held Tuesday evening. There were many prizes including free coffee, shirts, wallets, and gift certificates. The black out prize was an iPod Touch. The "Mystery Box" and the pair of Prom 2011 tickets accompanied it,

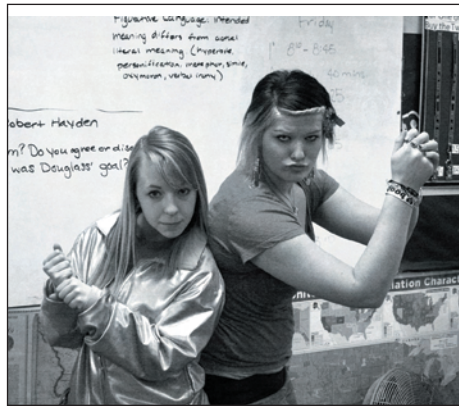
Thursday's the lunch activity was a hula hoop contest. The participants

were Macie Mavity, Bernice Sanchez, Lane Mentaberry, Mitch and Daniel Pollock. Daniel Pollock outlasted the competition.

On Friday students had to figure out which baby picture matched which teacher. Freshmen contestants Taylor Schwartz, Charlotte Bernard, and Natalie Norcutt helped the freshmen come out on top.

Karaoke took place on Wednesday. The auditorium was so crowded, people had to rotate and take turns sitting and standing. Cole Hatcher started off the competition by boldly standing on stage and singing Josh Turner's, "Long Black Train".

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Lowry then and now

By Carlos Esparza

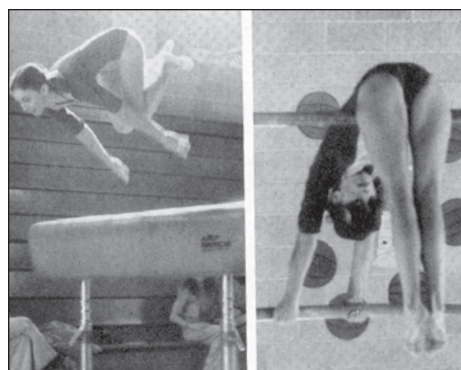
Can you guess how long Lowry has been standing? Lowry High School dates back to the 1920s when it was known as Humboldt County High School. Lowry has been here through the Great Depression, World War II, the Civil Rights Movement, and now. Throughout the years, Lowry High School has changed drastically as well as the town of Winnemucca.

In 1983, Mrs. Dawson attended LHS and was elected the first female student body president. When she returned to teach at Lowry, she described herself, "I was a shopping cart teacher, I literally carried around a cart with all my supplies."

Currently, Mrs. Dawson directs the Leadership class which runs all the ac-

tivities for the school. When we think of prom, we think of an elegant night with all of our friends. Back in the 80s, prom was held in Lowry's own cafeteria and Winterfest did not exist.

Sports have always been a strong point for LHS. We have won state titles in Basketball, Volleyball, XC,



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Lowry's gymnasts from the 1970s.

Wrestling, Swimming, and Gymnastics. In fact, the Gymnastics team was coached by Mr. Jim Billingsley. The sports have changed during the years but the talent at Lowry has not.

As we progress through the years, the school itself has changed. Lowry has now a campus consisting of five



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Mrs. Marie-Jeanne Dawson (center).



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Mr. Tim Billingsley (right).

Winterfest

the audience let go of their inhibitions as they sang and danced along with those performing on stage. Throughout the night there were outstanding renditions such as, Aretha Franklin's, "R.E.S.P.E.C.T.," and Queen's "We are the Champions."

After long anticipation, the winners were announced. The Dance Team's portrayal of the pop group, The Spice Girls took third. Junior, Cameron Echave took second place with his version of Metallica's "Master of Puppets," and tying for first place was

Madeline Burgher with her beautiful a cappella entitled, "Hallelujah" and Marcelino Alcaraz's animated version of "Dream On" by Aerosmith. The winners were awarded with cash prizes up to \$50.

