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## Art/CTE Showcase

By Miranda Buttram

On May 26 Lowry High School hosted its annual CTE Showcase from 6 to 8 pm. The showcase displayed art work from the art department, and wood work and welding projects from building trades. The horticulture department also held its plant sale, in which plants grown by students were sold to the community. The science building displayed work created by Scott's computer classes throughout the night.

The art department exhibited hundreds of artworks that were created through out the school year from Anderson's, Rorex's, and Kottke's classes. Flip books created by the advanced art students were displayed on tables, lamps from ceramics were lit and on display. Mirror etchings created by Rorex's crafts class were shown in the display case in the art building, and many other projects created by a variety of different students in different classes. In addition, a new section of the CTE building's mural, created by Anderson's advanced art class, was unveiled to the public. This is the second section of the mural created in that building, with a third being created several years from now.

"I like how everyone is together and looking at everything and interested in it and are appreciating how much we were working on it all these years," said senior Wendy Kemp.

"I like the outdoor scenery that the art two people did, that was really cool," said Michael Drake.

In previous years Chalkfest has been a large part of the Showcase,  
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An Art Club member shows off her work.

## Class of 2011

By Carlos Esparza



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*The Senior Class during an assembly earlier in the year.*

As the year ends, the moment seniors have been preparing for is practically here on the night of June 2nd. Leading up to graduation, have been many sleepless nights and never-ending days. Senior year is the most chaotic year of any student. With applying for scholarships, deciding on a college, spending time with friends and family, and finishing all the graduation announcements. However, walking across the stage will be an unforgettable moment.

Senior class advisors Mrs. Lisa Scott and Mrs. Kristin Flanders have been working all year to organize events for seniors such as senior sunrise, the senior barbeque, and graduation.

When asked about how she felt about the Senior Class, Scott said "I am going to miss them. Also, they were a great class to work with; they participated well and cooperated well." Next year, Scott will not be the Senior Class advisor, "I will not be the class advisor but I will still be super involved in FBLA and Yearbook, so I will still be able to interact with the seniors."

On June 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. graduation will be held at the Winnemucca Events Center. Graduating will be 182 seniors who have worked their high school careers to achieve this point. Earning a high school diploma is the first step in becoming an adult. Four students will be giving speeches including, Arline Franco, Suleima Franco, and Rachel Yates.

When Rachel Yates pondered what graduating would feel like she said, "It feels sad but exciting at the same time, it is nostalgic. I'm nervous to give the speech but I feel as though it will be worth it."

Every student will choose the next step in their lives whether it be college-bound or staying in Winnemucca to work. Seniors have an impact in the school and they will be missed. All of their accomplishments will live on in the halls of Lowry High School.

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan but believe." – Anatole France.



Senior at last week's Senior, Sunset Barbecue.



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## Rachel's Challenge urges students to start a chain reaction

By Carlos Esparza

A wise girl named Rachel Scott once said, "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion then it will start a chain reaction of the same."

On May 11, Cody Hodges, a presenter of Rachel's Challenge, visited Lowry High School to share his message.

Like every other assembly, students filed into the bleachers to sit with their friends and discover the message of the school assembly.

First, the audience heard of the horrible Columbine High School shooting. As the assembly progressed, the students learned about the life of Rachel Scott. Her goals and ambitions were concerned with the amelioration of the lives of people. Whoever it may be, she dared to show compassion. By outlining a few simple guidelines, Rachel Scott changed the lives of many teenagers. Below are the guidelines she set out:

1. Eliminate Prejudice - by looking for the best in others
2. Dare to Dream, Set Goals, Keep a Journal.
3. Choose your Influences - input determines output.
4. Kind Words, Small acts of kindness equal HUGE impact.
5. Start a Chain Reaction with family and friends.

With all the occurrences at Lowry, Rachel's Challenge has the ability to motivate people to change. When the assembly ended, many students lined up to sign a banner, stating they had accepted Rachel's Challenge. Have you accepted the challenge?

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showing five foot by five foot chalk art done on the sidewalk surrounding the art building. However, due to weather restraints they were unable to display the work for fear of ruining it in the rain.

Demonstrations were also held throughout the art building. The graphic design students were working in Anderson's room with Photoshop, Kirstie Ingle was working on a pottery wheel, and a variety of students were working on mirrors for Rorex's craft class. Lowry Art club and other art students helped set up and take down the Showcase; in addition they also worked during the event.

In the CTE building, wood and welding works created by building trades classes were displayed. Works included cabinetry, furniture, shed, and even electric guitars. These projects displayed the culmination of a year of education all coming together in a final project created by the students of Lowry.

"I really liked the wood shop section, some really interesting work there," said senior Josh Young.

During the plant sale, a variety of different vegetation including, flowers and tomatoes that are grown by students of Rebecca Hill's class are sold to the community.

Even with the horrific weather during the showcase, Lowry still had a large turnout. Members of the community filled the halls of Lowry to view students' hard work and effort that they displayed throughout the year. The showcase demonstrated both the artistic and skilled side of Lowry that much of the community is unable to see throughout the year.



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A student showing plants in the greenhouse.



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Lily Moravec working on a sewing demonstration.

# Assembly of Excellence

By Shandee Sullivan



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The honorees at this year's Assembly of Excellence.

This year's Assembly of Excellence, sponsored by the Mining Foundation, was one of the best yet. The assembly was held on May 18, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the old gym. Each year for this there is a theme, this year's theme was "Superhero by night, super student by day." All the students who were recognized for their improvement received a shirt to wear to the assembly.

During the assembly there were a few special dances performed from different dance organizations which were, Encore Dance Academy, Winnemucca Basque Dancers and the St. Paul's Hispanic Youth Dancers.

Throughout four years there are many students that have kept their GPA at 3.0 to 4.0. The seniors who have kept their GPA at 3.0 are, Daniel Arnold, Greg Bermeosolo, Shanel Brown, Madeline Burgher, Adriana Cervantes, Laurel Clayson, Rachelle Dennis, Jonathan Diaz, Maria Diaz, Lindsey Dodson, Samantha Hermsmeier, Elisa Higbee, Alicia Kelly, Wendy Kemp, Amardip Mall, Abraham Meza, Grant Miller, Sean Millikan, Danny Ochoa, Kendra Plant, Berenice Sanchez, Courtney Sanchez, Tara Sanders, Tysom Shurtliff, Sterling Snow, Brian Tyree, Alex Villagomez, Jazmyn Ward, Shelby Wells, Stephanie Zieger, Dillon Anderson, Brandi Brooks, Stephanie Hagemen, Leikkona Jensen, Mariah Johnson, Cody Masterson, Leland Miller, Staci Wirthlin. The seniors with the 3.5 GPA are, Elaina Barta, Davinna Bradshaw, Bryce Thacker, Dean Vetter, Kailynn Winheim, Rachel Yates, Patrick York and, Josh Young. Now our very few seniors with 4.0 GPA's are, Shane Bell, Bryce Brumley, Gaudy Castaneda, Tyler Cox, Carlos Esparza, Savanna Hernandez, Militza Galvan, Kristen Graham, Luis Gutierrez, Whitney Hatfield, Nadia Hernandez, Desiree Hicks, Kyrstin Hori, Tylena Hutchings, Martin Iroz, Adriana Juanes, Kelsey Lambert, Emelia Legarza, James Lesley, Jessica Lindsay, Shawn Lords, Anders Pace, Mitch Pollock, Marilyn Sandoval, William , Dillon Bryan, Miranda Buttram, Jacob Gibson, and Kristine, Ingle.

The top ten seniors were, Elaina Barta, Shane Bell, Tiffany Bressem, Dillon Bryan, Miranda Buttram, Tyler Cox, Jacob Gibson, Kristin Ingle, Kelsey Lambert and Rachel Yates. All of these students each received a two hundred dollar bond. There were also ten students chosen for student of the month which were, Acaysha Tarbert, Daniel Arnold, Dillon Anderson, Gaudy Castaneda, Ryan Corbari, Tiffany Bressem, Kelsey Lambert, Patrick York, and Mariah Johnson.

Mrs. Grady thinks the assembly is beneficial for students. She said, "I think it honors over half the school and I think the kids set goals for the next year."

The assembly was put on by Mrs. Dawson and Grady, with some help from our leadership class doing much of the decorating. Others who helped with the assembly who were the secretaries and counseling office, the Maintenance Department, Jim Dandy Productions, Frontier Community Coalition, Mr. Walton, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Criddle, Mr. Bernardi, and Sherry Tibbals.



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CTE student receive their awards.



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Basque dancers perform the wine dance.



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Mrs. Watts hands out backpacks.

## Senior activities

By Miranda Buttram

As the end of the school year approaches, and the seniors prepare to graduate, events occur that were created to honor the future graduates of Lowry High School. During Homecoming, the seniors showed up at 6:45 am on the football field on October 13. On that chilly fall morning dozens of seniors arrived on the field bundled in blankets and drank coffee and ate doughnuts until the sun had fully risen.

As graduation loomed closer and closer, more senior events arose. The Senior Auction was held during the newly created MORP week, on May 3, in which seniors were auctioned off to raise money for an alumni family of Lowry who has a child in need. Several days later prom was held in which two seniors, Jonathan Diaz and Rachel Yates, were named Prom King and Prom Queen.

The Drama Department held Senior Skits in order to showcase its graduating seniors in both Drama and Stagecraft classes on May 10 and 11. It featured parodies of popular movies, classic literature, in addition to singing, monologues, and dancing.

During the half day, for transition on May 19, Spare Time Bowling sponsored free senior bowling, followed by the traditional Senior Ditch day which occurred on May 20. On May 26 the senior barbeque was hosted, all seniors were invited to the school to eat and watch a fireworks display in their honor.

