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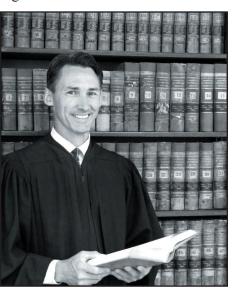
By Justin Albright and Taylor La-



state is at the top of some the worst categories possible. Car theft, robberies, foreclosures, violent crime, and unemployment are just some of the categories that make this state so

According to a report by KOLO 8, Nevada has been #1 in foreclosure for the past 62 months. According to yahoo's article on the worst run states in America, Nevada is #5, barely trailing Arizona, Michigan, Illinois, and California. Nevada has the highest percentage of unemployment out of every state in America. Now that is definitely something we should brag about. Not. Nevada also has the second highest percentage of people without health insurance. Our youths also have the highest rate of using illicit drugs and luckily, we recently have gotten off the list for being number one in teen pregnancy, and in three years have moved to 24th.

It seems Nevada ultimately is not the greatest; in many people's eyes. Very few do it better than us. This is not something to laugh at or do nothing about. The fact that we do not



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take action and our society around us is the reason we have such an awful reputation. It was just recently that we finally went down in the ranks for other serious matters such as teenage pregnancy. Winnemucca is, of course, not the only city in Nevada, but we are in Nevada and every action we take here can help or hurt our home state's reputation. Our choices and actions need to be more thought over before they are acted upon.

The people who have such high status in our community, we decided, have at least some responsibility. Even though everyone shares some

sort of responsi- muununununununununun should," said Judge bility, we decided to ask District 6 Court Judge Montero and Officer Jeffrey Murdock to shed some light on the subject.

The first interview was with District 6 Court Judge Montero; when asked about his stance on foreclosure, he felt that practices were easygoing and that was affecting the foreclosure

"My impression is that the lending practices became too lenient, and this created a situation where people who may not have qualified for loans due to government regulations were qualifying for loans, and when the economy weren't doing as well it became hard to meet the loan obligations. You need to be ready to own your own home; and it was a situation where people were made promises by lenders in unrealistic situation, and ultimately it crumbled."

When asked about how the foreclosure problem could be fixed Judge Montero felt only time could tell.

"We, fortunately, do not have this problem in Winnemucca. I don't know that there is a short term fix; there have been efforts made by Con-

gress that didn't really have the effect people had hoped. Sadly, I think we're just going to have to let time solve this one."

Judge Montero feels that lenient divorce laws and couples not working at their relationships leads to high divorce rates.

"Well, Nevada made one of its claims to fame in the 60's as the quick divorce capitol of the world. Nevada's laws became very lenient for people to get a divorce. If a party moved here and lived here continuously for about 6 weeks, they were able to get a divorce. Where in a lot of states and they didn't have to have any fault so people could move here, live here, and get a divorce. So people would live here just to get a divorce and then return home to wherever their home was. My personal opinion is that they don't work as hard as they

Montero.

Montero also provided "The Brand" with a possible solution.

"This is strictly my opinion, but, I think there are a lot of things that could probably help people. One of the most important would be communication, sadly. People need to learn to talk to each one another and not talk at one another. I see cases where people probably didn't talk and didn't know who they were even marrying. You have to realize that when you are a young person that is thinking about getting married, you fall in love with someone, but it's the rest of your life and that can be a really long time. People can change but they can learn to change together or else it's a recipe for disaster."

According to (http://www.inspirationsyouth.com/Teen-Rehab-Nevada.asp) Nevada adolescents (12-17) did worst than overall U.S. youths when it comes to illicit drug use. Nevadans had statistically higher rates in over all illegal usage of drugs. Marijuana use and non-medical use of pain relievers were some of these. We were also among the states who had the worst usage of cocaine use, illicit drug dependence, and the needing of treatment for addiction reasons.

"The Brand" asked Police Officer Jeffrey Murdock multiple questions relating to Nevada being ranked at number one in car theft, burglaries, violent crime, youth illicit drug use.

"Nevada is a 24-hour state that encourages things that other states outlaw. There's 24-hour drinking that leads to most the violence that you see in Winnemucca. Here we don't have very many robberies or car thefts, but Vegas and Reno probably experience a lot of that stuff, and they're pretty easy crimes to perpetrate. So it's an easy way to make money and as long as your willing to get shot stealing someone's stuff I guess it's worth the risk to a criminal," said Officer Jef-

FACTS

- Nevada is #1 in Foreclosure.
- Nevada is #1 in divorce rate.
- Nevada has a new high in rates of teens using illicit drugs.
- Nevada is ranked highest for the most car burglaries.
- Nevada tops the charts for most violent crimes.
- Nevada just recently got off the number one seat for teen preg-
- Nevada is #5 on the list for worst states in America.

frey Murdock.

Office Murdock feels that behaviors among teens escalate to more serious problems as they experiment with illicit activities.

"There have been more programs encouraging protection and abstinence and maybe people are more concerned with diseases and getting someone pregnant. Kids get bored easily and when you're in a rural area and you're not into to being out in nature, then you get bored and look for something to do, which usually leads to partying and alcohol leads to marijuana. Marijuana leads to the harder drugs because they're trying to have more fun. Your trying a new substance because you have the mindset



Officer Murdock./Taylor LaTray. The Brand

it makes you have more fun. Once they've reached their addiction they don't care what anyone thinks; their teachers, parents, friends, significant others. Law enforcement from then on it's only about feeding their addiction," said Officer Murdock.

Nevada's high rate of uninsured people is also a troublsome area. Judge Montero thinks there is a correlation between this and the high unemployment rate.

"A lot of that is probably a direct correlation with unemployment rates. A lot of people get their health insurance through employers so when you don't have a job it's probably more important to get food on the table for you and your family than it is to worry about health insurance," said

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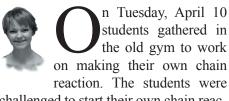




Changing the world, one student at a time;

62 attend Rachel's Challenge training

Hayley Goldblatt



challenged to start their own chain reaction by starting to treat people differently than they had. From the beginning, students were asked to keep anything and everything they heard a secret.

Students participated in a number of activities in getting to know other people. One activity the students participated in was sitting still and listening to someone that they didn't know for a minute, which could prove quite difficult to some people. Another activity

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the kids participated Shark Attack, where students got into groups of four and had to balance all of the group members on a foot by foot piece of cloth and they had to stay there until the speakers blew the



Kaila Tuck./Courtesy • Winnada

whistle. The purpose of this activity and the other one was to show the students how in a competitive setting, they would step out of their comfort zone but when it came to just sitting and talking, most students felt awkward sitting knee to

knee and holding hands

Kaila Tuck, a sopho- By Marc Esquivel more who went to the Rachel's Challenge Training Day said, "I think that people will actually learn to not judge people, and I think that if people really try then

It's 10 o'clock.

Do you know

they will be able to stick to it."

Some of the themes mentioned at the work day were taking off the mask and being the real you, talking about things instead of keeping them inside and treating people with equality. It was surprising to see who had their own demons to fight, especially when you saw them at school and everything seemed fine. Every single one of the girls, when asked if they ever thought they were not pretty or beautiful, crossed the line. Every single one of them, even the adults.

Mrs. Debbie Watts said, "I think it went really well. We had 62 students present and we could have had as many

as 100, but I thought 62 was a good number out of about 952 to take the



who wanted Rachel Joy Scott./Courtesy • rachelschallenge.org

training. I thought the numbers were good. We had enough adult facilitators to help with the training. I thought it was very helpful and the students I spoke to thought it was very helpful as well."

Overall, this activity was well worth the time that it took. People promised to start treating others better, but the real challenge will be keeping that promise.

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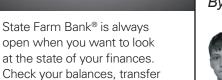
6 Dear Mom and Dad: Every 15 minutes, someone dies as the result of an alcohol related collision. Today I died and never got the chance to tell you..."

This is what you see when you first visit the National Every 15 Minutes Organization website. Every 15 Minutes is a program that visits high schools across the nation demonstrating the dangers and ultimate price for drunk driving. In the near future, Lowry will be heavily impacted by the demonstrations and events that will take place during this Every 15 Minutes program.

The events that take place during the program are as followed: Several students will be pulled out of class and a police officer will come into the class and read an obituary written by the parents of the each "dead" student. The student will then return to class dressed in all white as the "living dead", other students won't be able to interact with the "dead student for the remainder of the day to simulate having to deal with the loss of that student.

The purpose of this program is to inform students, teachers, and parents alike on the unnecessary dangers of driving under the influence.

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By Trenton Smith



n April 13, the Concert Band had their annual Tri-tip dinner. This is a fundraising event thrown by the Lowry Music Program/Band Boosters to raise mon-

ey for things such as new instruments, reeds, and scholarships.

The fundraising is the band members go around and try to sell tickets to people. There are two kinds of tickets: the Tri-tip dinner tickets and the meat raffle tickets. The Tri-tip dinner tickets are to get in to have dinner and watch the concert. At the dinner, you can but tickets for the band boosters' "Where's the Beef?" raffle.

