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America versus ISIS

Ash Thomas
Reporter
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They refer to themselves as a religious group, yet they have recently made themselves a household name by torturing their way across the Middle East to promote their belief system.

ISIS has gained publicity over the past few months through a series of violent and terroristic acts in an attempt to scare people into following them.

Recently there has also been outcry over a hit list made by ISIS containing the information of about 100 service members that may be targeted by the group. One of these service members currently resides in Wylie, however the city has decided to not release an official statement.

“When I first heard about it, I researched it and discovered that every name on this ‘hit list’ came from gathering public data from various websites available to anyone with Internet access,” English teacher Amy May said. “So this was not a true hit list, but rather some data compilation, secretarial work, scare tactics and marketing.”

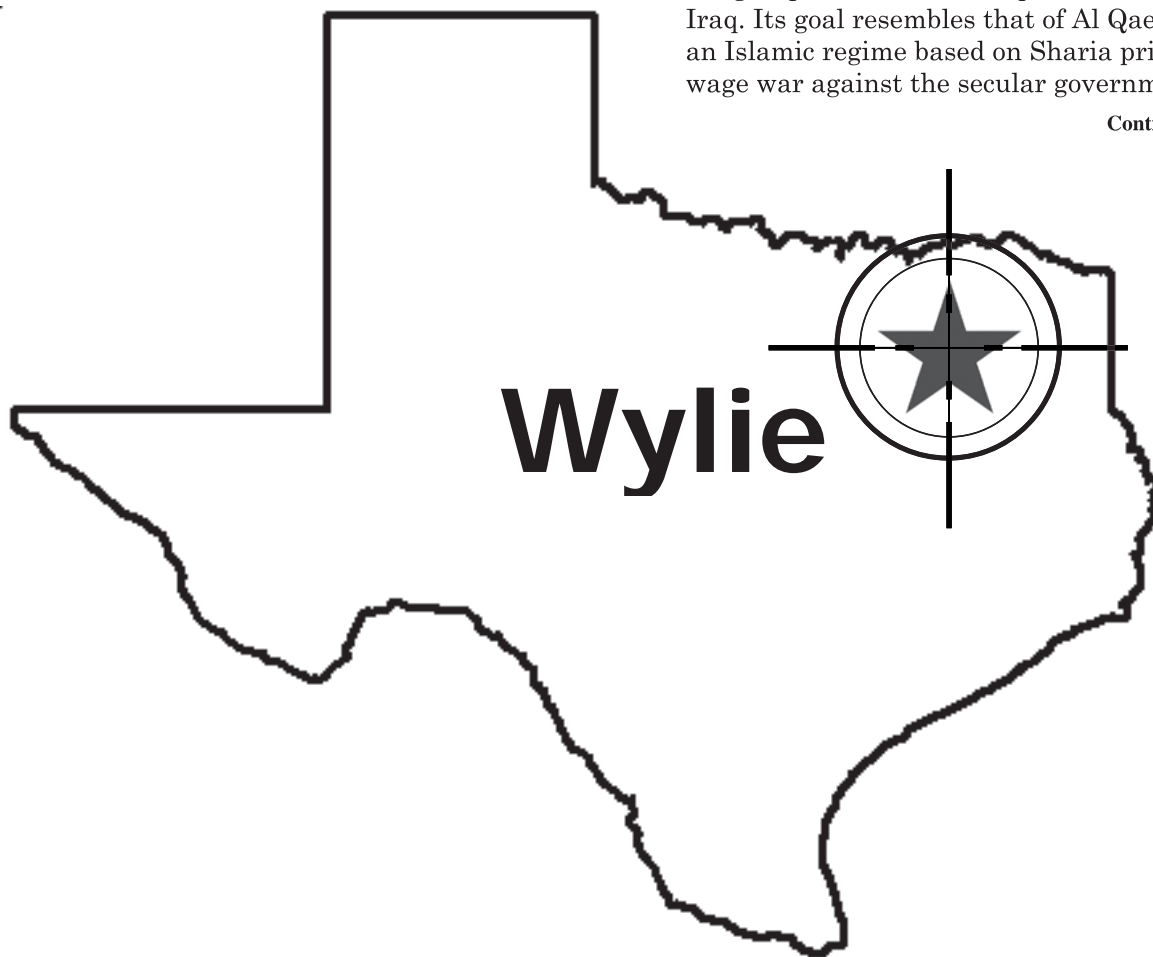
The group has also claimed that the shooting at the Curtis Culwell Center, where a Muhammad art exhibit and contest was being held, was orchestrated by them, though no evidence has been found and the authorities believe that the two shooters were acting on their own.

ISIS, also known as Da’ash or the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant, is an extremist and religious, yet unrecognized state that currently resides in Iraq and Syria. Although formally established in April of 2003, the group and its leadership arose from Al Qaeda in Iraq. Its goal resembles that of Al Qaeda’s: to establish an Islamic regime based on Sharia principles, and to wage war against the secular government of Iraq.

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Amy May
AP English III teacher

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Leading the way

How to be a role model in one of school’s largest organizations

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It’s that time of year again- The Pride of the East leadership auditions have officially taken place. Every year students from all bands participate in a clinic and tryout to earn a spot on the leadership team for the entire band program. This year’s leadership auditions took place April 27-30.

The 2015-2016 Leadership Band Council is Band President Kody Hamilton, Vice President Emma Beebe, Staff Sergeant TJ Partridge, Librarians Kailee Zercher and Hunter Nardiello, Quartermasters Garrison Whadford and Eric Sims, Historians Kirk Daily and JJ Denton, Spirit Captain Ariana Johnson and Chaplain Greta Williams.

The 2015-2016 Leadership Marching Officers are

Drum Majors Jade Rocha, Sanjuana Contreras and Greta Williams, Colorguard Captain Anna Wygant, Colorguard Co-Captain Thalia Morales, Colorguard Lieutenant Kaitlyn Rassmussen, Loading Crew Captain Jacob Ward, Marching Captains Kody Hamilton and Jacob Ward, Flute Section Leaders Micah LaPointe and Tessa Thompson, Clarinet Section Leader Mariah Martin, Saxophone/Low Woodwind Section Leaders Edson Martinez and Melissa Goytia, Trumpet Section Leaders Haleigh Nordmeyer and Cliff Little, French Horn Section Leaders Riley Freeman and TJ Partridge, Trombone Section Leader Emma Beebe, Euphonium Section Leader Tyler Harris,

I’m telling you it’s going to be worth it.

Glenn Lambert
Band Director

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School greets new assistant principals

Ash Thomas
Reporter
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The chain of command is shifting again as assistant principals move from school to school within the district.

Cody Plake is

replacing Assistant Principal Casey Whittle, who is replacing Shawn Miller as Associate Principal.

“I taught, coached and helped open the school at Wylie East,” Plake said. “Wylie East is special

to me. The staff and students are great. Wylie East is an awesome place to be.”

Plake has 11 years of experience in education including dean of students at

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In with the new New assistant principals Janet Wyatt and Cody Plake are welcomed by next year’s Associate Principal Casey Whittle. *courtesy photo*

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Phoebe Bosompem
My favorite part of my endorsement is mixing numbers and letters and doing mental math.