Just over a week later began the chaos of graduation week. With a busy schedule of walking practice, decorating, senior breakfast, cap and gown portraits, Baccalaureate, and collecting of tickets through assistance and car decorations, all before the ceremony on June 2. After the craziness of the week, the seniors finally walk in their cap and gown across the stage and receive their diploma, the culmination of the last twelve years of education. After the speeches finish, the last name is called, and the caps are thrown into the air; seniors get to attend the Drug Free Grad party thrown in their honor, and enjoy the rewards of their work.



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Senior Sunrise attendees.



We're #1

By Madison Waldie



“Hello. How ‘bout that ride in? I guess that’s why they call it Sin City.”

For a lot of people Nevada is just slot machines, Vegas, and brothels. For us, it is home. Nevada is one of the only states in our nation that allows legal gambling. Our biggest city is known nationally as, “Sin City”. If that isn’t saying something about Nevada’s culture, I don’t know what is.

As of 2010, Nevada had the highest divorce rate in the nation. Our divorce rate stands at 6.6 per 1000 people.

In the last report done by the Guttmacher Institute, Nevada had the highest rate of teen pregnancy. 113 per every 1000 teenage girls, ages 15-19, in the year of 2006. This was five years ago! I am not saying that teens who get pregnant are bad people. Given more support and education, some of these unplanned births could be prevented.

In 2010, the Walletpop staff compiled a list of the most dangerous states. Not only did our home state make the list, but Nevada was number one, again! On a scale from 1 to 50, 1 being the worst, here is how The Silver State rated: Assault-8, Burglary-12, Murder-13, Motor Vehicle Theft-1, Rape-8, and Robbery-1.

Just this week, the number of unsheltered homeless people in Nevada is up by 19%.

When researching for this story I began to get upset with some of these facts. As citizens of Nevada we are being stereotyped into these statistics. When you read the news online or watch Good Morning America, you never hear about Nevada in any good way, shape, or form.

In a February 2011 article about Nevada and Harry Reid’s thoughts, Dennis DiClaudio’s first sentence was, “Those poor Nevadanites, I feel so bad for them. First of all, they live in Nevada. Right there, huge bummer,”

“Only in Vegas, kids, do wannabe super heroes fight with tourists,” said Gretchen Carlson, a FOX and Friends anchor, on May 12, 2011.

Many people around the nation have stereotyped Nevada into nothing but filthy streets full of neon signs and ever so famous ‘porn cards’ that are handed out on the Vegas strip. I for one, do not feel proud to live here, when the only things I hear coming out of the media are words like these.

As high school students, we are the next generation. We have an opportunity to change the ways that Nevada is thought of. Whether it is staying in school, to raise the 51.3% graduation rate that is the lowest in

the nation, or finding a secure job to lower the 13.2% unemployment rate, that happens to be the nation’s highest.

Don’t get me wrong, Nevada has had a lot of good things happen here. As far as history and fame, I would say we rank fairly high, our lakes, reservoirs, and wonderful hunting areas have been nationally acclaimed. In all honesty, if we don’t fix some of our main problems like, DUI rate, and the high school drop-out rate, our successes and accomplishments will be painted over with the upsetting numbers, alarming statistics, and unwanted “first-place” standings that Nevada now holds.



Clueless in America

By Kevin Horrigan St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MCT)

According to the latest survey of Things Americans Are Ignorant About, high school and middle school students don’t know much about civics.

The report, released two weeks ago, comes on the heels of an April poll by CNN and the Opinion Research Corp. that disclosed that most Americans are ignorant about the federal budget (median sample answer to the question of what percentage of the budget is spent on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting: 5 percent, or \$175 billion a year. Correct answer: about 1,000 of the budget, or \$441 million).

Last year the Pew Research Center for Just About Everything reported that most Americans are ignorant about religion. (Sample result: Fewer than half the Protestants surveyed knew that Martin Luther had inspired the Reformation.) Previous studies have shown Americans to be equally ignorant about history, geography, civil rights and current affairs.

Nobody should be surprised at this anymore, except maybe ignorant people themselves. In his “Jay Walking” segment on “The Tonight Show,” Jay Leno has been dining out on this phenomenon for decades, going up to people on the streets to ask questions like:

Jay: Where do they speak Gaelic?

Woman: San Francisco?

Jay: Who was the first man on the moon?

Woman: Armstrong.

Jay: First name?

Woman: Louie.

The question is, unless Jay Leno is standing in front of you with a microphone, does it make any difference how ignorant you are?

Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor argues that it does. “We have a crisis on our hands when it comes to civics education,” she said in response to results from the quadrennial National Assessment of Educational Progress tests showing that middle- and high-school students had lost ground in civics knowledge since 2006.

“I believe that we are at a critical point in our nation’s history,” O’Connor said. “We face diffi-

cult challenges at home and abroad. Meanwhile, divisive rhetoric and a culture of sound bites threaten to drown out rational dialogue and debate. We cannot afford to continue to neglect the preparation of future generations for active and informed citizenship.”

Since leaving the big bench in 2006, O’Connor has stayed extraordinarily engaged. She founded a group called iCivics (icivics.org) that offers civics education through Web-based games. You, too, can argue Brown v. Board of Education or become president for a day.

Fifteen years ago, Michael X. Delli Carpini, who now is dean of the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania, and Scott Keeter, now director of survey research for the aforementioned Pew Research Center for Just About Everything, argued that Americans weren’t any less informed than they’d always been.

In a book called “What Americans Know About Politics and Why It Matters,” they looked at survey questions going back to 1940. In 1945, only 45 percent knew that the government regulated radio. In 1952, only 27 percent could name two branches of government. In 1970, only 24 percent could identify the secretary of state. In 1988, only 47 percent could locate England on a map.

Through the years, they concluded, Americans gave the right answers to such questions about 40 percent of the time. Most of the clueless weren’t stupid, but merely ignorant. They weren’t motivated to learn or lacked access to information or education.

But here we are today, with more access to more information than at any point in history, with iPhones in our pockets with 932,000 times more memory than the 70-pound, 36K Apollo Guidance Computer that Louie

Armstrong used to land on the moon. And we’re still getting things right about 40 percent of time.

You can blame it on the schools. That’s always handy. On these “How much do you know about?” surveys, older people tend to get answers correct more often than younger people. Some of that may be schools, but most of it is because the longer you live, the more you’re invested in society and the more you pay attention. Who cares about the news when he’s 17 years old, particularly if it takes more than a 140-character tweet to explain?

We’re more likely to know about gossip and show business and sports than we are civics and history, but history suggests this is nothing new, either. Bread and circuses were not invented yesterday, but today there is more bread being spent to manipulate opinion and far more circuses to distract.

Granted, this is a silly place to make this argument. If you’re reading a newspaper or a newspaper website, you’re not the problem, particularly if you’re all the way down here at the bottom of an opinion column. You’re part of what the pollsters call the “information elite.”

Voting behavior experts say everybody else takes their cues from you. This is a heavy responsibility. Wear it well.





## Explore your options

By Brandon Eastman



Let me just start off by saying this article isn't meant to say anything rude or be derogatory towards the people who go to UNR. It is strictly my opinion on a couple of reasons why we should not all go with the "safe" route of attending the University of Nevada-Reno.

Many people in past years from Lowry High School, have decided that UNR is the right place for them. Many of this years' seniors will also be attending UNR this August, and many, many other future graduates will also choose the "uber-exciting" world that is known as the University of Nevada-Reno.

Let's set something straight right away, UNR is a decent school for academics, I just

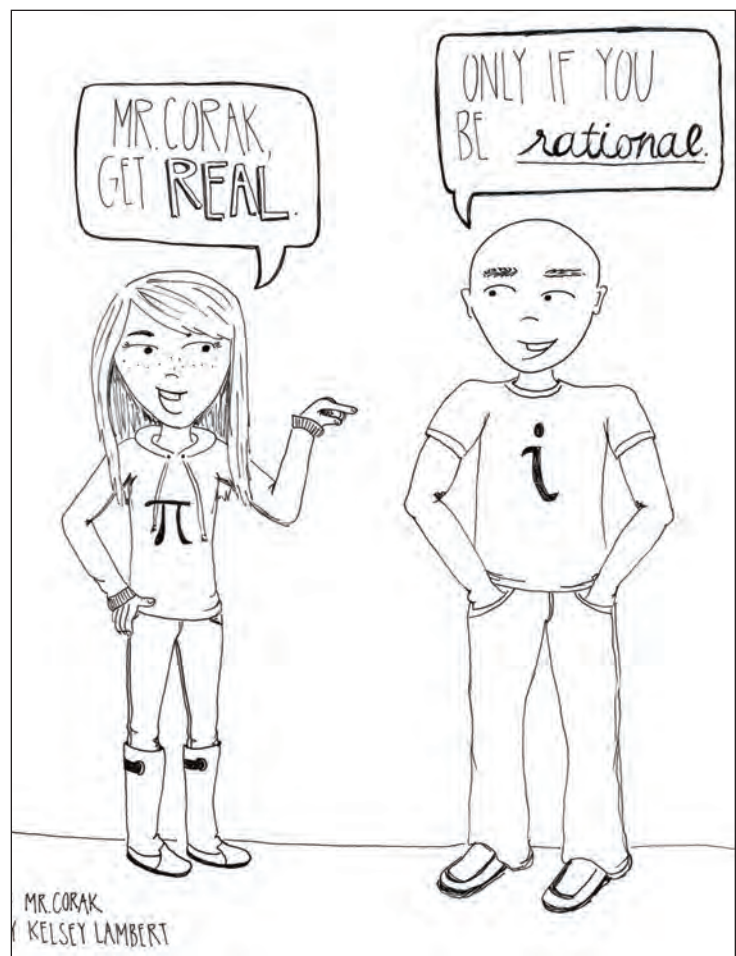
get a little disappointed when seniors choose to go there and they never even look into any other colleges. How are you supposed to know UNR is the right place for you if you have nothing to compare it to?