If you ask Kim Howell, president of the Band Booster Club, she will tell you that the Band Booster did not take the phrase "Where's the Beef?" from Wendy's. She will tell you that The Band Booster Club used the term "Where's the Beef' long before Wendy's did.

fundraiser

The Tri-tip dinner is very simple. The people can buy a ticket for one person (\$20), a ticket for two people (\$35), or buy a ticket for a whole table (which can seat up to eight (\$150). They come in, sit down, and students from other parts of the music program serve them. When it seems that the majority of the audience is done with their dinner, the band begins the concert.

During the concert, students draw winning tickets for free beef and other prizes for attend-

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Judge Montero. "So the first thing that goes is health insurance if they are required to buy it for themselves and so I think a lot of people look to employers buy health insurance and then the problem with that is it has become so expensive for employers to continue to provide health insurance so a lot of employers have had to cut back on what types of health insurance they can give people."

Why are we number one at all these areas? And what is driving us to receive such a bad 4 problems in Nevada, one bad area leads to a domino effect on another. Just last year due to the hous-

ing market collapsing led to a very bad decrease in recovery of labor, jobs. While other states were improving, Nevada has been hitting new lows.

When it came to the high rankings in unemployment Montero provided The Brand with another response on

reputation. For many **LLA** lot of that is probably a direct correlation with unemployment rates." ~Judge Montero

a negative impact on Nevada. "My speculative

how Las Vegas has

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were growing so

purely

fast when the economy was booming, because of the construction and probably the gaming industry in Las Vegas primarily, Nevada because of Las Vegas was one of the fastest growing states in the nation for years that was all good when the economy

was booming, but when it's not booming, suddenly the constructions gone, there is not as many opportunities in the casino industry and so all these people who came here suddenly don't have as many opportunities and now we have high unemployment. Again, In Winnemucca we're in pretty good shape."

Although Nevada is hitting all time lows, all of these problems can be fixed as long as we are all committed into making Nevada one of the top states in America.

Cinco de Mayo: Not Mexican Independence Day

By Marc Esquivel

Por que celebramos el Cinco de Mayo? We all see the enormous fiestas with Mexican people putting on traditional dances and serving the most delicious food

on the planet, but really, what are they celebrating? Many people, Americans and Mexican-Americans alike, have no idea what Cinco de Mayo is about.

"We're Mexican, it's our duty to know about our country's history," said senior Betsy Guerrero, "it's where our parents came from, we should know what Betsy Guerhappened."



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When Benito Juarez

became president of Mexico in 1861, he was forced to default on all the country's debts because of the financial ruin the country was in. Spain, Britain, and France sent forces over to demand their money. Mexico settled with Spain and Britain but France decided to try incorporating Mexico into their empire and sent 6000 troops to attack Puebla de Los Angeles, a small town in Mexico. President Juarez sent 2000 soldiers to defend the town under command of General Ignacio Zaragoza. The second rate Mexican force was able to fend off the French, killing more than 500 French soldiers while losing less than 100 soldiers themselves. The Cinco de Mayo was a major victory for Mexico and showed that the country wouldn't just roll over and let France in without a fight.

The 'holiday" is much more glorified in the US than it is in Mexico. Most of Mexico, excluding the state of Puebla in which the battle took place, treats the Cinco de Mayo like any other day of the year. In the state of Puebla, the Cinco de Mayo is celebrated with recreations of la Batalla de Puebla and festivals to commemorate the Mexican victory. In the United States, the holiday is celebrated in several ways: festivals put on mainly by people of Mexican decent, show the traditional Mexican celebrations such as dances and performing music; locally, elementary schools put on a demonstration of the Cinco de Mayo to educate young ones on what the holiday is.

Contrary to what most Americans

(and many people of Mexican decent) believe, the Cinco de Mayo is not Mexican Independence Day, which is September 15/16. Cinco de Mayo is more of a "getting in touch with their roots" for many Mexicans in America, and is celebrated much more here than it is in Mexico.

The almost depressing part of the holiday is that many Mexican kids or

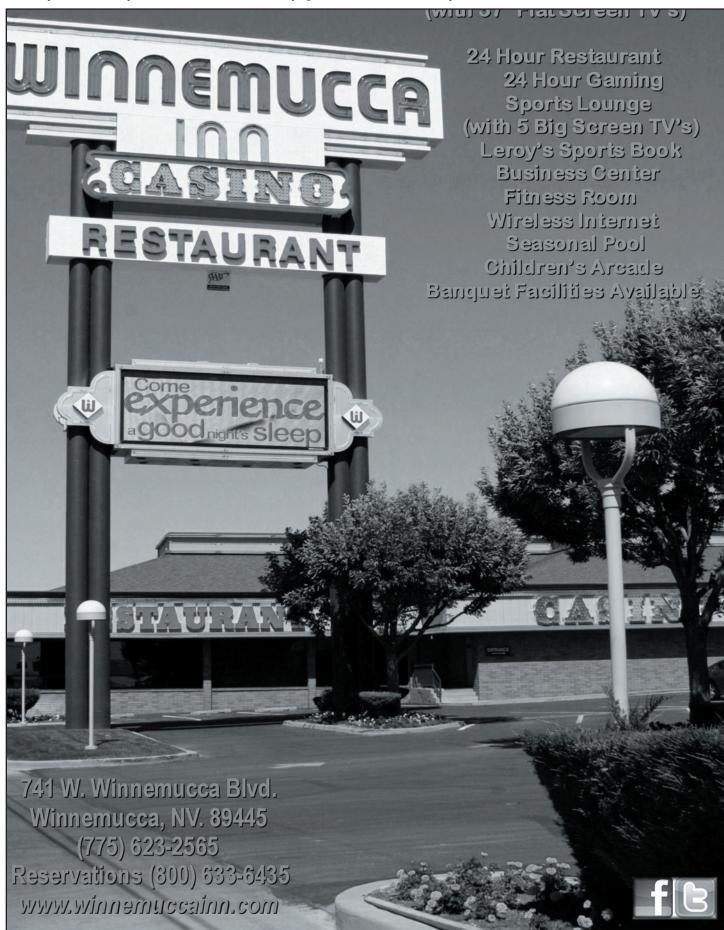
kids of Mexican decent in America have no idea what they are celebrating, showing a loss of culture to some degree.

"It's something that kids [of Mexican decent] have to want to learn about and look into," said Spanish teacher Mr. Clay Sagers, "I think it would be good for the kids to learn about [Cinco de Mayo] and know what it really is."

If you don't know, now you know. Cinco de Mayo, May 5, is the celebration of the victory in Puebla, not Mexico winning independence from Spain close to 50 years prior Mr. Clay Sagto the Battle of Pueb-



ers./Courtesy





Wyatt's little problems

By Wyatt Lester



n America we all have so many problems. Or do we? We tend to make problems up, but in the end they're not that bad. I like to call these

"American problems". In some countries they wake up one morning and some dictator wants to cut all their heads off because he's having a bad day. That's what a real problem is

Here we get mad at our phones for not loading a five minute video in 10 seconds. Just calm down....it has

February

affirmative action in higher education

institutions. Affirmative action is

positive steps taken to increase

the representation of women and

minorities in areas of employment,

education, and business from which

they have been historically excluded.

(Stanford Dictionary of Philosophy)

action case took place between Allan

Bakke and the Regents of University

of California, and it set the standards

for affirmative action cases. In 2003,

another affirmative action case was

taken on when Barbra Grutter filed

a suit against the Law School of

University of Michigan, saying that

race was used as a predominant factor

in accepting students. When this

standard involves selection based on

race, gender, or ethnicity, it can cause

serious controversy, as seen in these

The case started with Abigail

In 1974, the original affirmative

Supreme

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Court announced

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it will be taking on

another case concerning

By Hayley Goldblatt

to receive a signal from space and back. Your human body will never go to the heights of space because you are impatient and can't appreciate this amazing technology. You also probably can't even imagine the waves of information that swirl around you and your amazing iPhone. It's collecting all this information that you could never begin to understand.

We like to complain about things a lot. School is one thing that most kids hate. Even if there are a small number of people who actually do enjoy school, they are still outnumbered by the mass of students who will do anything to get out of school for a day. Now just think. In some countries there are no schools

and people don't have access to an education. Here we get it for free and it's not just an elementary education. It's a full blown all the way to high school diploma free ride that can land you a great job to provide for your family. So the next time you're suffering in a classroom think of all those kids who can't receive an education like yourself.

Also we need to stop putting so much work off. We tend to procrastinate so much. These little American problems tend to lead to worldly problems. Things like the American debt to China. Personally I don't like China having a hold on us like that. One of these days their going to call in all that cash and we'll

be trying to say, "Well we'll pay the rent next month if that's cool." Sorry it doesn't work like that. They're going to have a leash on us and they're going to walk us around the block like their little Shi Tzu dogs that come from China.

These are only a few "American problems" that surround our lives every day. You could be in a third world country with no food, no family, and a no education so the next time you're facing these problems just think that maybe it's not that big of a deal

Kevin and Nic's rant

By Kevin Boyle & Nic Velasquez



in: I really love classes such as journalism.

It really teaches you a lot about life as well as work ethic. It really is one of my favorite things next to dipping my face in lava.