Alora Whitten
I like all aspects of music and I love learning to read it. *by Lindy Surratt*



Carolina Borjas
The best thing that happened to me this year was that I met new people and made new friends.



Bryan Nguyen
Making good grades was the best thing about this year. I worked really hard and it paid off. *by Madison Williams*

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Freshmen endorsement tracks prepare students for future careers



Keep calm and march on Playing her flute, freshman Haley Spiegel focuses on marching technique during morning rehearsal. She is on the band endorsement track. *photo by Haleigh King*

Lauren West
Reporter

Three years are left until the current freshmen graduate on the new House Bill 5 plan.

This new plan eliminated the Geometry, Algebra II, English III, World Geography, World History, Chemistry and Physics STAAR tests and previously required classes, but now the plan requires freshmen to choose an endorsement plan

to study all four years of high school.

"We're freshmen and this is a 'choose your career for the rest of your life' thing that we're picking as eighth graders," freshman Katherine Salgado said. "I think they should let us wait."

With different endorsements such as STEM, public services, business and industry and arts and humanity, which include over 30 different career options, some freshmen, like Salgado, knew exactly

which track they wanted to choose.

"Ever since I was little my mom and I would cook and I always knew that was what I wanted to do," Salgado, who is on the culinary track, said.

For others, like freshmen Lizzie Jurden and Mary Harkins, choosing the right endorsement was much more difficult.

"I called the college I want to go to and they didn't even know what the endorsements were," Jurden, in the theatre track, said. "So I decided to have fun and switched to yearbook instead."

The purpose of House Bill 5 is to reduce the number of standardized tests required to graduate and to "allow high school students greater flexibility in choosing their courses while maintaining academic rigor," according to the House Bill 5 resources page.

"It makes you kind of feel trapped in one career pathway," Harkins, who is on the band track, said.

Once students choose their pathway they have only one opportunity after freshman year to switch out of it to another track.

"Even though it is early to

choose, it is getting us ready for what we might want to do in the future," Salgado said.

Counselor Emily Whittle estimates that about 60 freshmen have changed their endorsements.

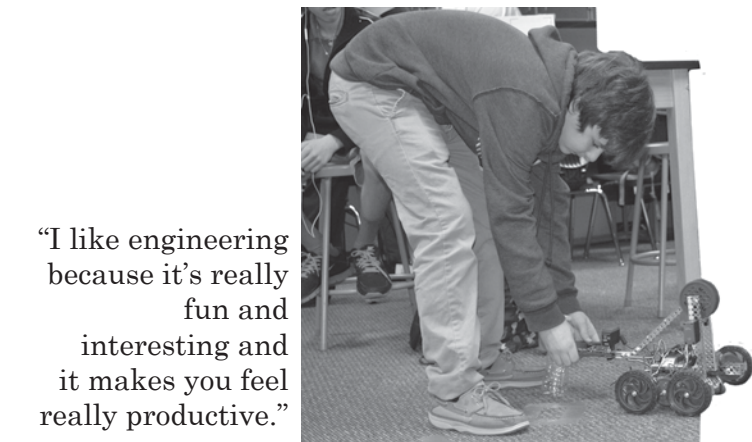
"The most popular tracks seem to be the health science and engineering tracks," Whittle said. "Also a lot choose band and theatre, endorsements that allow them to do what they like as well as their core classes."

Career and technology teacher Dr. Jacob Day instructs the engineering career path courses.

"Like everything else it has its pros and cons but I really like that once students find what they like it really encourages higher learning and really gives them a springboard into college," Day said.

We're freshmen and this is a 'choose your career for the rest of your life' thing that we're picking as eighth graders.

Katherine Salgado
Freshman



"I like engineering because it's really fun and interesting and it makes you feel really productive."

Shain Brown

Endorsement adjustment

At the end of their freshman year, students will consider the continuation of their House Bill 5 tracks. Due to scheduling conflicts, failures or possibly even the dislike for the career path chosen, students may change tracks.



Carissa Thatcher

"Agriculture is just not something I'm interested in. I found my love for theatre. My favorite part about theatre is the people I have met."



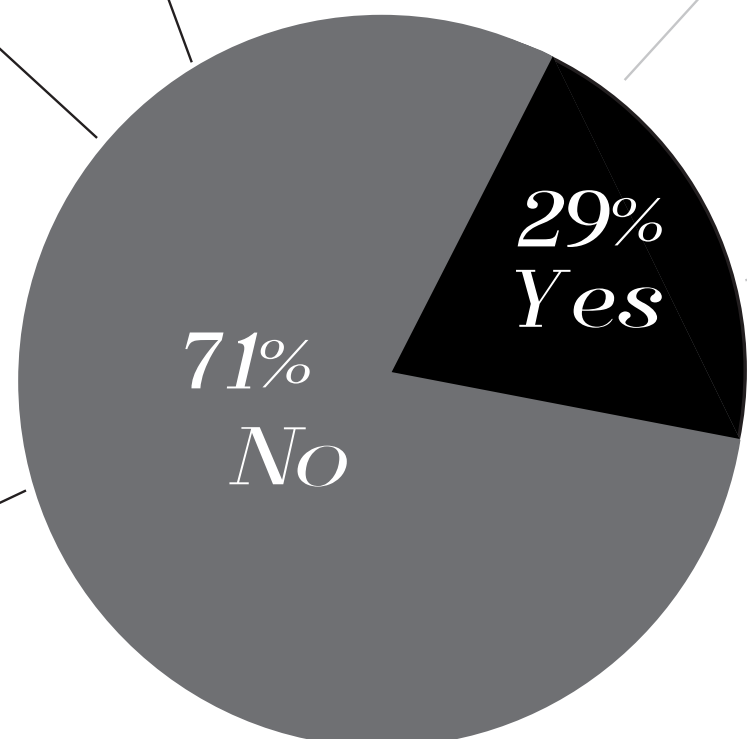
Thalia Morales

"I want to be an anesthesiologist and I'm really worried about medical school so this class is helping prepare me."



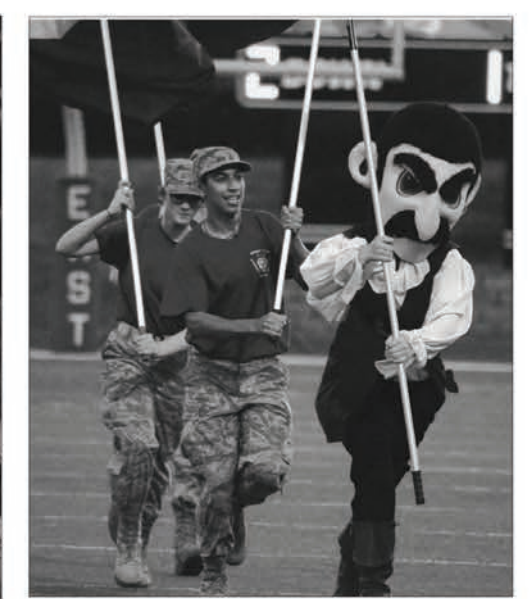
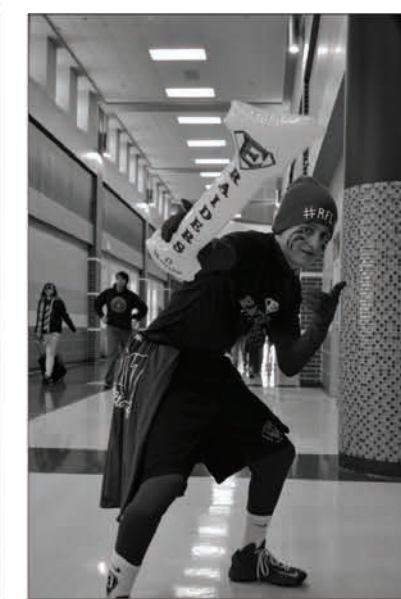
Rebecca Wright

"I really like everything we learn, especially CPR because now I know I'm able to use it if I need to."