Sure, the in-state tuition is nice because it's a bit cheaper, but living so close to home and going to school with your best friend since pre-school and several others that you have known almost your entire life kind of goes against the whole college experience, doesn't it?

It would be nice, once in college, to be able to drive home every weekend to a nice home cooked meal, but it isn't a necessity. This becomes evident when you take into account that the majority of college students go to school away from home, and they do this with minimal problems. These students pursue education in various locations

throughout the nation, and in some cases, an international education is the way to go, it will just depend on what you are studying.

However, you will never know where the right place is for you unless you go out and find it. You must explore all your options, whether it's for educational or athletic purposes, before you can truly know what place is a good fit for you, and whether you want to admit it or not, UNR just might not be that place. Where you go to college, and if you are able to get a decent education at that college will play an important role in your life; what jobs become available, where those jobs are at, and the amount of money you will be able to make. Choose wisely when you are deciding on college because that one decision will have a major impact on the rest of your life.



## Neighborhood watch

By Dustin Hatch



The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has many ways to help prevent crime, like a Neighborhood Watch Program, which is keeping on the lookout for people starting crime in your neighborhood.

Keep the police notified if there is any crime activity taking place. By starting a Neighborhood Watch Program you can help the neighborhood you live in by making it a safe environment for everyone. Keeping on the lookout for people making the wrong decisions and committing crimes can be a huge benefit. A Neighborhood Watch Program can also help citizens get to know their neighbors.

These kinds of programs make your neighborhood safe and enjoyable to be in. Help out our community in several ways by doing the right thing while preventing cars from being broken into, robberies, and destruction of your own property.

Crime will always be around and is a never ending battle, by working together neighbors can decrease crime rates. You can start a Neighborhood Watch Program by picking up a Neighborhood Watch Program Packet at the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office on 50 West Fifth Street, Winnemucca. You can meet with your neighbors and discuss the benefits of a Neighborhood Watch Program. Set up a meeting time, place and date; notify the Humboldt County Sheriff's

Office at 775 623-6419. Make sure to give law enforcement two weeks prior notification. Conduct your first meeting together and go over everything like looking out for suspicious people. Have the law enforcement officers arrive a half an hour before you meeting begins and meet with your Block Captains or whoever is in charge of the crime prevention system in your neighborhood. Make sure to keep your meeting about a half hour in length. It is beneficial for our community to be involved in these programs to prevent crime. This is our home and we should make it as safe as possible.

For more information go to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Web Site at [www.hcsonv.com/crime\\_prevent.htm](http://www.hcsonv.com/crime_prevent.htm).



## Balancing sports and academics

By Kaila Tuck



How do you manage your time between athletics and academics? Is it hard or is it easy and what about grades?

For some of us we know how hard it is to keep grades up and still do athletics and it can be even more of a struggle if you have a job. For most students at LHS it's not so hard.

Sometimes having so much to do can set you back. You can get injured if you pass your limits. Also, you can make your grades go down if you forget about school and you are focused on just your sport. Some students put so much into their

athletics and are still able to maintain good grades, such as Lowry junior Chase Estes.

Estes participates in Cross Country and puts a lot of his time into his sport. Also, he works as a waiter at the Griddle. Talking to Estes about his grades he said, "They're good. All A's and B's. I want to succeed and do the best in life." He added "Nope I never study" and said that if he had to choose between his grades and his sport, he would choose his grades. However, he would never let it come to that. About managing it all, Estes said "I don't. It just kind of works out."

For other students it is more complicated.

Jose Mendoza played freshmen basketball. He puts at least two hours of his time each day into his sport.

When asked about his grades Mendoza stated,

"They're a little bad because I sometimes don't do my homework." He also said, "Sometimes when it's important, like a big test, I'll study and work my butt off and if I had to get my grades back up I would go to the after school program. My grades are more important than basketball."


Elijah Frei (unlike Estes or Mendoza,) would choose his sports over his grades. Frei is in football and track. He spends all of his time doing sports. When asked about studying he said "Not at all. My grades are better than they usually are and if they ever get too bad I would spend my time doing work and passing tests."

So the over all consensus of the students I interviewed is that even though athletics is important to them, academics will take them across the finish line.



## Dolls create a negative body image

By Cordet Gula

The images of Barbie and Bratz dolls may have more of a negative effect than a positive one. The dolls may be part of the result of low self esteem in young girls. All of the dolls are a media example of what a “pretty and perfect” girl is supposed to look like. The so-called “perfect” features involve being unhealthily skinny with big eyes, small nose, big lips and long legs. In all reality, if the dolls were life sized they would be extremely disproportionate and, if it were a Bratz doll, would probably topple over with such a huge head.

That is not what young girls think about when they are playing with them. It is really sad when a six year old comes up to you, telling you that they do not think they are pretty and they want to look like one of the dolls. A sign like this is just the start of a girl filled with envy going into her teen years. Envy can eventually turn into bullying and harassment which can cause others to feel bad about themselves. It just ends up turning into a snowball effect of low self esteem for girls all around.

You should love who you are because in the end when no one is with you and you feel alone, the only one left there to comfort you is yourself. If you disapprove of who you are and what you look like, then you might as well be sitting with someone you strongly despise. It may not seem like a big deal, but things such as body image could lead to depression because you go through your whole life feeling less than perfect.

Another thing that the Barbie and

Bratz dolls impose on young girls is if you don’t have a lot of money, then you are a loser because you cannot afford all of the expensive and nice looking clothes. The clothes the dolls wear include mini skirts, high heels and revealing shirts. The image is giving young girls the idea that they should dress the same way because they think people would like them more if they do. In the movies and cartoons, they are represented in the “popular” crowd and the girls are all looks and no personality.


With the dolls being so skinny, it can cause girls to develop an eating disorder because they want to look that skinny as well. Notice the dolls don’t even have bones; being unhealthfully skinny would make a normal human being look like a skeleton and nothing like the doll itself.

Everyone should feel good about themselves inside and out because unlike the dolls, human beings have personality and talents; every single person. It is because we are all different that makes every single person amazing. The dolls are not a real human being and their “lives” are based all on money and looks that don’t naturally exist in the real world.

Everyone is a beautiful person, and accepting themselves as a beautiful individual is harder than it may seem. One of the starting causes of this is the media-typical body image of, unrealistic and emotionally harmful, Barbie and Bratz dolls.

## Dolls do not create negative body image

By Desiree Cardenas

When I was six years old, I received my first Barbie doll. By the next year when I was seven, I owned 72 Barbie dolls. I had all the races, hair colors, outfits, and two Ken dolls. They all looked a little different except in the aspect that they all had the same shape. Every Barbie was built the exact same.

At that age I had no concept of body image, I actually didn’t even really play with the dolls. Dressing them up and leaving them in the bucket was the way I operated. I even went as far as to cut their hair, paint their nails, and put make-up on them. Now I’m 18 and have no dolls whatsoever in my house. With all the cases of depression and eating disorders in young girls, people want to point the blame on something, and they’re choosing Barbie.

In 1959 when Barbie first came onto the market there was no real pressure on women to feel the need to be as thin as possible. Women were still expected to be stay-at-home moms, cook, clean, and live for the family. The pressure wasn’t there to look beautiful to keep a job. Barbie could be modeled as unrealistically as possible, because after all, she’s just a doll.

I think that’s the aspect that most people forget to realize. Barbie

is just a doll. Eating disorders and depression weren’t really that common in the late ‘50’s. In this modern age, that seems to be a hot topic. Many modeling agencies will not even look at a girl if she doesn’t wear anything smaller than a two. Women are also expected to be tall, which brings in the case of high heels that moreover becomes very detrimental to the back and feet.

Media tells the general population that “thin is in” and Barbie has stayed thin. In Los Angeles I saw a billboard with a woman wrapped in string with the caption, “You’re not beautiful unless you’re thin.” I was absolutely disgusted when I saw that. For one, the model was nothing more than a bag of bones, and two, everyone has a different view of beautiful. Who is L.A. to tell women that they’re not this unless they look like that, or you have to be skinny for a guy to love you.


That might just be a California thing, but is Barbie really to blame? Perhaps people should look at the relationship between the girls and the parents. There was obviously a lack of communication from the parents to let the girls believe that they needed to look like a plastic doll to be amazing.

If there was that communication and reassurance that Barbie doesn’t mean perfection, maybe girls wouldn’t be so hard on themselves. The real blame is Hollywood. Think about it, where do you see all these skinny women walking around in their size 0’s? Where do the magazines with the bikini models come from? My point is, Barbie is a doll, and Hollywood is judgmental. The blame needs to be taken away from the doll and pointed to the true cause.



## The most ridiculous and annoying TV shows

By Desiree Cardenas

If I were to mention the words “fist pump” I think everyone would automatically think of The “Jersey Shore”. This show has somehow grasped the American teenager in a tight bronze grip that they are unable to remove. What’s not to like about “Jersey Shore”? You’ve got, partying down at Karma, GTL (gym, tan, laundry) is considered a way of life, and it has true love between Sammie and Ronnie along with: Mike, Snooki, Deena and Vinny. Actually, what is to like about “Jersey Shore”? A bunch of

Guidos living in a beach house who turn their nose at white people, party way too much and the drama is never under control. Maybe if you have no life yourself then tuning into these overly tanned people’s lives may seem exciting for you. It’s just ridiculous that we feel the need to watch them parade around proving that guys who live to lift weights are not the brightest crayons in the box.