Nic: School starts just early enough to make my day feel like I am an insomniac that gets 10 minutes of sleep every night. If I got 30 more minutes of sleep in the morning, I would be golden.

Kevin: I love how the bells constantly remind me that I'm late for my terrible day.

<u>People</u>

Nic: I really hate when people claim that they know a lot, when in reality they are really good at using Google.

Kevin: I love when I turn in applications and the boss never calls me back.

Nic: I hate it when people say they work out constantly and say how big of a workout. freak they are, but all they can do is bench

Kevin: I LOVE TO WORK-OUT!!

Facebook

Kevin: I love how Facebook tells me how many friend requests I don't have.

Nic: I hate how people take stuff too serious on Facebook.

Kevin: I love when people quote songs on Facebook; they're so deep.

Nic: I hate when people send me friend requests.

World

Nic: I hate when people around me talk in a language I can't understand. I always feel like they are talking about me.

Kevin: I love it when America gets mad and goes to war.

Nic: I hate Mexican food.

Kevin: I think Lowry Baseball is so good at sports. They will never lose again.

Nic: I hate newspapers.

to Brian Fitzpatrick, a law professor at Vanderbilt University, a broad ruling in favor of the student, Abigail Fisher, could decimate affirmative action programs among many of the

Supreme Court to take case on reverse affirmative action

because the Justices feel sympathy for her and her cause. It also seems like Justice Samuel Alito is more hostile to the idea of affirmative action then

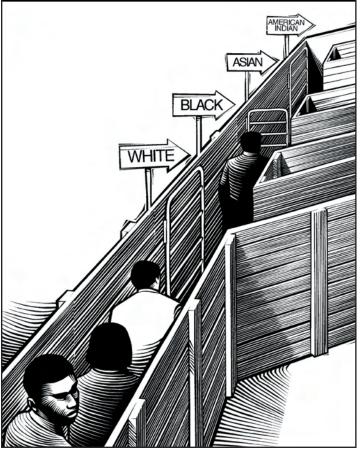
nation's public and private colleges,

his predecessor Sandra Justice O'Connor. Day (Fox News-Supreme Court to take up reverse affirmative action case at Texas university)

To fulfill the requirements for affirmative action, most schools must have x number minority students group and anyone else who fits their requirements to get into their school. Now say that an African American student with a 3.2 GPA admitted over a Caucasian

student with a 3.7 GPA because of affirmative action. This is an example of over using affirmative action.

Students should get an equal chance to get into a school they are qualified for and not be judged or accepted by the color of their skin. Students who deserve to get in should not be pushed to the back of the list because of affirmative action.



Fisher, who sued the University of Texas for not admitting her and another female student. According

Reader Response to last edition's Open Your Eyes

By Rebecca Barber

cases above.

irst of all where do you get your facts that 'Teenage years are the most crucial years in a person's life'. Being a teenager is a stepping stone to your future. It doesn't determine what groups someone will enter, who they will be and it most definitely doesn't determine how successful someone will be. Sure some habits that are picked up while in high school aren't always the best but they can help you make your life better. No one lives a perfect life with no mistakes. Everyone has something they want to hide or wishes would disappear, some are just more intense than others.

Second you really have nothing to back up you statements. I mean I know my parents can be very protective but they are not the only reasons I have had problems with my body.

I have matured now but there was a time when I thought I needed to be perfect for people like you. I was not happy with my parents because I wasn't happy with myself and who I was becoming. This is a two way street. You have to have respect for your parents before they can respect you.

Thirdly if you're not ready to be pregnant then don't have sex. It's as simple as that. There is no "well it's safer with protection." No it's not you are still introduced to STDs and a chance of getting pregnant.

And lastly. Ya every teenager is an emotional roller coaster but the disorders you listed like bipolar, autism, depression, and anxiety are inherited. They run in the family. Autism is not something just pick up while going to school you are born with it. Some teenager have more health issues because they spend too much time thinking about their health. Your future can change by just one look at something. Your action now can affect them but they can NOT define your future.



Mean Girls

By Madison Waldie



s many of you might know and realize, I am a person that is full of useless information and opinions. Recently, it has been

brought to my attention that there is one thing that grinds my gears more than others: Girls who constantly slander and put down the male population. You know the comments that I am referring to.

"Guys are so mean!" "Why isn't he nice to me?"

Since the time we were in first and second grade, the motto has always

been, "Girls rule, boys drool," but why? Why has this conviction been inscribed in our minds? Adam didn't even sin first, Eve did. How often do you hear of the drama between two guys in the hallways? Hardly ever. I cannot remember the last time I heard of "Jorge and Kevin are fighting because Jorge hit on Kevin's woman," or "Jamal and Nick are in a feud because Jamal wanted to hangout with Joe instead of Nick."

Guys show so much more loyalty within their friendships than girls do. They have a guy code' and stick to it, but when they are fighting, they are aware that not everyone and their grandmas need to hear about it so they respect their privacy and keep things quiet. I have found that they

keep secrets better too. When was the last time that you heard the latest hot gossip from a boy and not a girl? It could be that boys don't care about what the fight was over, or who stole whose boyfriend, or it could be that the males are normally more honest, confident, and laid-back.

I am not going to blindly state that this is the case all of the time, because I know just as well as you do that relationships and the four-letter 'L' word change things. There are exceptions to everything, and some men do treat women unfairly, and wrong, but these are normally the women that are talking about their 'mean' and 'uncaring' boyfriend behind their backs, and being unfaithful and cunning when he isn't around. Perhaps if you con-

fronted him with your problems they could be sorted out between the two of you, instead of between you and your 1092 Facebook friends.

I am not trying to imply that I hate all girls either, because I am one and that would be rather nonsensical and dim. The misandry that some girls show is just ignorant, and makes me want to spend more of my time around the male population. It is a cruel and vicious cycle because the girls that speak all of this nonsense are the ones that are "SO BORED" and need someone to "Text me!"

Maybe if they took all of the effort that they put into hating boys and used it to try and get along with them, things would be different and people would get along. Enough said.

What Happend to MTV?

By Jolyn Garcia



et's go back in time to 1981. Turn on your television and tune into MTV. You'll find yourself watching Pat Benatar singing her latest chart topper. Now fast for-

ward to 2009 and you will be introduced to a new female icon, Nichole (Snooki) Polizzi. Nichole along with her friends, are followed by an MTV camera crew who documents their lives to make the popular show, "Jersey Shore".

Over the years MTV has aired less music videos and more reality shows. Viewers used to tune in to MTV to find out what the hot new music was. Now they gather around to see how the Teen Moms are doing and what type of problem our "Jersey Shore" cast has encountered. Allow me to ask the question that has now formed in your mind, what happened to Music Television?

MTV's main objective when it first launched was to air music videos 24 hours a day. Today the only times a music video can be found on MTV is between midnight and 6 am. The other 18 hours of the day are filled with reality television shows. You might stumble upon a scripted show, but let's face it, those are practically mindless too.

Music Television has transformed itself from a channel where someone would tune in to rock out, to a place where viewers get their latest gossip. The next time you're enjoying the many reality shows MTV has to offer, remember that the M doesn't stand for music and thank those at Mindless Television who brought it to you.

Open your eyes

By Brandon Eastman



he best way to compare two very similar people is to look strictly at the numbers. However, when you are going to compare possibly the two greatest basketball players to ever step foot on a court, it is so much more than that. The Michael Jordan and Kobe

Bryant debate has been going on ever since they came into the league, but I am going to put an end to the pointless argument.

We are going to start off by taking a look at the numbers; just to see how they stack up against one another. Jordan owns six NBA Championships (which is a great accomplishment considering he spent only 15 seasons in the league). Bryant has managed five NBA Championships during his career, which coincidentally has also been 15 seasons up to this point. In addition to his six championships, Jordan has also collected five MVP awards, whereas Bryant has won the award just once. This should tell the story right there. A player [Bryant]

who prides himself on being the best individual (as opposed to team) player has won the 'individual statistics' award just once.

If we are going to look at career statistics, Jordan also holds the edge in those numbers. Jordan averaged 30.1 PPG, 6.2 RPG, 5.3 APG, and 2.35 SPG. Bryant averaged 25.4 PPG, 5.3 RPG, 4.7 APG, and 1.5 SPG.

Argument over. It's not even close, but I'm not quite done explaining why Michael Jordan is head-and-shoulders above Kobe Bryant.

Jordan was a player who

would do whatever was going to benefit his team. If that meant he was going to rebound the ball and set up his teammates for success, then that is what he would do. If it meant he had to score 40, that's what he would do. He did things for the good of the team. He was a competitor

Bryant, the same sort of competitor as Jordan, was (and still is) a different type of player. He goes into each game with the mindset that he has to win the game on his own. He is going to do what he does, whether it benefits the team or not. He is so intent on filling up his section of the box score that he will sacrifice the name on the front of the jersey for the name on the back of the jersey. That is something you would never have seen from Jordan. He was more worried with what the scoreboard said than the box score.

I think I have made my point. If you are reading this and have any problems with the argument (although, was it really an argument?) I have presented, please feel free to approach me and try to persuade me why Kobe should even be mentioned in the same sentence as Michael Jordan as of right now. He may eventually get there, but he's still got quite a ways to go before then.