McKinley Bennett

"Since I already have band, by switching I get an extra class period to fill with whatever I want."



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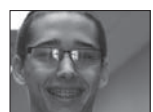
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Jacob Ward
The weirdest fact about our NHS sponsor Mrs. Potter is that she was a professional belly dancer at one point.



Kayla Canava
The most unusual thing our colorguard coach Mrs. Potter does is "fire" our student teacher, Katie, at least three times a day. *by Kailee Zercher*



Kati Klakamp
I first lettered in theater but I wanted white sleeves on my jacket so I waited until I lettered in cheer to get my jacket.



Josh Minihan
I lettered in bowling and basketball in Special Olympic sports. *by Taylor Veracruz*

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from the front page

Leadership auditions select members to head up musical organization next year

Section Leader Rain Kirkpatrick, Drumline Captain Chad Beebe, Bass Drum Section Leader Sarah Alford, and the Front Ensemble Section Leaders Jasmin Goble and Kaitlynn Baker.

There are two sections of the leadership team; the band council and the marching leaders. The band council works all year long to accomplish different tasks within the program while marching leaders work mainly during marching season.

"Each member has a different job to do that helps things run smoothly," Aaron Daniel, the associate director of bands, said. "The leadership sort of picks up the slack. They definitely make our band program a better environment."

The audition is two parts: interviewing and marching.

"Before the audition we have a two to three day camp where we

relearn marching technique and certain things needed to know for leadership," Cliff Little, Trumpet Co-Section Leader for 2015-2016, said. "I was uncomfortably nervous during the actual audition."

During the marching segment of the final audition, students perform the diamond drill and the direction change exercises in assigned groups of four students.

"I love marching," said Riley Freeman, the French Horn section leader for 2015-2016. "The marching portion of the audition is always fun for me."

During the interview segment, students have to enter the band hall alone with all directors and answer questions about what they could contribute to the leadership team and to the band.

"I think the interview and documenting portion of the audition

is the most important part," Haleigh Nordmeyer, Head Trumpet Section Leader for 2015-2016, said. "It shows who is serious and compassionate about the band and the leadership team, and who isn't."

Drum majors are asked to keep count on a sound block during the marching portion when auditioning. Then, drum major auditioners will walk in one by one to complete an interview about what they can provide to the band and conduct a well-known recorded marching show for the directors.

"Drum majors are in charge of maintaining tempo and controlling tempo changes for the entire band," former head drum major Kristen Pierrri said. "It's a pretty difficult thing to do but you get used to it."

In addition to interviews and marching, students have to com-

plete paper work and document all of their achievements in the band program as well as write an essay on what leadership means to them.

After carefully looking over all audition materials and considering the skills present in each student that auditioned, directors decide who will fill each position.

"Making leadership is always a rewarding experience," former band President Luke Stephenson said. "It tells you that your hard work doesn't go unrecognized."

The Pride of the East leadership team works together to ensure the success of the band program.

"Understand that you will be pushed to work to your maximum potential and that your best is always expected," Glenn Lambert, the head director of band, said. "Work ethic and determination are the best skills you can have."

How well do you know Lambert?

After spending between one to four years learning about music and life from director Glenn Lambert, we quizzed the Pride of the East's leaders on how well they really know their director.

1. Where was he born?
2. What instrument did he play in high school?
3. What is his middle name?
4. What is his age?
5. What is his biggest pet peeve?

Freshman Representative
Thomas Griffeth

1. In Michigan?
2. The trumpet
3. Alex
4. 42 years old
5. Not having coffee

1. Oklahoma
2. Trumpet
3. Aaron Tuba
4. 48-years-old
5. Late People!
Section Leader
Rainlin Kirkpatrick

1. Texas maybe...
2. The trumpet
3. Austin
4. 45 years old
5. People who don't pay attention
Flute Section Leader
Micah Lapoint

1. Texas?
2. Trumpet
3. Aaron?...
4. 48 years old
5. When people are late
Head Drum Major
Kristin Pierrri

Answers

1. Homestead Air Force Base Florida
2. Trumpet
3. Allen
4. 46 years old
5. Being late!



photos by Caroline Witty

Student Council

Tanner McDonald

The purpose of Student Council is to provide leadership opportunities for students to engage in service to the school and community. The club generated interest when students wanted a club that promoted school spirit, created traditions and developed projects to help the school and community. Student Council members earn lettermans and an engraved medallion by earning service points by being an active member and earning a minimum of 75 points, contributing in all four area projects.



Interact

Allysha Anderson

Interact club started on campus in 2010 and has a purpose of helping students develop leadership goals while helping others in the school and around the community. Interact club is self-governed and financially independent, meaning each individual club gets to choose projects they care about to help. Seniors receive cords by gaining a certain amount of hours, attending 40 percent of meetings and participating in two fundraisers.



Cords to letter jackets, clubs to sports: Earning distinguished recognitions varies for each organization

From cords to lettermans there are different ways for students to be recognized and rewarded for their dedication to the school through clubs, organizations and sports. The wool letterman jacket style worn today began with American football teams in the 1930s. Graduation cords, on the other hand, started in the early 1800s and were awarded to students who had high grade point averages, were involved in various organizations and held honorary achievements.

The hours required to earn a letterman or cord varies from organization to organization and even sport to sport. For example, to earn a letterman or medallion in Student Council, members must meet a certain number of service hours, but for choir, members earn lettermans by earning 800 points by attendance, performing solos, and attending regionals. In most sports, athletes are rewarded a letterman for being a teammate on a varsity team for one year.

Students who are interested in joining clubs, organizations or sports should begin by talking to the coach of the team or director of the club or organization. For clubs and organizations most of the time it is as easy as filling out an application and paying a small membership fee, but some depend on the students' class rank and grade point average. To join a sport you must pass before you can play and try out for the team.

Just how hard is it to letter? See chart above and below for a detailed outline of different ways to earn a cord or letterman depending on the club or sport.

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Sports
Athletes must complete one full season on varsity to receive a letterman. Each one may vary. For example, golf athletes must participate in four varsity golf tournaments and compete at the varsity level. Other sports require their athletes to not only be on varsity but play in a certain number of district games to earn their letterman.

Briden Shewmake

Art
Ariel Comparetto
Since its first year, AP art has grown by 18 people and includes regular art classes. To receive a letterman in art, students must complete two years of art, have an 85 average in art and participate and medal at the Visual Arts Scholastic Event.