"I feel pretty awesome, because I didn't think I would've done that great, but apparently, I did," said Echave.

Friday's pep assembly was also Blue and Gold day. The assembly began with a performance by the cheerleaders. After the athletic teams were introduced, a dance off was held. The

contest was judged by Mrs. James, Mr. Anderson, and JJ Diaz. The first of them was a team of six in black clothes and wicked masks. In the end the judges gave them a good high score. Next, three boys were introduced and showed off their dance moves, they too scored high. Next was Harley Long who showed her moves and scored high as well. Last to show their moves were Sheridan Fortney,



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Jazmyn Ward, and Maddie Burgher.

Lastly, we had the "kiss the pig" contest and Mr. Felshaw had been the lucky winner.

Geocaching: The new treasure hunt

By Jaren Cornwall

There are many common outdoor activities such as camping, swimming, and skiing. People talk about doing these activities all the time, but have you ever heard some say they are going geocaching? Although it is fairly well known, many people have not heard about this outdoor activity that brings outdoor exploration into the 21st century.

Geocaching begins with someone who likes to explore, this person is the catalyst for the people who come after them, by creating a geocache. A geocache can be anything, but it is usually a container with a log book in it

for those who seek it out to record their success. After someone has decided to create a geocache they gather the GPS coordinates of the cache and submit them to a web site for others to find.

For the seeker of a geocache, they must go and get cache coordinates from a geocaching web site such as geocaching.com. You would then input the coordinates into a GPS unit to find your object cache. Think of geocaching as a GPS treasure hunt.

It's fun to try to find a cache once you get in to its general vicinity as they are regularly cleverly hidden to challenge the people who are trying to find them. Also it is a great way to exercise while having fun enjoying nature.

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Movie Review: ‘Country Strong’

By Savannah McDade

Cowboy clichés, tragedy, romantic affairs, substance abuse references, overdramatization, and Taylor Swift inspired pop-music are the basic rudiments, combined and condensed, in order to create the 2010 drama, “Country Strong.”

Shana Feste’s “Country Strong” starring Oscar Award winner, Gwyneth Paltrow, country music super-star Tim



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Gwyneth Paltrow; “Country Strong” 2010

The most anticipated movies of 2011

By Sydney Blankenship

Some of the most anticipated movies that will be coming out in 2011 are, “Cars 2”, “Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn part 1”, “Green Lantern”, “Harry Potter 7: part 2”, and “Hangover 2”.

There are several sequels that are highly anticipated. For instance, “Cars 2”, and “Hangover 2”.

The number one movie, spectators



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Jacob Black and Bella Swan in the movie “Twilight: Eclipse”.

The best movie villains

By Rianon Lehman

There are pantheons of super villains that have persecuted some of America’s most beloved comic book heroes; but few of them are sinister enough to be acknowledged by people in the real world. Here we have the top ten villains of our time.

First we have the lord of darkness himself, Darth Vader. Even if you haven’t seen “Star Wars”, you have probably heard of Darth Vader. He has killed many people and fought many battles for the sake of taking over the galaxy with his master, the Emperor. He has converted many Jedi to the dark side to join him is his quest for power. Corrupted as a young man; Vader began his dark decent early on, ultimately trying to kill his pregnant wife because she will no join him in his darkness. While she does die, she gives birth to one of his biggest foes, Luke Skywalker, his son. Vader’s dark deeds and overall sinister persona have earned him the number one spot.

Taking a close second there is Batman’s arch nemesis the Joker. He is a mandatory mention on lists of super villains because no matter what he still comes back for more revenge

McGraw, and rising talents such as Garrett Hedlund, and Leighton Meester, is a “laughably inauthentic” flop, as Rolling Stone movie reviewer Peter Travers stated (www.rollingstone.com).