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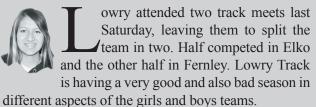
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Track competes at Elko and Fernley Invitationals

By Jolyn Garcia



At the Fernley Invitational the boys sprinting relay teams containing Beau Billingsley, Bret Hammond (4x100), Nic Velasquez, Mauricio Ramirez (4x200), and Cody Green. In the 4x100 the boys relay teams took last place and in the 4x200 they did not do so hot either. As for the distance portion of the team, they went to the meets "coming off of hard practices and facing sickness. The showing wasn't as good as their potential." said Coach Dawn Lucas.

The long distance team this year is made up of mostly freshman. The strongest runners are three seniors, Chase Estes, Ryan Kracaw, and Casey Kieser.

"They are good leaders and have good experience to lead the young team." said Lucas.

The throwers this year have less people that stand out among the rest. Missing their two top throwers from last year, Ivan Ramirez and Will Thacker, who were seniors, the team is left with Cody Anderson to take the top spot. Behind Anderson are Shivam Bhakta and Drake Kavanaugh. The top female throwers are Jasmin Landa, Kim Garcia, Rachel Jones, and Chandra Waner. Coach Taua Cabatat says that the throwers who have a chance to go to state this year are "Anderson, Taylor Martin, Sergio Castaneda, and Drake Kavanaugh. For the girls, maybe Jasmin Landa, Rachel Jones, Chandra and Garcia. Nothing is guaranteed right now."

At the Elko invitational the sprinting relays were very successful. This being the girl's first 4x400 of the year they beat Lowry's best time last year, in which the relay team contained LaTray and three previous seniors. The 4x200 did not go quite as well. Running the 4x200 was Alex Schirrick, Meg Montero, Taylor



Cody Andersen practicing for the discus./Jolyn Garcia • The Brand

LaTray and Kelsey Killpack. They placed fourth, which was a disappointment to their previous meets where they would place up to second, the 4x200 has been inconsistent with different runners and standings each meet. The boys were also running their first 4x400 and took sixth place overall. This relay team consisted of Sterling Dennis, Kelvin Meza, Cody Mecham, and Robert Stepper.

Lowry not only represented their girl sprinters well at the Elko invitational, but their pole vaulters and Jumpers also did quite well.

Lowry track has many things they have to improve on. With tougher practices and better weather, they will be performing at the same level as last year.

The man, the myth, the Mendiola inducted into Hall of Fame

By Calvin Connors

ince Mendiola is the first person to have achieved a state championship as a player, coach and athletic director for the same sport (boy's basketball) at the same school; and in February he was inducted into the Nevada Hall of Fame.

Born in 1955 and growing up in the 1960's there was no worry about cell phones, recording your favorite television show, or even computers. The only worry for Mendiola and his group of friends were getting home for dinner and when they would get together for the next basketball, football, or baseball game. Growing up his dad was there for him in anything he did such as, sports, academics, and just a good guy to be

"My dad was very influential, he supported everything he did, he coached me in everything I did," said Mendiola.

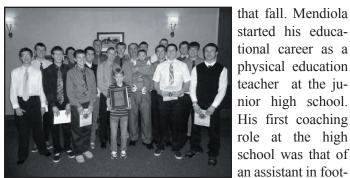
A few of Mendiola's neighborhood friends were, Dave Mendiola, Joe Dendary, Mitch Woods, and Jim Billingsley. Growing up, Mendiola and his neighborhood friends played football

across from the hospital, they played basketball at the Grammar School where the best asphalt basketball courts were back in the day.

Mendiola graduated from the high school in 1974 with 2A all-Northern and tion./Courtesy • Dana Peters

All-State First Team in football three times. He started on the school's 1973 (junior season) and 1974 (senior season) state championship basketball teams. He was the lead player on the school's 1972, 1973 and 1974 state championship golf teams and was the Class 2A state tournament's individual runnerup in his senior year. Mendiola earned a football scholarship to play at Boise State University, where he lettered in three of his four seasons and earned Second Team all-Big Sky Conference honors as a defensive lineman 1978.

Mendiola graduated with his Bachelor's degree from BSU in the spring of 1979 and returned to Winnemucca



11 varsity letters and. The varsity basketball, team, friends, and He was named to the family joined Vince Mendiola at his induc-

in boy's basketball (1982-1986 and 2002-2005) and baseball (1982). Mendiola's first varsity head coaching opportunity came in 1985 with the football team. He took over at the helm of the boy's basketball program in 1988

at the high school level, as an assistant

ball. Mendiola also

assisted, over the

course of his career

and led the Buckaroos on a remarkable nine-season run. His teams compiled a 156-89 record, capturing the state title in 1992. Vince was selected as the 2A Northern Coach of the Year four times (1988, 1989, 1991, 1992) and the state Coach of the Year following his team's state championship season. He also coached the golf teams from 1988 through 1997.

Mendiola assumed the responsibil-

ity of Athletic Director in 1999. His first go-round went two years, and his second lasted six (2003-2009). He served 20 times as a Northern league/region tournament director and six times as a state championship event director. Vince's directorship scope went beyond the 2A/3A, as his staff was greatly responsible for re-uniting all of the state wrestling finals under one roof and for making the Winnemucca Event Center also a home base for small-enrollment classification school post-season basketball extravaganzas.

He was selected the 3A's Athletic Director of the Year in 2004. He was named the Nevada Athletic Directors Association's Athletic Administrator of the Year in 2006.

Vince and his wife, Joyce, have a daughter, Chelsea, and a son, Louis. He as been a member of Century Club since 1979, The Whitworth Foundation, and the Winnemucca Volunteer Fire Department (1990-2009). (courtesy of the NIAA Hall Of Fame).

Mendiola's favorite quote is reflects on his past records and his goals that he has received.

"'Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing'," said Mendiola.

Semi Pro MMA could be interesting

By Wyatt Lester



he Gladiators Challenge (GC) is an league that MMA holds championship fights and regular weighted matches

for entertainment in cities all over the West Coast. It is one of the oldest operated fighting companies in the US. There are fights that change competitors from around the world and every so often there are events in Elko and Reno that locals can attend to watch semi-pro fighters brawl in the octagon. Some of GC's fights have been aired on Spike TV in the past and it is a growing league that we're lucky to have near us.

There are many different fighters

in the Gladiators Challenge fighting league and 10 champions in 10 different weight classes. Like any other fighting league, the Gladiators Challenge has weight classes from 125 lbs to 275 lbs and heavyweight classes. Even a Native American champion belt can be won by the fighters that are Native Americans. The GC is headed by owner and founder Tedd Williams who has over 20 years of mixed martial arts experience.

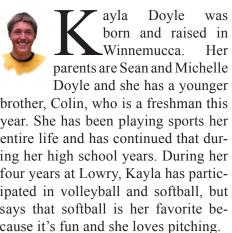
An upcoming event for the GC is coming up in Elko, Nevada on June 30. The event will be held at the Elko Indian Colony Gymnasium with a card full of exciting fights. With a full fight card and many amateur fighters and defending champs it should be a great show of sport for amateur fighters everywhere involved in MMA





AOI: Kayla Doyle

By Brandon Eastman



Kayla said her family gives her the motivation to play sports.

"Colin plays sports so he knows what's going on, my mom is my role model and we're really close, and my dad is really encouraging when it comes to sports and school; he always wants me to do my best," she said.

She said, "Having a role model is really important obviously, but I think

it means a lot because you have someone there that's always wanting you to succeed. There's going to be people in

LL...you have someone there that's always wanting you to succeed."

~Kayla Doyle

your life who bring you down and it's nice to have someone in your life that you can look up to and strive to be like them."

For Kayla, it's not always about what goes on when she's on the field. What happens in the classroom is more important to her. "Grades are really important to me since we miss a lot of school for softball and volleyball [almost every Friday] it's hard to keep grades up but I know that even playing a sport you're more relaxed if you know that you're caught up on

your schoolwork and you don't have to worry about being ineligible."

Doyle has several accomplishments that she is very proud of. In volleyball, she has had the opportunity to participate in the playoffs for two consecutive years, and, while they fell short on both occasions, they gave Fallon a run for their money this year. Last year, she was named 2nd Team All-League in softball. She also feels a little extra motivation this year after a disappointing end to last season and hopes to end her high school career with a chance to play for a state championship.

After Kayla graduates she will work for the BLM during the summer and then plans on attending UNR in the fall and studying either Education or Public Relations. She does not plan on pursuing any college athletics, though.

"I think my academics will carry me farther in life than athletics, so I just want to focus on my education."



Lady Buckaroos sweep Longhorns

Lowry improves to 8-1 on the season and moves to second place in league

By Marc Esquivel

fter coming off of some impressive victories over Elko last week, the Lowry softball team kept the ball rolling and

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Hana Etcheverry throws the ball during practice/ Courtesy
• Winnada

ran right through the Longhorns in Battle Mountain this past weekend.