National Honor Society
National Honor Society has been a nationwide club since 1921 and has a purpose to demonstrate character, leadership and service. To be a member of NHS students must be a junior or senior and have at least a 4.5 grade point average on a 6.0 scale as well as go through an application process. To receive a stole at the end of the year, students must remain in good standing by completing six hours of service per nine weeks and keep their grades up.

Ivy LaPorte

HOSA
Alexis Tarkowski
Health Occupations Students of America strives to spread awareness of the benefit of health care and future health providers. This organization is for any student who has a desire to learn healthcare. Last year was the first year for students to receive cords. To receive cords students must earn 50 points by participating in HOSA activities such as competition and volunteer work.

Choir
Choir has a total of 110 members and has set new musical records and confidence levels since they began. Choir has a purpose to give students skills for life and teaches them how to work together with others. To earn a letterman the students must earn 800 points by attendance, performing solos and competing in regionals. Students are awarded their lettermans at the end of the year banquet.

Libby Villegas

Spanish Honor Society
Kevin Kwon
Spanish Honor Society is a club that is by invitation only. Students are invited based on their grade in their third semester of Spanish. The other requirements for the society is a 90 grade average in Spanish, 85 overall grade, three semesters of Spanish and to be at least a sophomore. Members earn their cords by maintaining their membership in the society by attending all meetings, performing service hours and conducting the induction for next year's incoming members.

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Temi George
I thought the Big Man on Campus pageant was going to be lame, but it turned out really great.



Ashleigh Donaldson
The pageant was weird, but good weird. It was funny. *by Kayla Corley and Jeremy McAlister*



Jackie Scanlon
I'm not afraid of ISIS because there's always been a threat and we're fine.



Eric Simms
Ice is cold. *by Kayla Corley and Jeremy McAlister*

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Are you Man enough?



- Fit for a king** Representing Student Council, junior Clay Mobley wins the Big Man on Campus pageant. The Student Council Leadership class attended to display their affections for their representative. They cheered him on with an assortment of themed "fat heads" representing Clay. *photo by Ariauna Johnson*
- Dreams come true** Hitting the high note during his performance of Dream On by Aerosmith, senior Grant Peterson represents A Cappella Choir in the Big Man on Campus pageant May 7. *photo by Jessica Blakeley*
- Silly Saphire** In place of the Sapphires, senior Matt Betts amuses the audience by swimming in a kiddie pool full of Jell-O. *photo by Jessica Blakeley*
- Whacky pack** Participating for National Honor Society, senior Sam McCord played Whack-a-Mole with other students, who sat in cardboard boxes on stage. *photo by Ariauna Johnson*
- Powder to the people** Senior Jordan Dorsey sports his powder puff Hello Kitty athletic wear from his sophomore year in place of Prestige Choir. *photo by Ariauna Johnson*
- Poetic Justice** For the talent portion of the Big Man on Campus beauty pageant, senior Mark Hosek adds his own flair to a dramatic reading of a Dr. Seuss book. Hosek participated for AFI-ROTC. *photo by Jessica Blakeley*
- Racquet slinging singer** Robby Burks sang and showed off his tennis skills. A variety of junior and senior boys represented various clubs and organizations. *photo by Ariauna Johnson*
- Watch me slay** Representing band, senior Rayburn Lee reenacts a scene from Mulan where she is at battle, singing *Reflections*. He went on to answer questions still in the character of Mulan, and won best formal wear. *photo by Emily Koonce*
- You know this boogie is for real** Remaking Napoleon Dynamite's dance routine, senior Weldon Hembree boogies to Caned Heat by Jamiroqui for his SKILLS USA team for the talent round. *photo by Ariauna Johnson*
- Don't believe him just watch** Singing Uptown Funk, junior Noel Macalisang entertains the crowd with an energetic dance number for the yearbook staff. He began his performance playing the violin, then tossed it aside to lip sync and dance through the audience. *photo by Jessica Blakeley*

Theatre hosts first ever male beauty pageant

Jessica Blakeley
Reporter

Big Man on Campus was a satirical male pageant filled with rolling on the floor laughs and smiles throughout the audience.

Once we got the dance down we just had fun with it. Whatever the crowd gave us, we went with it.

Clay Mobley
BMOG Winner

The pageant was produced by senior Tanner Smithson as his very last high school production. The contest consisted of three sections: athletic wear, a talent and each

contestant's idea of formal wear. The production started out with a choreographed introduction where the contestants danced to female pop hits.

The contestants who participated in the pageant were Matt Betts for Sapphires, Robby Burks for Tennis, Jordan Dorsey for Prestige, Weldon Hembree for SKILLS USA, Mark Hosek for JROTC, Rayburn Lee for Colorguard, Noel Macalisang for Yearbook, Sam McCord for NHS, Clay Mobley for Student Council, and Grant Peterson for A Cappella.

"Once we got the dance down we just had fun with it. Whatever the crowd gave us, we went with it," Mobley said. "Before we were all nervous but we knew it would be fun."

The start of the athletic wear section had the crowd

screaming, as the contestants walked out in their versions of athletic wear.

"My Hello Kitty athletic wear was from the powder puff [football game] my sophomore year, surprisingly the outfit still fit!" Dorsey said.

The contestants then surprised the audience with humor in their talent performances such as Jell-O swimming, lip syncing and cross dressing.

Senior Jordan Dorsey taught himself how to play the piano. At the last minute, he decided to wear senior Christie Reid's dress and flip flops. He also wore a wig. He called his character his twin sister, Jessica Dorsey.

"The song I sung was A Thousand Miles by Vanessa Carlton. So that's where I found the idea for being my 'twin sister' Jessica Dors-

ey," Dorsey said.

The last section was formal wear, where the contestants showed off their final attire for the night.

"I went as Mulan for my formal wear," Lee said.

At the end of the pageant, representing Student Council, Clay Mobley was crowned The Big Man on Campus. He also won Mr. Heart Throb because he collected the most money through audience donations.

"I felt surprised and honored to be crowned the first ever Big Man on Campus," Mobley said. "It was fun and very funny."

Grant Peterson came in second place and Jordan Dorsey placed third.

Rayburn Lee took home the 'Most Dapper' win and Jordan Dorsey won the 'Most Athletic' category. Smithson organized Big

Man on Campus to raise money for Promise House. The pageant garnered over \$200 in donations.

"Promise House is for at-risk teens in the Dallas and North Dallas area," Smithson said. "The reason we wanted to pick them was because they were bringing arts to at-risk teens in the community."

At end of the performance, theatre director Andrea Farnham presented a crown to Smithson to acknowledge all the work he put into the performance.

"Before it started I was worried about the contestants and the fact there weren't many rehearsals," Smithson said. "The idea came from Student Council, and after doing research from different colleges we just ran with it, and I am happy with the end result."

from the front page

ISIS threatens Wylie

They have been involved in a civil war in Syria that has raged for three and half years and killed more than 200,000 people. Recently ISIS has been spotted in the media more often than not because of the infamous murders taking place. American journalists and Shia Muslims have been executed in brutal ways, such as being crucified or beheaded on tape.

These public acts of defiance along with ISIS' background have caused an outcry among the public about whether or not the United States should get involved to stop them.

"I think a lot of people are voicing their opinions without researching the facts, recent developments and multicultural perspective first," May said. "So overall, I find the public debate frustrating."