The storyline starts its course with country singer/superstar Kelly Canter (Paltrow), having an affair with an aspiring country singer Beau Hutton (Hedlund) who works at the rehabilitation clinic Canter resides in for 12 short months after falling from a stage during a concert in Dallas while intoxicated leading to a miscarriage (she was five months pregnant). Canter is rescued from the rehab clinic by husband and manager, James Canter (McGraw).

Throughout the entire film, the audience is in constant limbo, shifting back and forth between multiple romances and constant tension between James

can’t wait to see however is, “Harry Potter 7: Deathly Hallows: part 2”. This is the final movie from this famous series, and critics as well as fans seem to be excited about it.

“By any measure, Deathly Hallows is a ripping thriller,” said movie critic, Claire Martin of the “Denver Post.”

Another anticipated series fans can’t wait to see more from is Stephenie Meyer’s Twilight. “The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, is the fourth movie of the series and will be premiered on November 18, 2011.

“Twilight works as both love story and vampire story, thanks mainly to the performances of its principals,” said movie critic Michael O’Sullivan of the “Washington Post.”

Disney/Pixar, in my opinion, has always created wonderful movies and their sequels are no exception. One

on Batman. He never gives up and he never really dies. You may think that he does, but it’s all part of his next scheme to destroy Batman. Everyone knows his catch phrase, “Why so serious”? It seems, however, that he takes his trade extremely seriously as he is so sneaky and always so well organized in his schemes.

As a sage of evil; Magneto, from “X-men”, comes in third. When it comes to grand schemes to conquer the human race, Magneto has it covered. His plans were to take over the world to prevent the oppression of mutants. While this was a noble cause, Magneto went about it all wrong. His want for revenge affected the methods he used to achieve his goals. Along with the other mutants that share his feelings about regular humans; he has earned a vengeful reputation that has made him worthy of number three.

In third comes the Green Goblin, Spider-man’s arch foe. He comes in this place as number three because he continually persecutes the public, and tries to kill Spider-man on a regular basis. Once a studious scientist and the father of Pete (Spider-mans best friend), he goes insane after testing an unstable drug to imbue humans with

and Kelly Canter because James cannot forgive his mentally unstable, superstar wife for the terrible incident that landed her in rehab. All of this takes place during Kelly Canter’s “come back” concert tour through Texas.

Feste could not seem to make up her mind on exactly what the plot should consist of; therefore, she crammed every genre into a little less than two hours inevitably resulting in every movie cliché possible.

Although Paltrow is an accomplished actress, she was indeed miscast in this film. The film does not exemplify great, genuine, country music in the least. Rather the music (aside from Hedlund’s songs) is a modern combination of pop music with a steel guitar twang and references to Willie Nelson, the Merle Haggard, and the late Waylon Jennings.

such sequel critics are raving about would be “Cars 2”.

“Secret agents? Is this Pixar’s version of Get Smart ? You’d think that mixing espionage with the two buds from Cars, Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) and Tow Mater (Larry the Cable Guy) would be an odd fit but I’m betting Pixar has found a way to make it work,” said movie critic Travis Hopson, of “punchdrunkcritics.com.”

Another highly anticipated movie starring Ryan Reynolds is “Green Lantern.” Based on the famous 1940 comic book, the “Green Lantern” is definitely a must see. It is a typical superhero plot, with original flavor, and fans can look forward to innovational as well as modern special effects as the superhero the “Green Lantern” struggles to maintain peace throughout the universe.

amazing abilities. From there he has gone one in comic books and movies to for a reputation worthy of being number three.