While we’re on the topic of unnecessary drama, “Operation Repo” needs to stop. Not only do I not understand how watching “Jersey Shore” is entertaining, I really do not get how watching a Puerto Rican family and one buff

white dude repossess cars is amusing in the slightest bit. It’s mostly annoying. I always feel bad for those people that are being terribly embarrassed on national television. They overreact, but how would any one of us feel if our car was being taken and there were cameras everywhere to witness? That’s just something that should be dealt with in private.

Another show that I simply cannot stand, yet I see it on the channel every once in a blue moon is “Parental Control”. Really, that has to be the worst show that MTV has ever come up with, considering “Date My Mom” and “Next”, that’s pretty bad. I know

it’s fake, but just the sheer fact that they made a show about parents complaining about their kid’s significant other is beyond me. For one, they’re young, nothing lasts. Two, as much as I do love them, I don’t want my parents choosing my dates. Finally, three, the parents never like the person in question for stupid reasons. Once again, it’s so unfair that their kid hardly ever chooses the first one they were with; they claim they’re in love yet date someone else. I can’t wait for that loving relationship.

I can’t wait for the day that television comes up with some good shows.

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Ronnie Joe Schofield



-Who was your most loyal friend in high school?  
Niko Tarr, because he was always there

-How was your high school experience?  
Pretty good, I learned a lot. It started out kinda sketchy, I was going down the wrong road. But I feel like I’ve made a lot of improvement.

-Why cheerleading over football?  
I did ‘em both, and I like them both a lot. Football is definitely more physical and requires more physical and mental focus.

-If you could achieve one thing in life what would it be?  
To become Mr. Olympia

-If you could redo one embarrassing moment what would it be?  
Probably... I don’t really have an embarrassing moment. I don’t really regret anything.

-What was the greatest accomplishment in school for you?  
There’s a lot. But my main one is turning myself around.

-Describe your relationship with your parents.  
Really close. I take all the advice I can get from them. I hope to be as good of a man as my dad is one day.

-Was high school good to you?  
High school was definitely a blast., I’m gonna miss it. It’s sad to think that in a few months I won’t ever see some of these people again.

Senior Round-Up

Dana Pardovich



-What’s the biggest achievement you would like to brag about?  
Making all state first team DH for softball 2010.

-Was there an adult at school that you felt like you could just talk to about anything?  
I could talk to Christy Bell about anything. She’s easy to talk to and is like my second mom. And Mrs. Corak was always there for some bomb advice.

-Who’s your absolute best friend?  
Esh and my best guy friend is Grant, hands down. They are always there no matter what and I’d be lost without them.

-Best teacher or coach in your opinion?  
Coach Lucas is the man. He made my senior softball season amazing. Coach B is great too, she always made practice enjoyable, but then again... Mr. Beck is a pretty bomb teacher, and Mrs. James, I mean c’mon, it’s MRS. JAMES!

-Is there a year you could repeat if you wanted to?  
I would redo my Junior year and not break my hand 2 weeks before state.

Grant Miller



-If you could pull a senior prank what would it be?  
Shut off the power to the school

-Change something, anything about Lowry.  
Parking lot for sure, we’re seniors, we should have our own parking!

-Who was the one person that stuck by your side no matter what?  
Dion Mark Wardell and Dana Pardo, toss up.

-Biggest role model in high school?  
Mr. Beck

-Was senior year everything you thought it would be cracked up to be?  
Definitely you make your senior year as fun as you want it to be, and it was B.A.





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# Class of 2011 - Plans for your future...

Aguilar, Ana..... Cosmetology Paul Mitchell Nevada, Reno  
 Aguilar-Melchor, Cecilia.. Attending Tecnologico de Monterrey University in Zacatecas, Mexico  
 Alcaraz, Marcelino..... Finding out what I'm doing next year  
 Alexander, Kaitlyn..... Attending Great Basin, then Feather River College for Vet Science  
 Allred, Andy..... Attending GBC and studying Criminal Justice  
 Anderson, Dillon..... Working for Barrick till August then attending the Boise State University, Idaho  
 Armstrong, Sky..... I truly have no idea what I am going to do next year  
 Ramirez, Ivan..... Just chill during the summer and/or work, or college.  
 Bell, Shane..... Attending the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming  
 Bencomo, Martin..... Move back to Tucson, Az and open up my own paint and body shop with an extra bay for auto repair.  
 Bermeosolo, Greg..... Attending University of Nevada, Reno in Reno Nevada for Pre-Medicine  
 Bernal, Alfonso..... Attending GBCC or military  
 Bradshaw, Darae..... Attending Great Basin College for my required prerequisites to go to the Southern University of Nevada for Pharmaceutical in Henderson, NV  
 Bressem, Tiffany..... Attending Great Basin College to obtain a degree in Applied Science of Nursing  
 Brooks, Brandi..... Going to Boise State University to study radiology to hopefully become a Ultrasound Tech.  
 Brown, Shanel..... Attending Great Basin Community college in Winnemucca, NV  
 Brumley, Bryce..... I am attending the College of Southern Idaho, for Ag. Business  
 Bryan, Dillon..... Attending BYU in Provo, Utah  
 Burgher, Madeline..... I plan to attend William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri and double major in Education and Business and have fun!  
 Buttram, Miranda..... Attending Boise State University  
 Cardenas, Desiree..... Going to Sacramento to be an awesome person and live life to the fullest, maybe get a degree  
 Carlo, Allison..... Attending the Reno Academy of Paul Mitchell  
 Carrillo, Ernesto..... Moving to Tucson, Az and work, start my new life.  
 Carrillo, Stefany..... Next year I will be living in Reno attending college and working  
 Cassens, Tiva..... Staying in Winnemucca being a housewife  
 Castaneda, Gaudy..... Attending TMCC for an Associates in Arts  
 Castillo, Virginia..... Staying in Winnemucca and working for money to move  
 Catalan, Enrique..... I plan to go to work in a mine and then see after that  
 Cervantes, Adriana..... Next year I will be going to college here and working on my business degree  
 Chavez, Ashley..... Moving to Reno, Nevada and attending TMCC  
 Cochrane, Chelsea..... Attending Truckee Meadows in Reno, Nevada  
 Cooper III, Johnny..... Working with the BLM during the summer then off to ASU and the rest of my life  
 Corbari, Ryan..... Work at a mine and go to college at Great Basin  
 Cornwall, Jaren ..... Get a job. Save up some money. Get out of this place!!!  
 Cox, Tyler..... Attending the UNR in...Reno  
 Cunningham, Heather... Attending the Mulan Beauty Academy in Reno, NV  
 Dennis, Rachelle..... Attending Feather River in Quincy California  
 Diaz, Jonathan..... I am moving to Reno and attending TMCC to get into the field of renewable energy  
 Diaz, Maria..... Attending TMCC in Reno and gonna



Art



have fun!  
 Dodson, Lindsay..... Attending the University of "Become a bum for a year" and maybe BGCC for some classes  
 Doyle, Jordan..... Going into the Army  
 Esparza, Carlos..... I'm going to Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon to study media arts.  
 Fortney, Sheridan..... Living in Vegas, and going to a community college or a technical school  
 Foster, Cienna..... I'm going to Great Basin for my Bachelor's of Science in Nursing  
 Fragione, Victoria..... MOVING TO RENO!!! TMCC  
 Franco, Arline..... Attending Eastern Oregon University  
 Franco, Suleima..... Go to a 14 day boot camp to become a EMT then attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to become a Agriculture Science Teacher  
 Galvan, Militza..... Attending Oregon Coast Culinary Institute in Coos Bay, Oregon  
 Gibson, Jacob..... I will attend BYU, Idaho for one semester, go on my mission, then return to complete my schooling.  
 Graham, Kristen..... Going to University of Nevada Reno  
 Hageman, Stephanie..... Attending Paul Mitchell in Reno, NV  
 Hager, Kaylin..... Going to college at Great Basin  
 Harrison, Shianne..... Going to work and become a CAN then after attend Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School  
 Hatfield, Whitney..... Attending the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah  
 Haun, Serah..... Attending Spokane Community College then transferring to Washington State University  
 Hernandez, Nadia..... Attend GBC and work into getting accepted into USC next fall  
 Herrera, Brenda..... Attending TMCC in Reno, NV.  
 Herrera, Jesus..... I am going to be attending the University of Nevada, Reno  
 Hicks, Desiree..... Attending GBC in Winnemucca, NV  
 Higbee, Elisa..... Attending Truckee Meadows in Reno, Nevada  
 Hope, Melissa..... Attending GBC and studying for Criminal Justice  
 Hori, Kyrsten..... Work for the city before going to attend UNR this coming fall  
 Hubred, Andrea..... Attending Paul Mitchell Beauty School, in Boise ID  
 Hutchings, Tylene..... Attending Great Basin here in Winnemucca, NV  
 Ingle, Kirstie..... I am attending Arizona State University in the Tempe, AZ with a major in Anthropology  
 Ingle, Nick..... I'm attending Utah Valley University in Provo, UT  
 Iroz, Martin..... I will be attending the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho  
 Jenkins, Dillon..... Living my Life  
 Jensen, Leikfona..... Attending GBC for two years then transferring to San Diego State University  
 Johnson, Dana..... If accepted, I will be attending the Academy of Art University in San Francisco in October  
 Johnson, Mariah..... I will attend Boise State University to study Graphic Design and have fun!  
 Johnson, Mason..... Attending Great Basin in Elko Nevada for Diesel Mechanic  
 Juanes, Adriana..... Attending Great Basin College in Winnemucca  
 Keller, Dylan..... Going to TMCC, and going to pursue a career in being awesome  
 Kelly, Alicia..... TMCC! TMCC! TMCC!  
 King, Ashlee..... Work a lot and go to college at GBC  
 Kraft, Dustin..... Attending college to play baseball and study Physical Therapy.  
 Lambert, Kelsey..... Fighting blood elves in Gargantheon or attending GBC in far away Winnemucca, NV  
 Layborn, Jason..... I am going to be on animal plant Hoarding Cats  
 Leah, AJ..... I'm going to UNR  
 Legarza, Emelia..... Attending Feather River in Quincy, California  
 Lindsay, Jessica C..... I am majoring in Animal Science at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK,