People believe that since ISIS consists of a quickly growing group of terrorists, they can never be fully wiped out and will never stop. These people also tend to believe that America interfering has the potential to turn ISIS on America and make the situation worse for everyone involved. Air attacks led by America currently serve as the main defense against ISIS, and according to some, may cause decades of more suffering for those in Iraq and Syria. Because of this, the question has changed to whether or not the benefits of the war outweigh the cost for both America and the Middle East.

"I think the fact that we've been over there for 20 plus years with little progress should speak for itself," senior Dylan Knechtly said. "We've infuriated an entire group of people. That's why they hate us in the first place. Going to war will only worsen the situation."

Many Americans believe that the responsibility may fall to America to step in and stop them before they take control of more territory and the people within.

"I personally think that we should [go to war]," officer Shane Varner said. "They are a threat to the American people."

The Algerian army, who has also taken action, eliminated 23 terrorists, arrested five others and seized various weapons in the last month alone. This shows that America has the power to get rid of ISIS if it comes right down to it. However, President Barack Obama

has stated that he will not commit troops to the foreign war until a direct threat from ISIS is present.

"We can't get caught up in our emotions and bomb them to smithereens," Knechtly said. "That will only give them more reason to commit the same atrocious acts."

Recently, ISIS set off 15 near-simultaneous attacks on Kurdish forces in a fierce and renewed push for territory. ISIS has been slaughtering, enslaving, raping and ethnically cleansing those in the Middle East for months. Obama vowed months ago to demolish the group.

"Our objective is clear: We will degrade, and ultimately destroy, ISIS through a comprehensive and sustained counterterrorism strategy," Obama said.

Several former ISIS prisoners have recently come out to talk about how life worked on the inside, and revealed some of ISIS' best tactics.

According to Ivan Watson of CNN, "a man named Suleiman says he's from Syria, and claims that he was forced to join ISIS out of fear for his family's safety. He confesses to being part of an ISIS cell that planted and detonated a remote control car bomb outside a Kurdish base. He believes the bomb killed his own nephew -- and says he received about \$3,600 for the job."

ISIS paid another man, 19-year-old Kareem, \$2,000 to fight for ISIS for over a year. He has scars from battle covering his body and revealed that ISIS drugged fighters with hallucinogenic pills before they went into a fight.

President Obama is still wary about sending in ground troops until a definite threat against the United States presents itself.

"Our Intelligence Community believes that thousands of foreigners--including Europeans and some Americans--have joined them in Syria and Iraq," Obama said Sept. 10. "Trained and battle-hardened, these fighters could try to return to their home countries and carry out deadly attacks."

The U.S. has allegedly been in contact with Syrian officials since mid-June about their possible involvement in order to keep the Middle East from falling into the hands of ISIS.



from the front page

New year brings new principals

Cooper Junior High and two years as assistant principal. Plake was the girls' assistant basketball coach when East first opened, and taught special education and social studies.

"I am very excited about this opportunity to come back to East and help make our school the best it can be," Plake said.

Current Assistant Principal Amy Burkman is leaving to teach at Texas A&M Texarkana. Janet Wyatt is replacing her.

"I spent 20 years in Garland ISD," Wyatt said. "Eight years as a US History teacher and girls' coach and 12 years as an assistant principal."

Wyatt is the mother of graduated Jordan Wyatt and junior Jared Wyatt.

"I love the family atmosphere at East," Wyatt said. "The teachers and staff are awesome. Mr. Williams is a great example of what a principal should be."

Wyatt is looking forward to seeing her son

All in the family
Supporting her son Jordan Wyatt at his SMU signing last year, Janet Wyatt will join the school next year as an assistant principal. *photo by Carley Rogers*

In loving memory...

Teacher's hidden ink dedicated to loved one

Taylor Veracruz
Reporter

"Kris and I would always laugh and say how eHarmony doesn't work when a commercial for it would come onto the TV," Katie Fox, Geometry and Statistics teacher and freshman and junior varsity cheer coach, said.

She met her boyfriend, Kris Stroman, through the dating website and lost him to a tragic motorcycle accident a year later.

Fox and Stroman knew each other for two months before beginning a relationship. Their first date was at a bowling alley where

It is hard to be in the house without him.

Katie Fox
Cheer Coach

they each brought a friend along to avoid any danger of meeting each other through an online site. "I won the game of bowling of course," Fox said.

Three weeks before Stroman had his accident, the couple bought their first home together in Garland. Fox still lives in the house with a roommate.

"It is hard to be in the house without him," Fox said. "It helps that we weren't in the house together for long but it is hard doing new things to the house that he wanted done."

Before Stroman passed away, he asked Fox's mom for her jeweler friend's phone number, indicating that a marriage proposal was on its way.

The day of the accident, Fox was working on the house when he left for work on his motorcycle.

At 3 p.m. Fox texted Stro-

man asking what he wanted to do for dinner but there was no reply. At 6 p.m. she texted again and asked when he was coming home. When he did not reply to either of those text messages, Fox called one of his friends to see if he was at work. The friend said he had already left.

Fox got in her car and just started driving in the pouring rain.

She kept calling Stroman and when there was still no answer she began hoping that Stroman was cheating on her or that his disappearance was some kind of a joke. She then called hospitals. Shortly after, Fox and her dad found an article in the news that said Stroman was in a wreck.

Fox and her father then drove to Parkland where the nurses and doctors would not release any information to them.

"They would not be acting like this if he would have made it," Fox's dad turned to her and said. That is when the doctors came out and told them that Stroman had passed away.

In his memory, Fox got a tattoo on her side. Her tattoo artist also lost his wife a year before Fox lost Stroman. Fox told the artist a few things that represented Stroman and he drew up the tattoo based on their relationship.

"It has a Texas star on top. His name is below that in a banner with our anniversary and the number to the house we bought together," Fox said. "There is a red heart with scroll on it, angel wings, his birth and death date and 'I love you Bay Bay,' our nickname for one another."

Fox still remains close to the Stroman family and they always joke about how they are never getting rid of her.

"His family loves me," Fox said.



Tribal tattoo honors junior's father

Kailee Zercher
Reporter

Junior David Beddow's father, Danny, passed away his sophomore year in a work related accident, just a day after David's 16th birthday.

"I miss Dad more every day. His passing has been the hardest thing any of us (my family) has had to endure," Beddow said. "He always worked hard to give me any opportunity possible and was always extremely supportive in my life."

A few months after his father passed away, Beddow wanted to get a tattoo in his memory.

"I've always wanted tattoos," Beddow said. "I figured, what better way to get started on all of the tattoos I'm getting than to get my first one in honor of Dad?"

With Indian heritage on his father's side of the family, Beddow based his tattoo design on a Cherokee Indian headdress.

"I don't have a favorite part of my tattoo; I love all of it," Beddow said. "I added the skull into the head dress for a darker twist on the tattoo."

He also had it designed to resemble his father's motorcycle and jacket.