The softball girls got things started with a big win over Battle Mountain on Friday crushing the Longhorns 10-0. The second game of the series was much like the first, Lowry continued with the domination and rolled the Longhorns 16-0. Battle Mountain finally managed to get on the scoreboard in the last game of the series, but Lowry continued with their dominating ways

and beat the Longhorns yet again 11-2, completing the sweep of Battle Mountain.

A week prior to this series the Lady Bucks traveled to Elko to play a tough series against the Indians. After losing the first game Lowry rallied to win a 14 inning game and take the series in the third game against Elko. These tough wins gave the team energy that all the players fed on and carried into the Battle Mountain series.

"We went in with a lot of momentum from last weekend," said senior Angie Herrera, "Now with these wins we know that need keep this going and take care of business for the rest of the season."



With these Winnada
wins Lowry
now sits on an 8-1 league record for
the Ruby Mountain league. Their re-

the Ruby Mountain league. Their record has also improved their league standings to second place just behind White Pine.

Lowry will finally play their first home games April 18 against Wells and then take their home field again against Spring Creek on April 20 and 21.



Angie Herrera making a th./ Courtesy
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Heather McElvain practices batting./ Courtesy
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AOI: Bryan Noble, The Man of Mystery

By Calvin Connors



Bryan Noble (Nobes) hangs out in the in the Senior Hall where he posts up across the boys bathroom. When you see Bryan you see

no expression on his face, you notice a look in his eyes that gives off a silent vibe of swagger. People who know Nobes understand that he is a great athlete and a great person who won't make fun of anyone when the people who surround him are making fun of a specific person. He sees people for who they are, not what other people view them as.

Bryan lived in Ridgecrest, California until he was about seven or eight he moved to Winnemucca. Ridgecrest is in the middle of the Mojave Desert where the temperature would reach up to 120 °F in July; Bryan had never seen snow before he moved to Winnemucca. In the second grade is when he first played football for Coach Tim Billingsley in the Pop Warner League. Nobes played soccer, basketball, baseball, and football growing up; he enjoyed going outside and playing any sport

with his friends.

"I remember being outside with my friends, we would explore or maybe go swimming," said Noble.

When Bryan moved back to Winnemucca he remembers making friends really fast with Jace Billingsley, they both attended Sonoma Heights Elementary School, their friendship continues to this day. Bryan said his greatest childhood memory was his last year of football in the Jr. League when they went undefeated, he said they felt like that was as good as it gets until they reached high school.

"I made friends with Jace pretty quickly, and everybody on my first football team like Gus (Duncan), Johnny, Cole (Hatcher), and Michael (Billingsley) among many others," said Bryan.

As a Freshmen Bryan made the JV football team, he started as a linebacker, tight end, and kicker. Nobes played along side his childhood friends who also made JV as freshmen, Hernandez, Duncan, Hatcher, and Jace Billingsley. Bryan made the freshmen basketball team where he was coached by Mr. Taua Cabatbat. Noble made the varsity baseball team as a freshman and has

been the number one pitcher for the Buckaroos since his freshman year. Bryan has been on the Varsity football team since his sophomore year, and been on the Varsity basketball team since his junior year. On any bus ride to a sporting event Nobes puts in his headphones and reads a book the entire trip, he has many favorite quotes but his favorite is; "'It is always dark right before the dawn'."

Bryan has made a huge impact in Lowry Athletics, he has many individual awards and records. Noble has a career record of 20-8 as a pitcher which ties him 8th all-time in Nevada history. He was named 3A Defensive Player of The Year as a Linebacker his senior season as well as being the Defensive MVP, voted by the coaching staff at Lowry.

Bryan Made the varsity basketball team his senior season but was sidelined due to a foot injury. He has had a good baseball season so far with a 4-2 record as a pitcher, and a .400 batting average. Throughout his four seasons on the Varsity baseball team his first three years he has been named as a Second Team Pitcher All-League, First Team Pitcher All-League twice, he is

time Acaalso a three demic State Champion. says his senior year has been incredible due t o t h e great fans at the sporting and also events just being around his friends. Bryan's future plans consist of playing baseball at Whitworth University or Linfield College.

Bryan's future plans consist of playing baseball at Whitworth University or Linfield College. He plans on getting his Engineering Degree and sees himself either coming back to Winnemucca or staying in the West.

Varsity baseball climbs back into playoff picture, faces Spartans on Friday

By Kevin Boyle



Rodeo

By Justin Albright

and Clayton Combs.

place.

fourth place

Baseball has had an up and down year thus far, but returned to playoff contention with two

his year's Humboldt

Leam has had a very successful season so far. This years members include: Cole

County

Hatcher, Shaynee Monchamp, Dukota

O'Reilly, Savannah Montero, Dakota

Flanagan, Deanna Pasquale, JD

Thacker, Matt Ourada, Josh Dufferena,

successful season as the results that

were updated as of April 3 are:

The team this year has had a very

Barrels: Deanna Pasquale, ninth

Goat tying: Savannah Montero,

Breakaway: Savannah Montero,

The Humboldt County Rodeo Team./ Courtesy • Winnada

Rodeo

wins against Elko April 13-14.

The prior weekend, the Bucks struggled against Battle Mt. losing two games. Losses against Elko could have eleiminated the team from the playoffs.

Now, Lowry has an even bigger game against the Spring Creek Spartans



Savannah Montero./ Courtesy • Winnada tenth place.

Tie Down: Josh Dufferena, twelfth place.

Girls Cutting: Deanna Pasquale, sixth place and Savannah Montero, eighth place.

Bulls: Dakota Flanagan is in a three way tie for eighth place.

Team Roping: Clayton Combs, tenth place.

All around girl: Deanna Pasquale ninth place and Savannah Montero, thirteenth place.

All around boy: Clayton C o m b s, fourteenth place.

The Lowry
Buckaroos have
their first home
rodeo meet on
May fourthsixth as they
look to continue
on their recent
success.

April 20-21.

"Spring Creek is always a good matchup. It should be fun with the playoffs on the line, " said coach ron Espinola.

Against the Indians in the first game the Bucks came out swinging winning with a score of 13-1. In the second game the Indians had a come back and beat the Bucks 14-10. With that loss everything rode on the third game and the Bucks were down until pinch-hitter



Jace Billingsley slides into thrid base against Damonte Ranch./ Courtesy • Lorin Noble

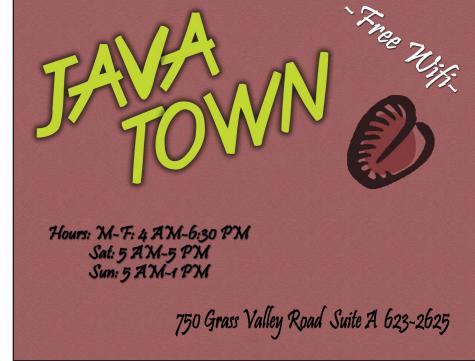
Tanner Lecumberry doubled down the right field line to score two runs and put Lowry ahead to stay.

Jace Billinglsey closed out the game, getting out of a bases-loaded jam, while Tyler Brumm picked up the win. The final score of the third game was 13-9.

The Bucks play Spring Creek starting at 4:00 p.m. Friday. Spring Creek is in first place in the league with a 6-3 record.



Tanner Lecumberry against the Reno Huskies./ Courtesy • Lorin Noble





JV softball continues march toward undefeated season

By Hayley Goldblatt



he JV Softball continued its undefeated season with a 26-0 drubbing of the Carlin Railroaders.

Alyssa Dendary thought it was an overall good effort.

"I think we all played well. Everyone got hits and our defense was pretty solid," said freshman pitcher Dendary.

Another freshman pitcher, Kylee McClellan added, "We worked together as a team and got the job done."

All of the girls were excited about

Dendary said, "The win felt good especially because we just enhanced our undefeated record."

Even though the Lady Bucks are undefeated, the team feels like they need to improve in some areas.

"We need to improve on bunting. We need to get our bunts down and they didn't go as planned," McClellan

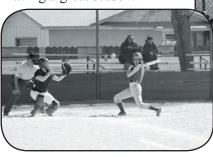
The JV team is enthusiastic for the rest of the season.

McClellan said "For the rest of the season I expect us to keep doing what we're doing and keep getting better to beat the tougher teams."

Freshman Alyssa Jones added "As

long as we keep playing the way that we are the season should finish up well for us."

All in all, the JV girls are having a great season.



Above: Alyssa Dendary moves out of the way of a pitch. Top Right: Taylor Schwartz Throws a pitch. Bottom Right: Lexie Coleman takes her lead from first base./ Courtesy • Winnada

JV baseball loses doubleheader to Yerington

By Cole Erquiaga



day that featured all types of weather turned in to a long afternoon as the Buckaroos stuggled to come up with timely hits and dropped two games to the Li-

In addition to the weather, Lowry was also hampered by defensive miscues.

"We didn't hit very well throughout the day and could never get ahead," said sophomore pitcher Dusty Bryan.

In game one the weather hit hard, a little bit of everything from hail, rain, and wind. It was a struggle to get an oppurtunity to put runs on the board and Yerington seemed to be untouched by it all and took game one 7-1.

"Pitching and defense were decent, but our lack of offense isn't making their defense work," said coach James Williams.

In the second game the Buckaroos seemed to have a little better hitting, but not the best which led to a 6-4 defeat by the Lions once again.