# Class of 2011 - Plans for your future...

Long, Caitlyn..... I plan on buying a Lambo and hanging out in L.A.  
 Lopez, Jessica..... Working for a year to be able to go to college  
 Lords, Shawn..... Attending Brigham Young University in Rexburg, Idaho and serve a mission  
 Luna, Cara..... Attending the Paul Mitchell Academy in Reno NV  
 Madrid, Adriana..... Being a mommy and attending Great Basin College  
 Magana, Daniel..... Get a new job at the mine and buy a house then have a family  
 Mall, Amardip..... Attending UNR  
 Masterson, Cody..... Attending UNR for molecular Biology and Biochemistry  
 McCrea, Tracy ..... I might go to Great Basin, or no college, just work a lot for a few years  
 McDade, Savannah..... I'm furthering my education.  
 Meckley, Kylee..... Getting a job and taking classes online  
 Mendoza, Biridiana..... Attending Redken Hair School in Reno  
 Messmann, Justin..... After I graduate, I am getting a job, getting married and getting an apartment all to raise my son well  
 Meza, Abraham..... I will be attending TMCC in Reno.  
 Miller, Grant..... Attending Feather Rivers Community College in Quincy California  
 Miller, Leland..... Enlisted in the US Marine Corps, heading to San Diego for Basic Training in August- October  
 Moreno, Cesar..... Attending Great Basin College in Winnemucca  
 Nachiondo, Joe..... I will be working at Marigold Mine  
 Navarrete, Alexis..... Go to GBC to start basics, take a six month program to be a nurse assistant  
 Neu, Jena..... In plan on attending Truckee Meadows Community college and becoming a Ultra Sound technician  
 Newton, Dawn Marie... ttending Nevada's only liberal arts college with the intent to transfer to an out of state college within the next year  
 Nielson, Tyler..... Going to work and make some money  
 Nolan, Tesha..... Attending Idaho State university and apprenticing to become a tattoo artist, in Pocatello, Idaho  
 Ochoa, Danny..... I am attending Truckee Meadows in Reno, NV  
 Okuma, Ashley..... After graduation I will be attending college to major in a nursing degree while playing soccer  
 Ongert, Dylan..... I am going to join the Air Force  
 Ortega, Maria..... I will attend college at Great Basin or Long Beach City college, CA  
 Pace, Anders..... I'm going to attend Boise State University  
 Pardovich, Dana..... Attending TMCC in Reno, NV  
 Phenix, Tim..... Patriot Enhanced operations and maintaining in the U.S. Army  
 Plant, Kendra..... Attending UNR for Art education.  
 Pollock, Mitch..... Playing baseball in college  
 Rosas, Miguel..... Stay home, search for a job and scholarships  
 Rose, Jamie..... Attending TMCC  
 Ross, William..... Get a job, save my money, get a car, move to Washington State with my two best friends and go to college in Washington  
 Ruiz, Alvaro..... Attending Great Basin College  
 Sampson, Colby..... Attending Great Basin college in Elko Nevada  
 Sanchez, Bernice..... Going to UNLV  
 Sanders, Tara..... Living in Reno with my party pants on!  
 Savoie, Kami..... Attending Truckee Meadows in Reno, Nevada  
 Schofield, Ronnie..... Attending the UNR as a cheerleader!!  
 Sherburn, Sierra..... Hair, hair, hair  
 Shurtliff, Tysom..... Eat, sleep, and be merry, for there is no school tomorrow.



row.  
 Snow, Sterling..... Utah Valley University  
 Spence, Staci..... LIVING LIFE!  
 Tarr, Niko..... Attending TMCC and going to study radiology  
 Thacker, Will..... Attending UNR and playing football  
 Thompson, Erica..... Taking a year off and then attending Paul Mitchell Cosmetology school in Reno  
 Tinken, Brenda..... Attending College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, Idaho  
 Tiskee, Mitch ..... Moving to Reno and getting a job and eventually go to Idaho and become an equine dentist  
 Tobler, Susan..... Staying in Winnemucca for two years while going to college online to become a medical transcriptionist  
 Tyree, Brian..... Going to University of Nevada Reno, and living with Jackson  
 Urrutia, Daniel..... Getting a job  
 Vetter, Dean..... Attending University of Nevada in Reno, Nevada  
 Viera, Erik..... After high school I'll go to college to study to be a mechanic  
 Vogel, Shelby..... Going to Texas for college  
 Ward, Jazmyn..... I will be attending the University of Reno Nevada to maybe in Special Education and meet some new cute boys!  
 Webb, Matthew..... I'm going to save money for a couple years then maybe go to college  
 Wells, Shelby..... Going to Taxidermy School  
 White, Cameron..... Hopefully attending GBC in Winnemucca for two years then TMCC for four year in Graphic Design  
 Winheim, Kailynn..... I am moving to Vegas, going to UNLV, majoring in business law, minor in real estate, and eventually become a member of Congress  
 Wirthlin, Staci..... Attending Truckee Meadows Community college in Reno, Nevada  
 Woolever, Jeffery..... "Would you like fries with that?"  
 Yates, Rachel..... Attending UNR in Reno!  
 Yost, Josh..... I'll be working on helicopters in the Army  
 Young, Josh..... Attending the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and spending time with my Mom.  
 Zeiger, Stephanie..... Great Basin, NV. Then Arizona or Oklahoma  
 Fernandez, Savanna ..... Attending Boise State University to study Biology and Criminal Justice then hopefully go on to vet school and become a Veterinarian.  
 Sandoval, Marilyn ..... Attending Portland State University in Portland, Oregon.  
 Hanzlik, Cassy..... Attending Great Basin College to study writing and journalism.  
 Gutierrez, Luis..... Attending UNR in Reno, spending summer working for engineering firm in Washington, D.C.  
 Clayson, Laurel ..... Going to Utah State University to study Interior Design and have a fantastic college experience!  
 Barta, Lainey..... After I graduate, I will move to Texas, attend some institution of learning, and be happy.  
 Hermsmeier, Samantha... Becoming a nurse through GBC, then transferring elsewhere to study in plastic surgery while working as a nurse.  
 York, Pat..... University of Nevada, Reno  
 Lesley, James..... I am attending the University of Nevada, Reno.  
 Kemp, Wendy..... Going to Bates Technical College in Tacoma, Washington and becoming a pioneer.  
 Arnold, Daniel J..... Attending Great Basin College in Elko, NV.  
 Villagomez, Alex..... Attending TMCC in Reno, Nevada.  
 Berg, Deidra..... I am going to Great Basin College in Winnemucca to be a Medical Assistant.  
 Lovelace, Maria..... Attending Great Basin College in Winnemucca, Nevada.





# LOL! Your funniest senior memories. . .

By Maria-Elise Kitras

Four years ago a group of highly intelligent and sophisticated freshmen entered through the great doors of Lowry High. On June 2nd these once beloved freshmen, now seniors will exit the doors to move on to higher levels of education. In tribute to the glorious graduation of our beloved friends, the Brand is dedicating an article to the funniest of senior memories of their last four years to leave behind as a legacy of the class of 2011.

Recall if you will the splendid days of the past four years of Lowry High. Many wonderful memories include the fun days like the marshmallow fight in Mr. Nickish's chemistry class or the carwash that many seniors remember with a twinkle in their eyes and a smile upon their lips.

During this 2010-2011 year many memories will warm the hearts of our beloved seniors as they reflect on days gone by, but for many seniors even old-

er memories of years before the senior stage cause them to throw back their heads and howl with laughter.

When asked about her funniest memory Kyrstin Hori replies, "My brother Ryan, in band, all of a sudden he decides to get this really weird look on his face, and he looks over at me and he's like 'Kyrstin, you want to smell my reed?'"

Senior Rachelle Dennis smiles and laughs as she remembers her last four years and tries to pick out the funniest memory. When she selects one she says, "I was a sophomore; for Homecoming, me, Morgan and Missy, all dressed up as hobos. We had a few people think we were actually guys. When it was clash day, they did my hair and they put a Gatorade bottle inside and my hair was long and they put the Gatorade bottle inside and they pulled all my hair up on it and wrapped my hair around it and then my hair was sitting up. I had to bend down to go through the doors."

Senior Luis Gutierrez smiled as he



Courtesy • WINNADA  
Luis Gutierrez

delicious."

One of the funniest stories of all came from Sawyer Woolever, a class clown if anyone ever saw one. Recounting a lunch time activity, Woolever said, "So they have this contest out here, and they had to have candy, and a pie



Courtesy • WINNADA  
Sawyer Woolever.

remembered this memory, "Me, Ivan, and Yoyo [Christian Perez] wrestled and Yoyo's sweat smells like French fries, so I'd always want to wrestle him-be-

cause he smells

tin full of whipped cream. Jaren stole one and he acted like he was throwing it at people, and so I ran up and I ducked my whole head in it. He was just standing there [with an expression on his face] like, 'What?' I had a doughnut and I started eating the doughnut with whipped cream on my face. He got in trouble and got sent to detention. I [said] it was my fault and they said, 'All right, you can come in. You are getting in trouble too.' The story has a mixed ending. Jaren Cornwall was sent to detention. Senior Seth Wiggins, who was in the office, was sent out and Woolever went to talk to Wiggins. Since he was not in the office Woolever did not get in trouble with the whipped cream incident.