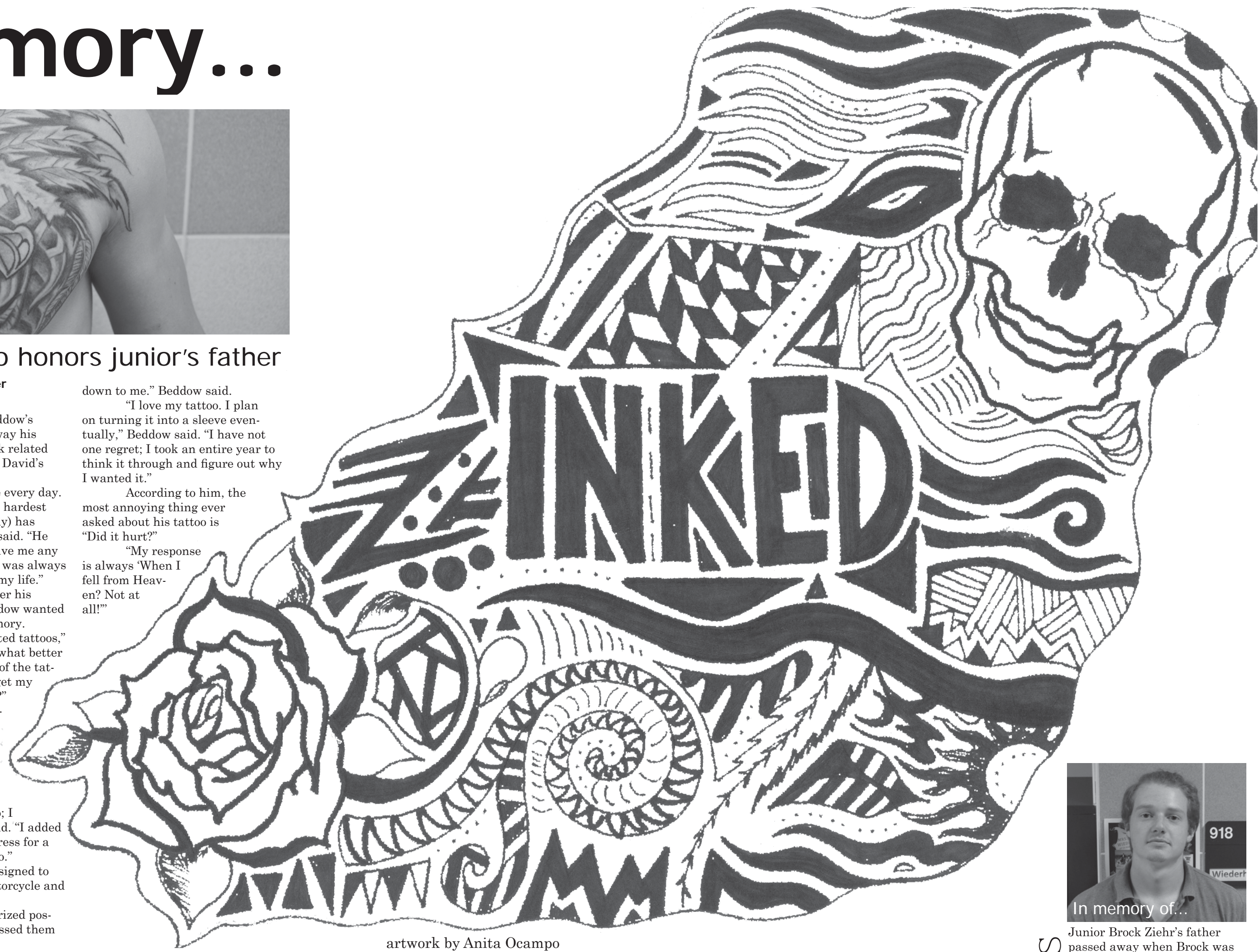
"They were his prized possessions and now he's passed them

down to me," Beddow said.

"I love my tattoo. I plan on turning it into a sleeve eventually," Beddow said. "I have not one regret; I took an entire year to think it through and figure out why I wanted it."

According to him, the most annoying thing ever asked about his tattoo is "Did it hurt?"

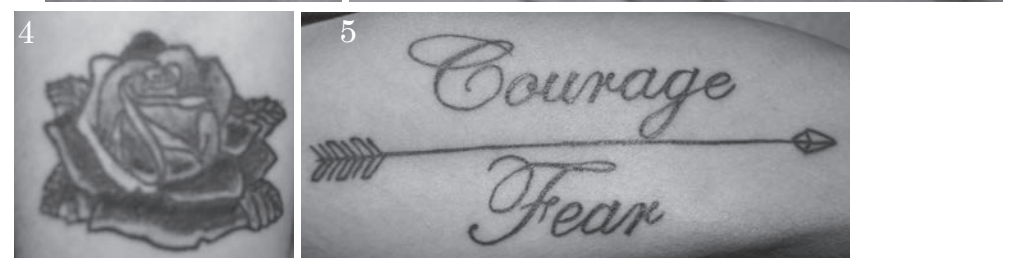
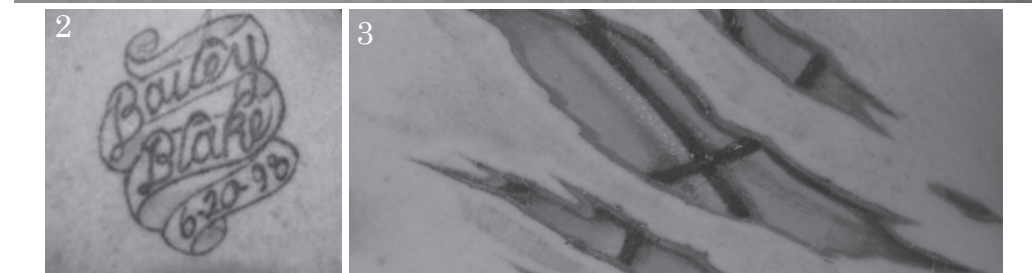
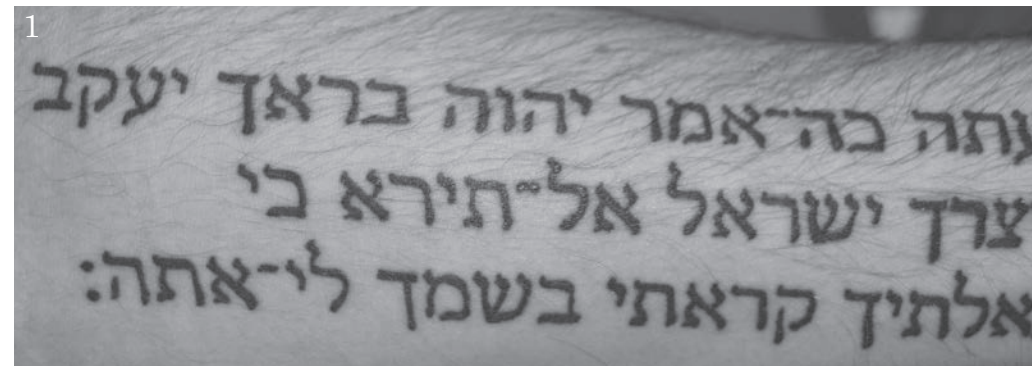
"My response is always 'When I fell from Heaven? Not at all!'"



artwork by Anita Ocampo

INK'D UP MIX UP

Can you match the ink to it's canvas?