When asked if weather was an excuse, freshman catcher Donovan Brumm answered, "both teams had to play in the same weather, so weather was no excuse. I though we were beaten by ourself, we need to practice on our hitting and scoring."

"Inabilities on offense are costing us wins right now," said Williams.

The Bucks will be back in action to take on the

Spring Creek Spartains this weekend with a different mind set and hoping for better hitting and getting runs in for a better outcome.

more of an advantage," said Meyer.

for the 2012 season. Freshmen: Colton

Black, Hunter Dimock, Blake Duncan,

Andres Mendoza, Joshua Rose, Liam

Sparks and Ryan Rasmussen. Sopho-

mores: Joseba Criswell, Ethan Gray,

Dylan Gregersen, Jacob Jackich, Chris

Mendoza, Joshua Shaver and Braxton

Paulsen. Juniors: Chris Dendary and

pects nothing less than a state cham-

pionship. He says if they do not win it

will be a great disappointment. With

two sophomores, being Ethan Gray

and Chris Mendoza doing extremely

well this year Meyer said they help a

perienced team this year. As a runner up last year our expectations are high,

and we hope to get better as the season gets better and come home with an

12th state championship," said Chris

"We have a very young, but ex-

lot and stand out.

Mendoza.

According to Coach Meyers he ex-

Cole Erquiaga. Senior: AJ Ourada.

The roster consists of 17 golfers

Colin Doyle fields a ground ball./ Ron Espinola • The

145: Jones-Evans

By Wyatt Lester



FC 145 is on its way with yet another exciting fight card and it includes the former light heavyweight champ Rashad Evans

looking to get his title back from current champ, Jon Jones.

Atlanta's Philips Arena will hold the event on April 21 with 12 fights. Also on the fight card is one of best upcoming rookie fighters, Rory MacDonald fighting Che Mills.

The big fight is the title fight for the light-heavyweight division which is currently held by Jones. Jones is only 23 years old and has worked to get his title through constant stoppages and Knock Out of the Night awards that got him a lot of attention. But the big push to becoming light weight champion was domilegendary nating

martial artist Mauricio "Shogun" Rua with a TKO victory at UFC 128. Ever since he has defended his title against veterans such as Lyoto "The Dragon" Machida and Quinton "Rampage" Jackson. However his biggest challenge yet awaits him at UFC 145. Veteran Evans aims to gain his title back after a few years of being out of the running due to some injuries with his hand. After the last few preliminary fights that almost seemed too easy for Evans, he aims for the belt and by the looks of the match and his phenomenal track record up he might just be the one with his hand raised at the

end of the night. He has wins over almost every big name in the light weight division and has been around since his debut in 2004. The fight has the looks to be a fight of the ages and if I were you I'd tune in and check it out.

The fights look intense all around but all the focus is on the main event for the belt. So this Saturday get ready for a UFC to remember.





Left: Donovan Brumm catches a popup. Right: Thomas Schwartz makes a running catch in the outfield./ Ron Espinola • The

Boys golf builds on success

By Taylor LaTray



The Lowry golf team began this season hoping to improve upon last year's success, and they have done exactly that.

In 2011 they finished second in the state and received the Academic All-State Award. Coaching the Boy's Golf team is Mr. Andrew Meyer who is in his first year at Lowry. Meyers speaks highly of his team and expects nothing but the best from them.

"Our team is doing awesome so



Chris Mendoza./ Courtesv • Winnada

advantaged, if anything I feel I have

that ing we're undefeated. I feel the one thing we need to do is fostay cused and not get overconfident.

see-

As a new coach I do not feel like I am under

This season so far seems to be on a very good track with several of the athletes having a great season last year, they expect another successful season.



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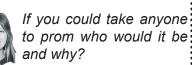
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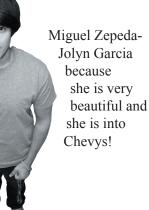
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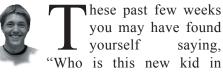




Mary Castaneda-One of my good guy friends because it wouldn't be awkward and we could just have fun!

Lowry's newest student, Rolfe Anaki

By Brandon Eastman



school?" Well, the new face in the halls is none other than Rolfe Anaki. He is from the Bahamas where he lived for 15 years. He moved to Winnemucca last month with his girlfriend, Jessica. His family stayed in the Bahamas, but Rolfe was looking for something to spice up his life and felt that Winnemucca was the perfect place for him.



Rolfe Anaki./Courtesy • Winnada

Some Anaki's hobbies include catching and raising rats. He likes to make homes for them and feed them and nurture them. He said, "It's very relaxing. It's

kind of like having your own little family... of rats."

He also loves to sew and knit sweaters for his rats. According to It's kind of like having your own little family... of rats."

~Rolfe Anaki

Anaki, they are practically his children.

Other than his rat hobby, Anaki likes to take long walks on the beach and listen to opera music.

Anaki says he likes Winnemucca because there are a lot of cowgirls and he wants them to teach him how to ride a donkey. He is a very smart kid also. Anaki gets straight A's and says that all the teachers love him.

Rolfe plans on graduating from Lowry and taking a year off to dabble in his very own opera singing, and if that doesn't work out he wants to continue his education at Harvard University, where he would like to receive a Master's Degree in Veterinary Science so that he may give back to the rat community.

Anaki says, "I would like to open up a Veterinary Clinic back in the Bahamas where I could be with both of my families... the rats and the humans."

NOTE: Rolfe does not exist.

What is on top of your bucket list?

By Trenton Smith



There are few situations where people live to be 90, fewer for 95, and it is a rare sight to see someone

turn the age of 100. So people usually make a thing called a bucket list, where you list the things that you want to do before you die.

Personally, I want to become a famous soldier or general and then build a big cabin up in the Appalachian Mountains where people will leave me alone. But that's just my opinion.

Ashley Mojica, a freshman, said she "wants to go see the orchestra in France" before she dies.

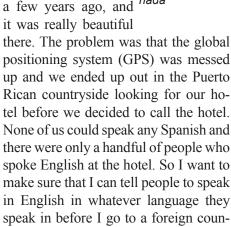
I would say that that is a pretty good

thing to do. I know that I also want to go see the Boston Pops Orchestra. That would be a dream come true.



Christian Rives, freshman, said, "I want to go to Italy before I die."

I would say that as well. I would just make sure that I knew enough Italian to tell them to speak English for me. I learned that from a past mistake. My parents and Ashley Mojica./
I went to Puerto Rico a few years ago, and



try.



JD Martin./Courtesy • Winnada

Jewel and Tami

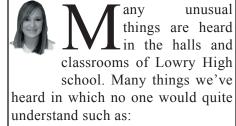
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J.D. Martin, another freshman, said, "I want to spend my final days in Greece."

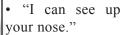
I would say that I would want to go to Greece, but maybe not my last days. I'd rather spend my last

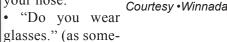
Heard in the Halls

By Destiny James



- •Over the PA: "Would the student who just got hit in the head by the attendance door, please return to the office."
- "I love dog bones."
- "I like to gnaw on things."
- "Biting is the key to get everything
- "Why is it wet outside?" (as it is raining)
- "Do you have a Mohawk?" (looking at a boy with a Mohawk)
- "What period are we going to?" (as she arrives to school Monday morning)
- "Press the u button on the keyboard." "What you button?"
- Jessie's laugh.
- "Dude that's totally chill."
- "Espy, you're a morning baby," Austin Jenkins.
- "Will you smell my shirt and tell me if it smells funny?"





one is wearing them)

• "Can a bald person get dan-

Austin Jenkins

"Why are you a boy?"

• "I would like to be a fish."

- "He has luscious hair," Calvin Connors.
 - "Is 'Forrest Gump' a true story?"

 "Is asking someone how old they
- "Is asking someone how old they are, like asking someone if they are pregnant?"
- "Mr. Williams, can I cuss in a foreign language?"Trenton Smith.

days in the county I was born in back home in Alabama. And again, I want to make sure that I can say, "Speak English, please," in Greek before I go.

I just have a question...what's with everyone wanting to go to Europe? You know how many riots they are having in different countries?

Oh, well. People have the right to their own choices. This especially should go for making your own Bucket List. I encourage everyone to make their own Bucket List just so that they can try and at least do some of the things they want to do in life before they die.

Deanna Eastman

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Round Up~Rodeo Club By Madison Waldie

Dukota O'Reilly, President of Rodeo Club

Q: How long have you lived in Nevada?

A: For 10 years.

- Q: How long have you been involved in rodeo?
- A: Since I was a freshman, 3 years.
- Q: What is your favorite rodeo activity? A: Bull riding, for sure.
- Q: What is your best memory in high school rodeo?
- A: My best memory is hanging out with the brothas at the rodeo.

Q: What is the title or achievement that you are most proud of?

A: Actually, just being healthy and fit enough to do what I do in the sport.

> Q: How many belt buckles do you own?

Q: Who has been the most influential person to you throughout your high school rodeo career?

A: My most influential perwould be my homeboy, Mark s o nCasey. He has helped me a lot, especially over the last few years.