As the seniors graduate and go on with their lives, their memories will serve as a link to the past as they reflect on their high school years. Along with the rest of The Brand, I wish that the rest of your journey in life may be a happy and successful one.

# Top colleges and universities in the United States

By Sydney Blankenship

One of the biggest fears of graduating high school is having to choose a college which is right for you.

Several colleges claim to be the best, but which colleges are the ones that are for you? What do you plan to do with your life? Many different degrees exist, one can get, from art, law, engineering, and medicine.

As for art colleges, there is always one for somebody out there. One of the top colleges in America is the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, California offering degrees in fashion, game design, graphic design, and many more. Students would be allowed to get a masters degree in most of the classes they have to offer. Some of the other top colleges in the art path are: Digital Media Arts College, which offers a Masters Degree in Visual Effects Animation, and the Full Sail University, which has four different classes for game creativity.

If performing arts is your calling, there are several performing arts colleges. One of the major performing arts colleges is in Providence, Rhode Island. Brown University is an Ivy League college that offers majors for visual arts, such as painting and sculptures. Another major they offer is for the-

ater arts performance, Brown University is ranked number 15 for the best national university by U.S. News and World Report. The DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois offers a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Acting, for those aspiring actors. The DePaul University concentrates on a variety of Theater related topics such as body movement and technique.

If law interests one, everyone knows that Harvard University and Yale University are the way to go (which are harder to get in but possible). Some other colleges that offer the same degrees are; Stanford University in CA, and Columbia University in NY. Although the median GPA of students who are accepted into Stanford is a 3.87, learning the material would be a little easier because of the low student to teacher ratio. With an average of 8.6 students to a teacher allows the students to have more one on one help. As for Columbia, The median GPA of the students was around 3.72. The first year, they are required to take classes with about a hundred students in a class. In the second year there are more options for one to do what one wants, and the class sizes shrink down to a 9.3:1 ratio and the university plans on increasing the number of faculty by 50%.

If math and science is your calling, then engineering is definitely one way to go. Some of the best engineering schools out there are the Mas-

sachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and California Institute of Technology (CIT). California has a 15% admission rate, compared to MIT which has an 11%

admission rate. CIT offers several classes, such as, civil engineering, aerospace-aeronautical, and astronautical engineering. It is \$33,324 a semester for both in and out of state graduates and undergraduates. MIT offers materials and nuclear engineering degrees, along with several others. The price per semester is \$37,510 for both in and out of state students. This is definitely one of the top universities in the country and you would be paying for quality at MIT.

Some people, however, aren't into law, or math but would rather do something that will help everyone, such as medicine. The top Universities that can help you achieve this goal are: The University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Pennsylvania is a good choice because you can get your post-doctoral degrees and even double up on degrees with different colleges. There are several classes offered from anesthesiology all the way to general surgery. Johns Hopkins University offers many classes, and several special classes throughout the school year. With 2,551 faculties, the student to teacher ratio is 5.5 to 1. Both Universities are great choices to choose for a medical field.

If one who is not sure of what to do, and want to take a variety of different classes, some of the best that haven't been mentioned in depth yet include Princeton and Yale. Princeton has several classes to offer. Their most popular majors include economy and psychology. Princeton also offers health insurance for its students. Yale is more expensive than Princeton, but one is paying for the quality. Yale is at the top of the list for medicine, law, and

art. The most popular major offered at Yale is political science and government at 13%. It also offers tutoring to those who need it.

These are just a few colleges that are top in their field. It may be difficult to get into some of these colleges but it's just a matter of, how bad do you want it?



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# Sports Recaps for 2010-2011

By Marc Esquivel

The 2010-2011 school year was extremely successful for Lowry as far as sports are concerned; having many teams make it to zone and state, and even a having a few teams actually win state. But to recap for those who don't remember or who just want to relive the success, the following is a season recap of every sport.

### Football

The football team, granted being integrated into a new league that involved former 4A teams, ended up being ranked third in their conference, only behind Truckee and Elko. This year's football team consisted of plenty of talented returning players who were hungry for another chance at the state championship game after last year's playoff loss. The Bucks finished the season with an overall record of 10-4 and a regular season record of 7-3. The football team took a shot at beating the undefeated, defending state champions, the Truckee Wolverines and played the best game they could play and were the only team that kept Truckee at a score lower than 25 points, the Bucks lost 22-16. But they fought hard the rest of the year and the boys even ended up going to the semi finals of the playoffs to play the Moapa Valley Pirates to go to the state championship. After a long, hard fought game, the Buckaroos fell 20-35 in the fourth quarter and did not advance to state.

### Cross Country

Cross country boys and girls both had a strong season both as teams and individually. They had several returning runners such as Alicia Kelly (Sr.), Emelia Legarza (Sr.), Janae Neu (Sr.), Shane Bell (Sr.), Chase Estes (Jr.), Brady Riley (So.), and Joey Flanders (So.). The runners named were all part of last year's state championship team. Although neither team won state, they ran some vigorous trails reserved only for strong willed athletes and although the both teams are losing some strong runners next year, they are looking forward to getting back out there and working hard to win races.

### Volleyball

The Lady Bucks volleyball team had yet another tough season against a very talented conference including teams like Spring Creek and Elko. The Bucks ended their season with a record of 7-13, respectably. The team struggled against some of the new teams in their league like Elko, White Pine, and

Fallon. But throughout all the adversity, the girls managed to make a zone appearance, and though they lost, they gained a lot of experience from those tough losses and are ready for next year. The Lady Bucks are already starting to get ready for next season in open gym. The team will be losing many seniors but they will have new seniors for next year such as Betsy Guerrero, Kayla Doyle, Kristie Kloeppel, Julia Duffurena, Olivia Snow, Hana Etcheverry, Angie Herrera, and Heather McElvain.

### Boys Soccer

The boys soccer team had yet another reasonably successful year and earned a record of 11-5 and also took third in the Sagebrush Conference. The Bucks, like many of the other teams at Lowry, had new teams in their league such as Elko, Fallon, and Rite of Passage (ROP). The team's captains included Jose Acevedo (Jr.), Jacob Gibson (Sr.), Alex Villagomez (Sr.), and Anders Pace (Sr.). All of this year's team captains have had three years of playing experience on the varsity level, Acevedo has been starting on varsity since he was a freshman, and so, needless to say, the Buckaroos had plenty of experience on the team. Although the team will be losing many seniors, they have plenty of talent moving up from the JV and junior high and they will also have many returning players.

### Girls Soccer

This year, under the guidance of retiring coach Sapien, the girls soccer team finished the season with a winning record of 9-8. The Bucks played quite a few tough times this season like White Pine, Elko, and Fallon. Although the girls didn't make a zone appearance, they play hard, exciting games and hung in there with teams that were previously from the 4A. They are already starting to prepare for next season by getting some practice sessions in with their new coach to hopefully build on last year's success.

### Girls Golf

The Lady Bucks golfers had an outstanding season considering the circumstances they were under this year. The team had only six golfers ready to compete and a new coach to top things off, but regardless of their circumstances, new coach Chelsea Mendiola coached her small squad up into a force to be reckoned with on the links. The small team ended up taking fourth at the state tournament. This year's team included Madeline Burgher (Sr.),

Allison Carlo (Sr.), Casey Keiser (Jr.), Cortney Keiser (So.), Bailey Laird (So.), and Hannah Haun (Fr.).

### Boys Golf

The returning state champion golf team started off their season a lot like how they finished last year, playing hard and golfing smart to place high at tournaments both as a team and individually. The boys had five returning players from the team that brought home a state title for Lowry, these players included Dean Vetter (Sr.), Dillon Bryan (Sr.), AJ Ourada (Jr.), Chris Dendary (So.), and Cole Erquiaga (So.). The Bucks made another appearance at state but they weren't able to bring back another title for Lowry. Now, the golf team will just be practicing on their own, playing other sports, and just doing what they can until next season comes around so that they can take another crack at the state title.

### Boys Basketball

Like many teams at Lowry, the boys basketball team had a big target on their back being state contenders from last season. The Buckaroos ended with a record of 17-7 and even went on a 15 game win streak that lasted all the way up to the state championship. The boys played some very exciting games and with help from a huge support system that Lowry is proud to call their student body, they ended up being able to blow Fallon out of the water to move on to the state tournament. They played hard and beat Sparks in their first game of the tournament, and moved on to play Moapa Valley in the finals. After a hard fought, back-and-forth game, the Bucks fell 56-68 against the Pirates. But even though they came in second, the team still had a great year and is now hungrier than ever for a state title.

### Girls Basketball

The returning state champions were looking to return this season and try for a second consecutive title, but they had a few bumps in the road and ended the season with a record of 12-13 and didn't make another state appearance. Although the girls didn't make it to state, they mad the community and school proud by working hard and playing some exciting games. The Bucks will be losing three seniors but will have many returning players for next season and they will have some talent moving up from the JV level.

### Wrestling

The domination continued this year for Lowry's wrestling team, winning their third state title in a row and producing five individual state champions. The team worked hard and pushed themselves all year long in the wrestling room and on the mats to dominate every league tournament and made a name for themselves at big tournament like the Sierra Nevada Classic and the Rollie Lane Invitational. This season started off with a win at the Carson duels and continued throughout the season. Five boys practiced hard and wrestled even harder to become individual state champions and they were: Michael Billingsley (So.), Jace Billingsley (Jr.), Fernando Herrera (Jr.), Gus Duncan (Jr.), and Ryan Nelson (Jr.). The Buckaroos are going to enjoy their off time while they can because when wrestling season starts again, you can

count on the boys trying to take home a fourth consecutive state title.