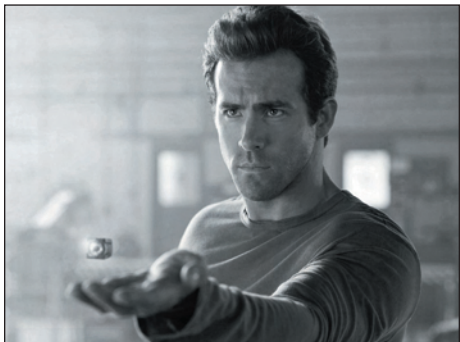
In fourth comes Doom from “Fantastic Four”, He is a villain because he was once good and was then faced with the choice of good or evil. He is almighty and powerful and full of electricity. What he tries to do is

The performance given by the cast was not poor, rather, their characters were poorly written. The story had a great underlying potential but was completely flawed. I do applaud Hedlund and McGraw on their performances. According to www.imdb.com, Hedlund took four months prior to filming, learning to play guitar and taking voice lessons, and spent this time in Nashville in order to create a more genuine character. McGraw also did a very good job getting in-depth with his character, he was the only main character who did not sing in the film and he gave a very genuine performance.

Overall, this film was a complete disappointment. However, the acting was not so much poor as the characters were written poorly. If I were to grade this film, I would give it a D.

“I am very excited to see this movie. Ryan Reynolds seems to be doing an excellent job playing Green Lantern from what I can tell in the trailers,” said movie critic Kelly Nash, of “criticapproved.com.”

From romance, to animated comedy, to superhero flicks, there is something for everyone at the cinema this year.



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Ryan Reynolds in the “Green Lantern”.

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Artist of the Issue: Cheyenne Stillwell

By Miranda Buttram

“The idea that just because something doesn’t exist now doesn’t mean it never will,” is what first interested Cheyenne Stillwell, Lowry’s Artist of the Issue for March.

Cheyenne, a junior at Lowry High school, was chosen by her art teacher for artist of the issue because, “she goes way beyond the required guidelines of projects and isn’t afraid to explore and take risks in trying new things within her work,” said Art and Ceramics teacher Andrew Anderson.

Cheyenne is currently taking both ceramics and advanced art.

She is a member of the Lowry High school art club and participates in other artistic endeavors such as assisting in the creation of one of the Mad Hatter’s hats for the drama class’ production of Alice in Wonderland. After high school Cheyenne plans on going to college for art too, she wants to go into either ceramics or animation. Although, either way she wants to become an art major.

Cheyenne is very passionate about her artwork and has been taking art classes for the last four years, but she has been doing art work her entire life. Out of all the media that is available to her she prefers clay

the most. “It’s something that’s not only created by my hands and imagination but also stands on its own as a sculpture of 3-D”

Even though clay is Cheyenne’s favorite medium she doesn’t prefer Ceramics over Art or vice versa. She feels Ceramics pushes her to her limits, but Advanced Art gives her a better variety. Over the years her artwork has developed. Originally her style began as a “simply drawn and simply colored” while now she has a “complex, realistic style that holds impossible features.”

In Cheyenne’s own words her artwork’s style is, “Out of this world, its gothic and abnormal and

can only be considered Surrealism.”



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Cheyenne Stillwell displays some of the work from her sketch book.

Lowry Drama performs the classic ‘Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland’

By Miranda Buttram

“Alice in Wonderland”, a popular classic children’s story that follows the adventures of a young girl named Alice who falls down the rabbit hole into a bizarre world that lies below. Following the white rabbit, Alice encounters many peculiar people and oddities through the whimsical world of Wonderland. This beloved tale was originally written by Lewis Carroll in 1865. This adaptation was written by the playwright Charlotte Chorpenning.

The part of Alice and the Red Queen are played by both Lainey Barta and Tessa Nolan. Tiffany Newman plays the White Rabbit, while Alexis Kranovich is playing the part of the Duchess. Jack Hill will be the Frog Footman, and Chase Estes is playing the infamous Mad Hatter. The Mock Turtle is played by Chris Barta. Jessica Lindsay and Jared Parks are playing Tweedle Dum

and Tweedle Dee. Marion House plays the Knave of Hearts, Cody Masterson plays the Caterpillar, and Mariah Johnson is the Cook. Michael Drake is the March Hare, Renee Poole plays the dormouse, Savannah Cary plays the white Queen, Megan Guild plays the Griffin, Jaren Cornwall plays the Red King, and Niko Tarr plays the Executioner.