Q: Do plan to pursue rodeo further in college, if so, where?

A: Nah, I think that I'll hang up the spurs while I'm ahead.

Q: What are some of your favorite past time activities when you aren't participating in rodeo?

A: That would have to be driving around checking out the hotties with the boys.

Q: What are your favorite rodeo events to watch?

A: I prefer to watch bull riding, but that there saddle bronc be some crazy stuff.

Q: What are your favorite events to participate

A: Definitely bull riding

Q: I have heard people say that rodeo is not a sport, how do you feel about that?

A: If people say that rodeo isn't a sport, then I don't know what it is. Rodeo is the most challenging sport that I have been in yet. If you have the guts to rodeo, then you will understand why it is a sport.

Q: If there is one common stereotype or misconception about rodeo that you would like to clear up what would it be?

A: Respect the rodeo life of cowboys and cowgirls for it is a crazy, wild ride.

Shaynee Monchamp, Miss Nevada High School Rodeo

Q: How long have you lived in Nevada? A: 10 rockin' years.

Q: How long have you been involved in rodeo? A: Since I was four years young.

Q: What is your favorite rodeo activity? A: RODEO DANCES!

Q: What is your best memory in high school ro-

A: Meeting my Make-A-Wish child, whose wish I granted through rodeo.

Q: What is the title or achievement that you are most proud of?

A: Miss Nevada High School Rodeo! I was able to change lives and make changes all in the name of Lowry and Nevada!

Q: How many belt buckles do you own? A: Luck number 7!

Q: Who has been the most influential person to you throughout your high school rodeo career? A: T.J. McCauley. He's the most hard working individual in high school rodeo that I have ever

Q: Do plan to pursue rodeo further in college, if so, where?

A: Heck yes! At Texas A&M.

Q: What are some of your favorite past time activities when you aren't participating in rodeo? A: RODEO DANCES, 'nuff said.

Q: What are your favorite rodeo events to watch?

A: Rough stock and steer wrestling. . . It's all about the intensity and the timing.

Q: What are your favorite events to participate in?

A: Barrel racing and breakaway roping! They both require tons of focus and hard work.

say that rodeo is not a

Q: I have heard people sport, how do you feel about that? A: Well, that makes baseball, football, softwrestling, b a 11, and soccer not sports. We work just



as hard as they all do, plus, rodeo is an important part of history. . . especially where we live.

Q: If there is one common stereotype or misconception about rodeo that you would like to clear up what would it be?

A: We might be from the sticks, but that doesn't mean we dress like it, sound like it, act like it, or smell like it until we have to. I know it's a shock but we are normal people!

Cole Hatcher

- Q: How long have you lived in Nevada? A: Off and on for my whole life.
- Q: How long have you been involved in rodeo?
- A: I've been going to rodeos since I was a baby, and competing since my freshman year.
- Q: What is your favorite rodeo activity?
- A: Bronc riding definitely and then all the dances with all of the cute girls.;)

Q: What is your best memory in high school rodeo?

A: In Las Vegas, when I got on a wicked horse and I rode him well, also the first time I spurred a horse at practice.

Q: How many belt buckles do you own?

A: 7

Q: What is the title or achievement that you are most proud of?

A: Most improved bronc rider.

Q: What are some of your favorite past time activities when you aren't participating in rodeo?

A: I enjoy breaking and training horses, hanging out with my best friends, shooting, and being a

Q: Who has been the most influential person to you throughout your high school rodeo career? A: Cody Demurs has taught me so much also my grandpa. My grandpa is always pushing me to practice hard, and Jerry Harper has helped me to keep getting back on and trying hard.

Q: Do plan to pursue rodeo further in college, if so, where?

A: Yes, I will be involved in rodeo at C.S.I. in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Q: What are your favorite rodeo events to watch?

A: Bulls and saddle bronc.

Q: What are your favorite events to participate

A: Wild West Ranch Bronc Riding.

Q: I have heard people say that rodeo is not a sport, how do you feel about that?

A: It's a bunch of bull. Cowboys are tough people and most, including me, train hard for what we do. It's a lot of cardio and strength training.

Q: If there is one common stereotype or misconception about rodeo that you would like to clear up what would is it?

A: Cowboys are not rednecks and not everyone that does rodeo is a cowboy. Cowboys work hard inside and outside of the arena, have good horsemanship, sportsmanship, and take care of their animals and what they have, and humble people. Keep it real.

student (1) life

Q and A with Judge Michael Montero

By Jolyn Garcia



Michael Montero was born and raised in Winnemucca. After graduating from Lowry High School he moved to Topeka, Kan-

sas to attend law school at Washburn University. He later moved to Reno, Nevada to practice law as an attorney. Michael Montero has been the District Court Judge for three years.

Q: When did you decide to become a judge?

A: I decided to become a judge in early 2008. It wasn't a long term goal of mine. When I learned that the current judge in Winnemucca wasn't going to run again, I decided it was a good time for me to move here and try to be elected as judge.

Q: What did you want to be before you decided to become a judge?

A: Well I was an attorney before I became a judge because in Nevada to be a district court judge, you have to be an attorney for ten years. I can say that I wanted to be an attorney for as long as I can remember.

Q: Why an attorney?

A: I always believed that attorneys had the opportunities to make a difference and I liked that idea. Not just a difference with people but with the way that our country is shaped. I also liked to talk and I liked to debate, so I liked the idea of what I believed a lawyer was when I was young. My father was also a significant person in my life and he always told me I was going to be a lawyer. So it was a combination of what I thought a lawyer was and what my father wanted me to be. And it worked out; it wasn't like something I was forced to be.

Q: How difficult is it being a District Judge?

A: It is a tough job because you have to make a lot of decisions that affect people's lives; some of them in very drastic ways. For example I deal with cases that involve custody of children. It might be decisions that I have to make where, would it be better for a child to live with mom or dad or someone else. Those are really tough decisions to make. There are a lot of decisions that you think about a lot;

both before and after making them.

Q: What is your favorite part about this job?

A: The people and being in court. At this district court level of being a judge, I get to meet the people, the good and the bad. I get to spend time with the lawyers and those who provide services in the community. I also like being able to make the decisions.

Q: What is your least favorite part?

also could be some of the best com part of this job and the worst part. Sometimes when you have to take children away from parents, those are probably the least favorite part of the

Q: Do you have any advice for someone who is thinking of becoming a judge?

A: Oh wow lots of advice! One thing is you have to be an attorney first, to be a district judge. I would encourage

A: Tough decisions. So it Judge Michael Montero./Courtesy • sixthjudicialdistrict any person to get some exposure to it. I would highly recommend they come in and see what happens in the courtroom. I think that most people don't understand what we really do as judges. If

you're interested in being a lawyer or ultimately becoming a judge I think it would be very important to come into the courtroom and watch. Look for opportunities where you can be more involved, look for internships.

2012 Prom to combine breast cancer awareness and Paris

By Taylor LaTray & Jessie Schirrick



prom./Ron

Brand

t's that exciting time of year again where everyone puts on their classiest formal attire and spends large amounts of money on a once in a lifetime experience at

their Lowry prom. This year's prom theme is going to be Breast Cancer Awareness, representing breast can-

cer will be the colors pink, black, and white. It will also have a Paris time theme using the chosen breast cancer colors. Leadership has worked to produce a successful theme so everyone enjoys their most exciting time of the year. For seniors this is one of their Cole Hatcher final memories that will stick with at last year's

them as they mature to be adults. "I'm going to have the absolute Espinola • The best time this year and I expect it to be the best high school memory for the class of 2012," said Turrell Jensen

Prom will take place May 5, at the convention center. Candidates for prom have not yet been decided. Leadership expects this 2012 prom to be fun and memorable, the best spring formal yet. Many students and staff have been working to make this prom great.

"I'm looking forward to prom so much, I have a beautiful date and it should be an amazing night. Nothing better than going out wearing a tux, smiley

face," said Michael Drake.

The theme of breast cancer awareness was chosen because it's a very creative and unique way to get the word out about the disease. The plan is to inspire people to volunteer as much time and money as possible to help support the those effected of breast cancer, not only last year's prom./ because it's the right thing to do, Ron Espinola • but there are students at Lowry The Brand that this has touched, as it is very



Calvin Connors at

common. It is hoped that some of the proceedings will be donated to breast cancer, but it is not yet determined if they will be.

Prices are \$50.00 for singles and \$65.00 for couples. Pictures will be Ryan Kracaw at last year's beginning at 7:45 p.m. prom./Ron Espinola • The and dancing will begin at Brand



8:30 p.m. and continue on until 12:30 a.m. and a complimentary breakfast will be served at that time and an extended curfew arm band will also be issued. Any incidents involving alcohol and/or drugs will be immediately turned over to the police, so don't spoil your big night!

"I'm going to fist pump 'til my arm falls off, "said

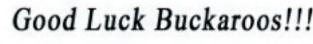
For many high school kids, prom is a big event, especially for the ladies. Prom is everyone's night to be special, and it looks to be a promising pink prom to fulfill everyone's dreams.