### Track and Field

Lowry track and field practiced hard all year and had many athletes make it to zone and state. They practiced long and pushed themselves to their personal limits to beat their personal records and go beyond what was asked of them. Although they did not win state as a team or have any individual state titles, many athletes still earned the right to be on the state team and that's a feat in itself.

### Softball

The softball team got off to a good start early in the season with a trip to a tournament in California. In the regular season the Lady Bucks played well and took series against each team it faced until they traveled to Ely. With the playoffs on the line and in terrible weather conditions the players saw their playoff hopes disappear as they suffered a rare sweep. It was the first time in years the team has missed out on the playoffs. However, returning players are confident that they will redeem themselves next year.

### Swimming

Coach Mike Owens was very happy with the progress his swimmers made this season. The team was lead by Jessie Pate Matthew Ruehl, Tyler Cox, and Patricia Bates. All had top five finishes at the Zephyr League championships.

Additionally, many of the swimmers posted personal bests as the season progressed showing promise for the future.

### Baseball

The baseball team returned to the state tournament for the first time in five years. The Bucks finished the regular season in second place behind Elko, but earned a trip to Mesquite with a sweep over Sparks in the playoffs. The team lost a close one to Fallon, 1-0 and then beat Truckee but could only get a third place finish when they lost their final game 10- to state runner-up Boulder City.

Anders Pace was the Ruby Mt. league MVP while the Bucks did bring home a the State Academic Championship with a 3.54 GPA.

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# Athlete of the Issue: Anders Pace

By Brandon Eastman

Senior Anders Pace was chosen for Athlete of the Year for Lowry High School for the 2010-2011 school year. He is a three sport athlete with multiple appearances at State Tournaments in his sports; which include soccer, basketball, and baseball.



“They were the sports that I enjoyed the most, so naturally I wanted to play them,” said Pace.

He was a state runner-up in basketball his junior and senior years, and he also helped lead the Lowry baseball team to the state tournament his senior year for the first time in several years. He was also a captain on the soccer and baseball teams his senior year.

Anders was born in Nampa, Idaho on January 23, 1993 to Bob and Mary Kay Pace. He has an older sister, Robin. He started playing T-ball at the age of five and said that baseball has always been his favored sport.

Pace said he was inspired to play sports for the love of the game, “I have enjoyed competing in athletics since I was young.”

Considering his accomplishments, Pace said, “Improving as a player and learning how to be a leader are great accomplishments.”

When asked about his future sports plans, Pace said, “I might play some club sports, but as far as continuing one of the sports that I played in high school, no.”

# Athlete of the Issue: Jenae Neu

By Brandon Eastman

Senior Jenae Neu has been chosen for this years Athlete of the Year for Lowry High School. She is a three sport athlete and a four time state champion here at Lowry, participating in cross country, basketball, and softball during her four years in high school.

Neu was born on October 24, 1992 in Alamosa, Colorado to parents Richard Neu and Sherri Burress. She has three siblings; Travis, Kami, and Tyler.

“Most of my inspiration came from my family. My dad and my mom are both into sports and I’ve played ever since I was little so they always inspired me,” said Neu.

Neu said her biggest sporting accomplishments are her three state championships in cross country and one state championship in basketball. She says that team chemistry has had a lot to do with her success.

“My favorite sport this year was probably softball just because our team was amazing and the team chemistry was fun. We didn’t make it as far as we wanted to though,” said Neu.

Neu says her favorite professional sports team is the Denver Broncos, but she tries to keep it a secret because she thinks it’s embarrassing because they’re not very good.

When asked about her future sports plans, Neu said, “I’m considering going to Lassen to play softball, but I’m not sure yet.”



# Now that’s summer is here, it’s time to stay active

By Hana Etcheverry



Everyone has been waiting for summer to finally arrive and consume us? It’s taking way too long according to many of the Lowry

students.

Summer is a time to relax, avoid school, and have fun. In reality summer is the time to break away from

yourself and do things you wouldn’t regularly do.

Many students choose to compete in traveling baseball and softball, work, and go to the lake to water ski, wakeboard, kneeboard, and tube. They also choose to do those brutal summer workouts with Mr. Cabatbat and Mr. Lucas.

Summer flies by so why not do things worth your time. Many of the students spend time at the lake, pool, or on vacations.

Honestly who would want to spend

their summers sitting at home all day everyday doing nothing when they can be keeping themselves busy with a sport of some sort?

Some students even choose to finish up courses online. While others have no choice and are required to be at school for a majority of the summer.

During the summer it is common to go to camps, whether it’s for volleyball, basketball, softball, football, and pretty much every sport has some sort of camp.

There will be a volleyball clinic held on June 9-11 at the Junior High school for girls from grade eight to twelve.

There will be a baseball camp at UNR on the dates of June 27-29 which will cover fundamentals, and technical skills.

There are also summer camps held in California which are for students of age 7-17.

Which include Archery, drama, fishing, high ropes, mountain biking, and water sports.

# Where are they now?



A 2010 graduate, Justin Rice has taken his talents to UNR where he is the mascot for all sporting events.



After graduating in 2009, Morgen Thacker chose to go to the University of Montana Western where she plays basketball for the Bulldogs.



After graduating in 2010, Joey Dendary took his golf skills to William Jessup University in Rocklin, California.



Lynnsey Johnson, a 2010 graduate, is attending Lassen Community College in Susanville, California where she plays basketball and softball.



David Eastman, a 2010 graduate, is attending Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa where he plays basketball for the Peacocks.



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# Heat set to take on Mavericks in NBA finals

By Dustin Hatch

The National Basketball Association (NBA) playoffs started out with a tip off that would shock many people, for the Eastern Conference first round of the playoffs; the Miami Heat began, playing the Philadelphia 76ers.



Chris Sweda • Chicago Tribune/MCT  
Miami Heat's LeBron James celebrates in front of Chicago Bulls' Derrick.

Miami won the series 4-1. Game five Miami took the victory eliminating the 76ers 97-91. The Boston Celtics won the first round of the playoffs against the New York Knicks 4-0, and advanced into the second round.

The Atlanta Hawks were victorious over the Orlando Magic winning the first round of the series 4-2. In game six the Hawks won 84-81. The Chicago Bulls won the first round of the playoff series against the Indiana Pacers 4-1. The



Ron Jenkins • Fort Worth Star-Telegram/MCT  
Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki celebrates.

Bulls won game five of the series 116-89 and advanced into the next round. In the Western Conference, The Los Angeles Lakers beat the New Orleans Hornets in the first round of the series 4-2. In game six, the Lakers won 98-80 and advanced into the second round of the series. The Dallas Mavericks eliminated the Portland Trail Blazers in the first round of the series 4-2. The Mavericks won game six 103-96, and advanced into the second round of the series.

The Oklahoma City Thunder took the first round of the series beating the Denver Nuggets 4-1, and winning game five 100-97. The Memphis Grizzlies swept through the first round against the San Antonio Spurs, winning the first round 4-2. The Grizzlies won game six 99-91. The Miami Heat won the Eastern Conference Finals 4-1 against the Chicago Bulls,

the Dallas Mavericks won the Western Conference Finals, 4-1, against the Oklahoma City Thunder. In the Final round of the NBA playoffs the Dallas Mavericks From the Western Conference will play against the Miami Heat from the Eastern Conference on June 2, 2011.



Brian Cassella • Chicago Tribune/MCT  
The Chicago Bulls' Joakim Noah, Kyle Korver and Taj Gibson can't believe a foul call.

By Calvin Connors

## Major League Baseball

American League Predictions:

Central- I am changing my pick in the AL Central from the Minnesota Twins to the Cleveland Indians. The Indians are a big surprise this year leading the central division with a winning percentage of .652. Asdrubal Cabrera leads the Indians in all hitting categories such as batting average .305, he leads the Indians in home runs with 10, he leads the team in RBI's with 34, and he has an on base percentage of .364, Cabrera leads the team in hits with 58.

East- I am staying with the New York Yankees for my pick in the AL East because the Yankees hitting is starting up again with Curtis Granderson hitting 16 home runs and 35 RBI's. Robinson Cano leads the team in hits with 50. The Yankees pitching core has their good and bad days like every team in the league, but they have a talented pitching staff that knows how to hit their spots and get a win.

West- I am not changing my pick for the AL East because the Texas

Rangers are number one in the AL East Standings and their hitting has come into play. Michael young is leading the team in most hits with 64. Adrian Beltre has 10 home runs and 38 RBI's.

AL Wild Card- Even though the Boston Red Sox started off terrible they are in second place behind the Yankees in the American League East. They are 28-22 and the Yankees are 27-21, I still believe that Sox can get the AL wild Card. The Red Sox have a good lineup that consists of great talented hitters that have either not struck fire or have struck fire and went on a hitting streak.

National League Predictions:

Central- I still believe that the St. Louis Cardinals have the best hitter in baseball Albert Pujols. He has not had a good start to the season at all but I think he will overcome his drought and become the hitter he has been his whole MLB career.