UNDER MY SKIN

People with tattoos get stabbed with questions all the time. Stay on their good side and avoid asking these annoying questions.

did it HURT

How are you going to feel about it when YOU'RE OLD

ARE YOU SURE THAT'S פנימי תשלח REALLY WHAT IT SAYS ?

HOW much did it COST ?

do your PARENTS know you have it



In memory of...

Junior Brock Ziehr's father passed away when Brock was just 3 years old. To honor his father's memory, Brock got a tattoo of his dad's signature. "I found the signature on an old document," Ziehr said. He had his tattoo done in Colorado his sophomore year. "I was 16 when I got it."



Hidden away

Students Services secretary Tammy Ritter got a tattoo in Rome, Italy that says "live, laugh, love" in Italian. She also has a barn swallow tattoo, because she loves birds. She doesn't regret any of her tattoos. "I was old when I got them so I knew I wouldn't change my mind and they are in a location that I can keep covered."

TALES OF TATTOOS

LENDING a helping hand

The best of the most under-appreciated apps



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We make the joke all the time, "there's an app for that," but in this day and age it's sometimes hard to find the *right* app. All kinds of apps can be found far and wide, but some of today's gems are concealed under miles of more popular apps such as Clash of Clans and Mr. Jump. So here are the best of the unknown productivity-lifestyle apps, the hidden jewels.



Plant Nanny
by Fourdesire

Free
Available on the App Store, Google play and the Windows Phone.

Description

For those who don't drink enough water or are looking to get better about the healthy habit, this app is for you. Adorably beneficial, the app provides its user with a plant to take care of, or "nanny", and every time you water yourself, you water it, too! If you don't water your plant, it will get sad and sick and eventually pass away, so you're given the responsibility of a virtual life. Surprisingly, it actually seems to help improve daily water intake, because with time the user can unlock new plants and pots to put them in and then watch the plants grow. And no one wants to watch a cute little plant slowly wither away.



Zombies, Run!
by Six to Start

\$3.99
Available on the App Store and Google play.

Description

You're running, collecting supplies and following along to the story in your headphones when all of a sudden you hear the snarling of zombies behind you and a voice in your ear telling you to run. Zombies, Run! is a fitness app with a plotline in which you play the hero who sets out to complete missions and survive the zombie apocalypse. While running, users follow along with the episode and do as instructed to get ahead and escape zombies. If they survive the episode, they are rewarded with the supplies they picked up along the way to help support their home base. Overall, the app provides a fun twist to the sometimes tedious act of running and helps push users past their limits.



CARROT
by Grailr LLC

\$2.99
Available on the App Store.

Description

Consisting of the apps CARROT To-Do, CARROT Alarm, CARROT Weather, CARROT Hunger and CARROT Fit, the CARROT series makes up a lot of the best productivity apps hidden in the App store. All of the apps provide users with a unique way to keep their life in order and stay on task. They're not just apps, but apps with a personality, and CARROT won't let you get away with procrastination or laziness. Although extremely judgmental and somewhat annoying, users often report the best results of productivity from using the series. All of the apps make fun of the user when they can and push when they need to for optimal results.



Presley Fisher

I accidentally met Little Mix beside the stage at a concert venue. They were on the way to a paid meet and greet so the fact that we met them for free was a little sweeter.



Mariah Martin

I passed out at a Billy Currington concert and he saw me pass out because I was seven feet away from him.
by Ash Thomas & Andrea Coca

Lemme take a "selfie"



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the selfie has become well-known around the world, which is absolutely ridiculous, it is a slang word and nothing more. People do not understand boundaries, created by morality, that come with taking a selfie that is just for the prosperity and popularity on social media, crossing the fine line created by morals.

One of the major contributors of taking the perfect selfie is the background. Picking a background for any image is important, you don't want dirty dishes or laundry in them but apparently according to societal acceptance you are allowed to post pictures with backgrounds such as a homeless man dying, a deceased relative or even a memorial of a tragic event in history.

Yes, all of these examples actually happened. Did humanity's moral compass break or did morality die when the selfie came to be?

Popularity on social media tends to be what the younger generations strive for; what better way to do it than to put something unforgettable within their selfie.

Encouragement, positive or negative, from people on social media giving it some sort of attention causes humanity to think it is okay to humiliate themselves just for the sake of popularity for a single

insignificant moment. This creates whispers of "what would cause me to get more retweets on Twitter" or whatever social media they plan on putting their selfie on. Attention given to those who are posting the selfie, even if you are saying "this is horrible it shouldn't be put on the Internet for everyone to see" that, sorry to say, is attention. It creates traffic to their profiles, giving them what they ultimately want so they keep going. You might as well ignore what they are doing and not pay attention to them; just as if you are trying to get the class clowns to stop. The only way they will stop is if they don't get a reaction.

Another major component of a selfie is what you are doing in the picture. This includes smiling, making a funny face, hand gestures, not wearing a shirt, letting your cleavage hang out of your shirt, having little to no clothing on or just being completely and utterly nude.

Please respect yourself enough to keep your "no no squares" private because you wouldn't want someone who does not respect you to send it out to everyone. That could jeopardize several opportunities within your life. Plus I do not think anyone wants to have a naughty surprise on their Twitter timeline.

The selfie is not a bad thing. It is all about self expression but there is a line that shouldn't be crossed. Not having morals and respect for yourself along with others are generally what causes the bad selfies to come to the light. Just take better selfies.



Selfie in the Auschwitz Concentration Camp

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Auschwitz Concentration camp You should consider the same from a selfie at a funeral for a picture at a memorial such as Auschwitz. Again, please show respect for the dead.



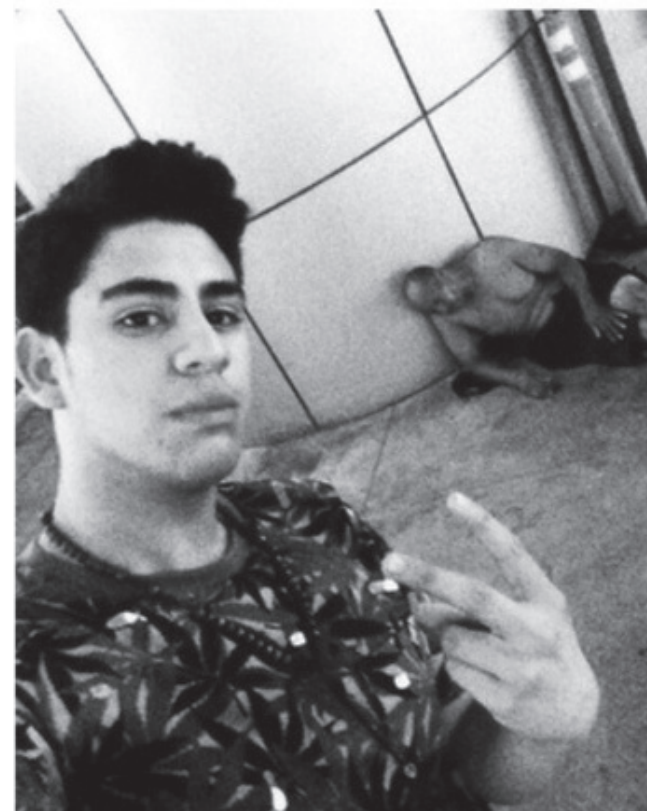
Dead or Alive If you are at a funeral and you want to take a picture of yourself... Obviously there is a respect issue here if you are willing to take this selfie. Posted on Twitter.