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Wyatt's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

By Wyatt Lester

The sound of screaming guitar solos, slamming drums, and high octane vocals that break glass. You know what you're listening to? Rock and Roll... plain and simple. Now those who can rock

the loudest and the hardest will be placed at the top of the mountain and will be among the legends of what we love to listen to, not any of that country stuff or "party rock". I'm talking about the stuff that makes you stick out your bottom lip and nod your

head to the beat...true Rock and Roll.

The musician that I want to place in my Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is Jack White. White has been in bands such as The White Stripes, The Raconteurs, and The Dead Weather. He has been awarded multiple Grammy awards and has been placed at #70 in the Rolling Stone's top 100 guitarists of all time. He has played guitar and the drums in these bands and his signature style of guitar playing can be recognized throughout the rock scene. Songs like "Seven Nation Army", "Steady as She Goes", and my personal favorite "Dead Leaves and the Dirty Ground" have been some of his most famous works that have gone to be recognized by many Rock and Roll enthusiasts.

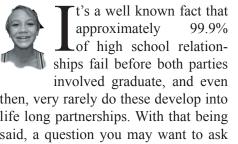
He currently is producing music for his many bands that he has under his record label, Third Man Records. He has pursued a musical career that has put forth so many great records in the rock and roll genre and he will continue to do so for Jack White./Courtesy · years to come.



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High school relationships, what's the point?

By Jessie Schirrick



yourself is, "What's the point?" There isn't a point. Being in high

school puts an emotional toll on everybody, and it may put them under the illusion that being in an established relationship with someone they "love" will take care of this emotional toll. False. If anything, relationships just cause problems. High school students have not fully matured enough to make decisions that are considerate of somebody who has grown attached to them.

An example of this poor decision making is infidelity or "cheating," which appears to be quite common

amongst teens; there are very few youths who have not yet been effected by cheating either personally, or as a result of their peers. Exclusivity is a rather difficult way to maintain a youthful relationship, and is better handled in adult situations. It can't be proven that every partner you have in high school will be unfaithful, but it's something to

High school without established romantic relationships could be great. Everybody would be free to do what-

ever they wish without having to worry about how somebody else might feel. The pain and heartache felt after "breaking up" with someone would be diminished, because you would never have to break up if you were never official. Without all that stress you could focus on building longer lasting friendships and you would never have to meet anybody's expectations but your own. Refraining from relationships could make your four years a completely better experience.

A Trip Through Time with Mr. Brant Corak



1996-1997





2005-2006



1998-1999



2006-2007



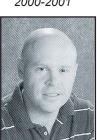
1999-2000



2007-2008



2000-2001



2008-2009



2001-2002



2009-2010





2010-2011



2003-2004



2011-2012

10 Years ago....

By Wyatt Lester

2004-2005

t's always interesting to think back 10 years ago and reflect on all the changes that have occurred in everyday life since. Things like music, clothing, transportation, and the economy. Ten years ago was the year 2002. America was living everyday life similar to how it is now, but there are quite a few significant differences.

Music is one of the biggest things that changes over the years. Ten years ago the number one song on the Billboard Top 100 was "How you remind me" by Nickelback. The current #1 song on the Billboard Top 100 is "Part of me" by Katy Perry. The popular genre has seemed to change from rock to hip hop over the years but this is only current standings.

There have also been big changes in transportation. Cars have become more efficient and less fuel depen-

dant or just run on solid electricity. Cars have gone up to astronomical amounts of miles per gallon with models such as the Toyota Prius or the Nissan Leaf which gets 100+ miles per gallon on average fuel economy. Boats, planes, and trains have also become more as fuel efficient because of the rising gas prices over the past five years. Ten years ago gas prices were around half of what they are now. Premium unleaded prices were around \$1.30 per gallon in 2002 were as now they're at \$3.80 per gallon. Prices have tripled since and might continue to rise.

The economy is one of the biggest changes America has seen since 2002. The great recession beginning in 2008 has lasted until now; the country is still trying to catch up and has seemed to find solid footing. The DOW Jones was at around 10,000 points in the February 2002 and now sits at around 13,000.

One aspect of life that changes literally day to day is anything clothing and fashion. In the present we let our pants hang around our knees and

skinny jeans are making a come back from the 80's along with many other trends from thirty years ago. The popular name brands are American Eagle, Aeropostle, and many the other name brands that have been considered even more popular than Nike. But there has been a large change in clothing in the last ten years that isn't about which name brand is worn more. Ten years ago men wore vans shoes, regular blue jeans, khakis, and polo t-shirts. Also pants didn't sag much like they do now. Women wore ugg boots, hip hop inspired sweat pants, daisy dukes, tank tops, ripped jeans, and did their hair up in corn rows. Many of the colors of clothing were bright and vibrant vellows and pinks. So compared to what your probably seeing people around you right now, it's very different.

Life has changed over the past 10 years. So in retrospect some things have seemed to have gotten better and many things have been on the downhill slide but the future comes to us day by day and I wonder, what will ten years from now be like?

<u>2002</u>

Our current president was George W. Bush

The New England Patriots defeated the St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXVI

The top three movies were:

- 1. "Spider-Man"
- 2. "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers"
- 3. "Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones"

The two most popular quotes were:

"My precious," Andy Serkis, Gollum, in 'Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers".

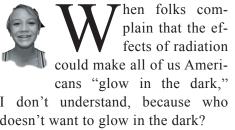
"What happens here, stays here," Las Vegas.

The top three most popular TV shows were:

- 1. "CSI" (CBS)
- 2. "American Idol" (Fox)
- 3. "Joe Millionaire" (Fox)



By Jessie Schirrick



What was Adele even talking about when she said she could've been rolling in the deep? That doesn't

sound like something I want to do at all, I'd rather roll in the shallow. I like to listen to Adele when I work out, except for I don't work out so I never listen to Adele.

The weather determines the over all mood of the citizens here. When it's cold most everybody is in a terrible mood and when you untie their shoes for them they get freaked out and say mean things, but when it's warm outside they mostly just get freaked out.

If you have issues, use a tissue.

When people say they feel uncomfortable, wrong. And awkward.

I like the kind of shoes that make you feel like you're stepping on puppies all day long, it's surprisingly

The kind of hair that you can only see if you get really really close to your skin. That's the kinda hair you gotta have.

Planetariums remind me of the past while aquariums worry me for the future, coincidence? I think not.

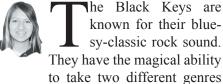
I think it would be a really interesting experience to be observed as a specimen of Earth, or "Terra," if you will.

Who the heck was Sadie Hawkins anyway, the first girl to ask a guy something? Was she that scientist guy's wife?

There was once a time when you could be lifted off of the ground with a kite, fortunately this period of time is over and done with.

Music review: 'El Camino'

By Jolyn Garcia



and blend them together to have them compliment each other perfectly. It's really quite amazing when you realize that there are actually only two members in this band. Their latest album "El Camino" was released on December 6, 2011.

This album is another great addition to The Black Keys collection. "El Camino" has a faster pace and is more upbeat than the other albums. Over the years they have made the transition into being a modern rock group rather than a smooth blues group. When you begin to listen to "Little Black Submarines", you think that it's going to be a slow paced love song. Halfway through this track you realize it's not only a good love song, but also another great rock ballad.

The key tracks on this album are "Lonely Boy" and "Run Right Back". These songs both have good beats



"El Camino" album cover by The Black Keys./Courtesy • theblackkeys.com

and contain sick guitar riffs. They are perfect examples of the more refined Black Keys. If you're a fan of The Black Keys or even enjoy listening to songs with great lyrical content and smooth guitar riffs, you should check out "El Camino".

Do's and don'ts

By Kevin Boyle



o eat food that you find on the ground, it tastes like chicken.

Do track unless you want to do real sport then try base-

ball.

Do not wear basketball shoes in the halls its like wearing cleats in a gym.

Do change your name to Kevin.

Do be annoying. Who needs friends anyway?

Do not steal money from the cash register.

Do not seek the treasure.

Do win the lottery, unless you share your winning with other dumb people.

Do not jump out of the windows.

Do beat West Wendover.

Do not get the twenty piece chicken McNuggets; it's too much plastic for your daily diet.

Do not read "Beauty Magazine", it will only make you feel ugly.

Do get kids kicked off the team.

Do not be sarcastic, I hate sarcas-

Do buy gas, now you can loan against the equity in your home to fill

Do go watch the "Hunger Games". Wait, the "Hunger Games" is dumb.

Above all else, be cool Lowry.

chasing an imaginary creature.

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each face. They even help their close friends with their dilemmas. Not only do you get to spend quality time with the family and share some laughs while watching "Raising Hope", but you can also learn a valuable life lesson.



Scene from "Raising Hope"./Courtesy facebook.com



What to Watch: "Raising Hope"

f you're looking for a comedy show that the

whole family will enjoy, tune into Fox every .Tuesday night at 9:30 and watch "Raising Hope".

It is a show about a man, Jimmy Chance, who is in

his twenties raising his daughter Hope, with the help

of his parents and crazy grandmother. Each week, this not so

average family faces a new problem that they solve in a very

Hidden in every episode of "Raising Hope" is a message. Whether it is dream big or accept those you love for who they

are, they can usually be found after "Maw-Maw" runs off

By Jolyn Garcia

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