The Drama class has put a lot of work into the play. Tessa Nolan said, “Every piece of the play has me in it.” Along with her work in stage craft she has 1000 lines to memorize “with cues, the whole thing”.

Stagecraft has also put a lot of work into this play, creating costumes and sets. They have been covering

things in glitter, and decorating the set to the whimsy portrayed in the original novel. They worked frantically to perfect their spectacular sets before their first performance on Monday February 28.

In the two years that Mrs. James has been in charge of Drama and Stagecraft she has successfully directed such plays as “The Legend of Sleepy Hol-

low”, and “The Perils of Lulu”. When asked about the play she simply stated, “It’s about the kids.”

If you wish to see Lowry Drama’s portrayal of the beloved children’s book, “Alice’s Adventure’s in Wonderland” you can see it on March 3 and 4 at 7 PM, and March 5 at 10 AM and 2 PM. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.



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The entire cast of “Alice in Wonderland”.



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Alexis Kranovich.

It’s time to get ready for new spring fashions

By Savannah McDade and Carlos Esparza

It might be the dead of winter, annual snow falls might be breaking re-

cords, but spring fashion trends have already been posted. Throughout the esteemed fashion magazines such as Vogue, Elle, and GQ, fashion stylists have been reporting on what to wear.

Say good-bye to skinny jeans! The runways displayed a prominent exhibit of ` high-waisted 1970’s inspired wide legged jeans. In fact, according to

glamour magazine, the spring trend for this spring is very 70’s inspired, which means that bold colors are a must, for both men and women. Mixing bold colors with floral prints also gives the come-back style a modern twist by incorporating style cues from the 1990’s as well.

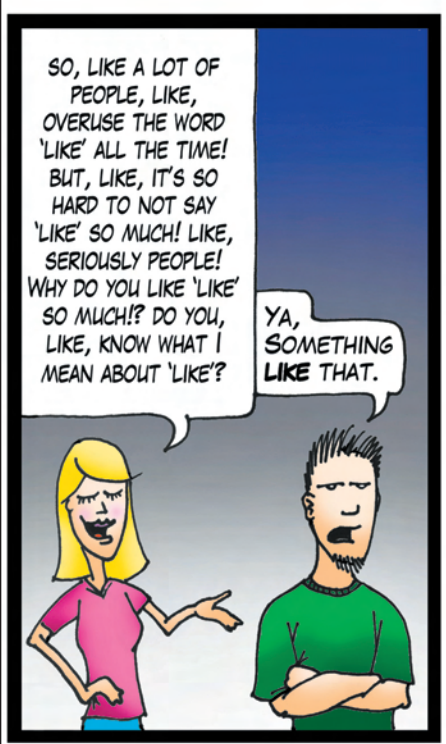
According to Elle Magazine, lace is

one of the dominant fabrics for spring 2011. Still 70’s inspired, the sheer look is in. However, for casual wear, I would recommend layering in order to evade over revealing.

In addition to floral prints and bright colors, Chinese and Japanese prints should also encompass much of one’s wardrobe this spring. Fashion week displayed an outstanding quantity of wide-legged pants paired with a kimono inspired top of some sort. In contrast to the intense colors and bold prints, desert neutrals will also be seen a lot this spring. Corals, browns, and creams are incorporated with the 70’s trend to add some sophistication to the overall style.

For men, the uniform of 1857 sailors has inspired a line of modern nautical sweaters, such as American Eagle and H&M, which are horizontally striped. Several retailers are selling these trendy sweaters for relatively low prices.

Styles and popular pieces from the past with a modern flare are welcome into present day fashion. Incorporating style trends from other countries is always prominent in the United States creating a fashionably versatile nation.



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