Lance Berkman has taken the role of the teams best hitter with 11 home runs and 36 RBI's. He has stepped up his game and has really played well this season so far. The

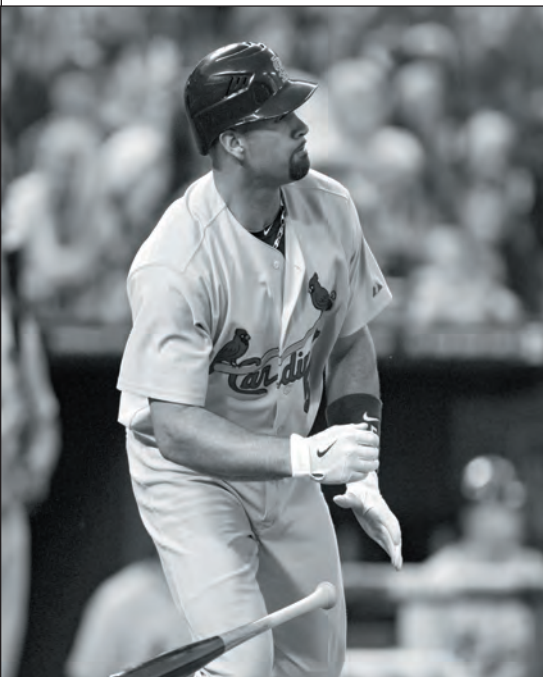
Cardinals are in the top five in the National League Central with second overall in runs, first in batting average, first in on base percentage, and fourth in slugging percentage.

East Division-The Philadelphia Phillies I think are still the team to beat in the NL East. The Phillies are a talented group of players who are perfectly capable of hitting the snot out of the ball. Ryan Howard is a great hitter and is a guy who you want to have in the batting box with the game on the line.

West-The returning World Series Champions the San Francisco Giants are still my pick for the NL West. They are ranked number one in the NL West and have a great pitching



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David Ortiz slides into home plate.



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Alber Pujols of the Cardinals.

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**“Wendy is unafraid to put her own tastes and creative spin on everything she does.”**

*By Maria-Elise Kitras*

Chosen by Mr. Andy Anderson, the highly talented Wendy Kemp is none other than The Brand’s artist of the issue. Kemp is a senior here at Lowry and has attended all four years of high school. This year she is in Art II and Ceramics. She TAs for Mrs. Courtney Rorex’s art class. Besides achieving excellence in painting and drawing, Kemp has a gift for ceramics.

## Profile

Kemp was selected by Anderson for a number of reasons. Regarding Kemp’s talents, Anderson said, “You can count on Wendy to put in more effort than required! She always goes above and beyond the basic requirements and never settles for anything but her best.”

“Wendy in unafraid to put her own tastes and creative spin on everything she does. She never fails to make her art personal and put a lot of thought into planning her work out,” said Anderson. “[She] is a delight to have in the classroom. Her positive, bubbly attitude is contagious and inviting.”

When asked about what art meant to her Kemp replied, “That you express yourself in ways that awe and fascinate people, from the art of art itself, to music. It brings you to a happy place that makes you feel as if surrounded by cotton candy clouds and you never want that feeling to go away, so bring on the paint and clay and have fun!”

Kemp has had a variety of artistic classes. These include Sewing I and II, Crafts, Art I and II, and Ceramics. She says that she has kept all her art work “and will keep it forever within my family.” When asked about if her future



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*Wendy Kemp and examples of her artwork.*



career plans involved art, Kemp replied in the affirmative.

“Yes,” said Kemp, “I will become a denturist, which requires many artistic abilities so I can make teeth.”

Kemp’s favorite art subject is a tie between impressionism and ceramics. Kemp said, “I love making something so beautiful, even though the strokes may be imperfect in art, and clay can be heavy, I love it all.”

Kemp leaves a part of her mark and legacy, in the words of M.C. Escher, “Mathematicians go to the garden, but they never venture through to appreciate the delights within.” Though Kemp leaves high school this year and all of her beloved art classes, art will never leave her. It is a beauty that seems to surround her whole world and everything that she does. It will influence her throughout her whole life as she makes her progress in this world.

## Gifts for grads

*By Karen Deer, St. Louis Post-Dispatch,(MCT)*

Graduation is one of the best times in anyone’s life, and looking for the right gift can be tricky. Cash is a safe bet, but there are plenty of other graduation gift ideas that are more personal.

**For the college-bound student**

1. Cash
2. Restaurant gift cards
3. Subscription to the local hometown newspaper
4. Dorm-size refrigerator
5. Flash drives
6. Laptop
7. Luggage
8. Collapsible laundry basket full of dorm necessities
9. College sweatshirts or jackets

**For the high school grad heading into the workforce**

1. A certificate to a resume writing service
2. Gift certificates to local coffee houses
3. Gas gift cards
4. iTunes gift card
5. Prepaid telephone cards
6. A motor club membership such as AAA

**College graduate entering into a new job**

1. Briefcase
2. Digital photo frames
3. Desk clock
4. Engraved watch or jewelry
5. Television/DVD combination
6. Personalized desk pen/pencil set

## Start the summer with ‘X-Men’

*By Calvin Connors*

A great way to start off your summer is a film called “X-Men: First Class”, it makes its debut on June 3; the day after school gets out.

Many of films exist with the X-Men such as the original X-men that came out in 2000 following that X2: X-Men United that came out in 2003. In 2006 “X-men: Last Stand” was released, the final movie that was released before the new movie “X-Men: First Class” and finally “X-Men Origin: Wolverine”. Finally, the newest member of the X-Men film series is “X-Men: First Class”.

This highly hyped movie is about two young men by the names of Charles Xavier and Erik Lehscherr, this movie is about these two before they turned into enemies and got the names Professor X and Magneto. He movie shows what happened before the world knew what mutants were. The setting of “X-Men: First Class” is in 1963 during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Civil Rights Movement. Professor X and Magneto were two close friends finding their powers out together for the first time during the time period fight-

ing side by side with other mutants to prevent a break out that could threaten the world as they know it.

If you have watched the other movies of the X-Men than “X-Men: First Class” is a great way to see what happened before Professor X and Magneto became enemies. The movie is a great way to start off your summer.



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*Mystique.*



# Review: ‘Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1’

By Wyatt Lester

Harry Potter is a series every family should have in their collection.

## MOVIES

When I saw the newest Harry Potter movie in theaters I was expecting a dark and riveting film due to the rising tension and great film direction of David Yates. Least to say my expectations were easily met. The commercials gave a hint of growing evil and tension building between Harry and the infamous Voldemort. To a newcomer of the Harry Potter series you wouldn’t get the full effect of the series, but to a long time fan like myself I must say it gave me a feel of worry for the characters that I haven’t felt in quite a long time.

Dumbledore is dead and the wiz-



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A scene from the new movie, ‘Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2’

arding world has taken a turn for the worst. Harry, Hermione, and Ron are in a little over their head because even Hogwarts is a dangerous place as well as the muggle world. Although where evil is growing Harry always has an ace in the hole. Horcruxes when destroyed will somehow defeat Voldemort and his dark army because of the strong amount of evil in them. So Harry sets out to destroy

the last 5 Horcruxes and defeat the dark wizards. On his way he discovers the three Deathly Hallows. These items are powerful enough to destroy anyone or anything standing in their way. So now Harry has not only one big problem but two problems.

The film keeps a strong dangerous vibe the whole way through but it still keeps a sliver of hope that shows up every few scenes. The settings

are dark and twisted and I felt how alone Harry was. Death eaters, dark wizards, and snatchers outnumbered Harry during every turn. My favorite thing about this film was the locations they filmed. They filmed on the London streets, in vast valleys and on cliff tops that seemed to only exist in the world of wizards.

Characters from the previous films and new interesting characters add twists to the plot. One new character that is important is Luna’s father. He tells the story of the Deathly Hollows. You also see old characters from the previous movies such as Dobby the elf, Mad Eye Moody, Fred and George, and the teacher of the dark arts professor Snape.

Harry Potter is a series every family should have in their collection. “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows” is a great addition to the series and it makes me look forward to part two.

## Top iTunes movie downloads

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Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store:

1. “The Mechanic” (2011)
2. “I Am Number Four”
3. “No Strings Attached” (2011)
4. “Gnomeo & Juliet”
5. “The Rite”
6. “The Green Hornet” (2011)

7. “The Dilemma”
8. “Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End”
9. “Kung Fu Panda”
10. “The King’s Speech”

## Top iTunes albums downloads

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Top 10 albums on iTunes Music Store:

1. “Born This Way” (Bonus Track Version), Lady Gaga
2. “This Is Country Music,” Brad Paisley
3. “Born This Way,” Lady Gaga
4. “21,” Adele
5. “Torches,” Foster the People
6. “MMG Presents: Self Made, Volume 1” (Deluxe Version), Various Artists
7. “Glee: The Music, Vol. 6,” Glee Cast
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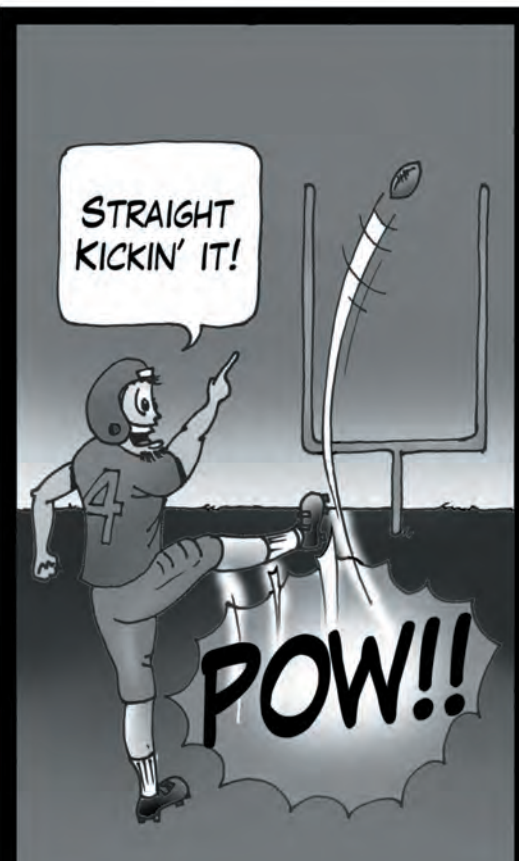
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