Christian Castro
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Shirtless homeless bum selfie.
pic.twitter.com/xz7q5zlZX8

3:39 AM - 1 Jul 2013 from Las Vegas, NV, United States



Homeless man If someone is dying, hurt or starving; instead of mocking them with pictures why don't you buy them food, clothes or even take them to a hospital?



Plane Crash A descending plane faces a turbulence issue causing the need for a breathing mask. Did you ever think that maybe you do not want the last picture of you, for your family to see as an imbecile and taking a selfie right before your death? Obviously that thought never crossed your mind.



Gas Chamber You should consider the same from a selfie at a funeral for a picture at a memorial such as Auschwitz; take one before or after and show respect for the dead.

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from the Editor

With only a few short months following our publication of The Raid and awards season, the Blue Print staff had to switch from magazine design to online writing to newspaper in a blink of an eye. During the Interscholastic League Press Conference and Dallas Morning News student journalism competitions, we walked away with a total of 26 awards not including our Silver Star Award for the online publication. A Star Award is given to the best of the best in student publications and we were one of 10 schools in the entire state to receive it. Above all, this was our first time to ever achieve

this high of an award. The staff has worked so hard this year and it shows through the recognition we've received from state competitions, teachers and students. I've walked down the hallway and teachers have stopped me just to talk about how much progress as a staff we've made this year. It feels great to finally be recognized for our achievements. I'm definitely ending my senior year on a high note and I can't wait to see what Blue Print does next year.



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Weirdest place I've studied? The locker room bathroom.

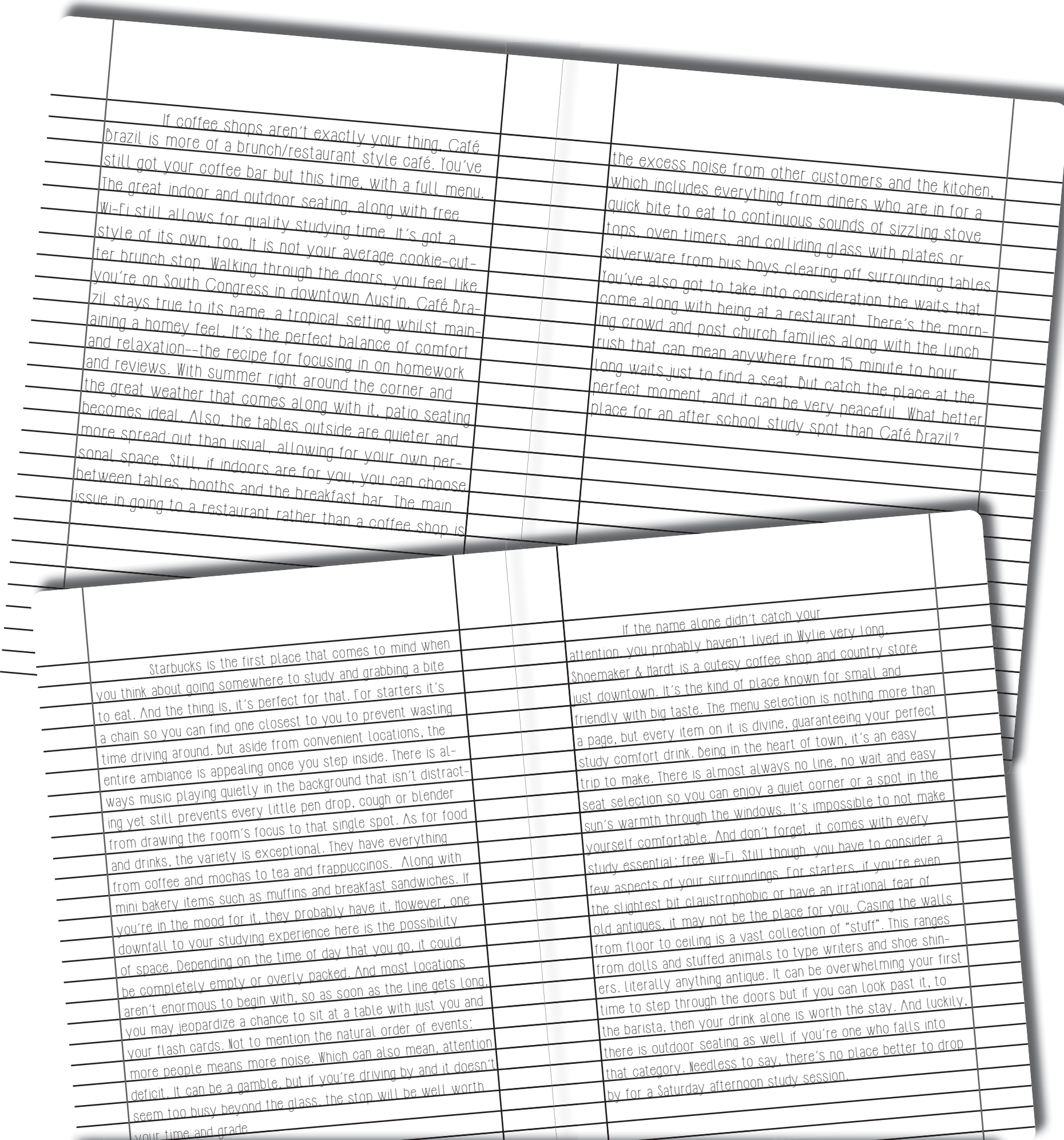


Cole Neel
The weirdest place I have ever studied is the beach.
by Kristin Gooch

SPORTS



Fans get rowdy at sport events
Booning the other team, shouting vulgar comments...do fans go too far?
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Power of ONE



1. **Quick trip** Chasing after the ball down the field, freshman Emma Chambers pushes the Grapevine opponent away during their Semi Final playoff game Apr. 16. *photo by Jessica Blakeley* 2. **Fast and furious** Going after a pass junior, Jordyn Perry has to make a quick recovery against Frisco Apr. 11. This was Perry's last game in the play offs due to a torn ACL. *photo by Gwen Murphy* 3. **Time to shine** Passing the ball up field Sophomore Addie McCain struggles to move forward with a Viper and a referee around her. *photo by Gwen Murphy* 4. **On pins and needles** The coaches countdown the last 30 seconds of the State game against the vipers with a lead of 1-0. *photo by Jessica Blakeley* 5. **A long stretch** Junior midfielder Megan Paul takes the ball down the field with an Austin Vandergrift forward following close behind, winning state Apr. 18. *photo by Olivia Gabriel*

Soccer wins first ever state championship

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"We won state," sophomore Erin Vana erupted after the varsity soccer team defeated the Austin Vandergrift Lady Vipers for the title of 5A State Champions April 18.

A year previous, almost exactly to the day, the girls experienced the agony of defeat at the very hands of the Lady Vipers. They used the loss in the 4A state final as their ultimate motivation.

The team navigated through a treacherous season, transferring from 4A to 5A. Their new district was tough according to the players and coaches, but the players progressed well. The team followed up on a season that included a 21-2-1 record and consecutive victories over the past two 4A State Champions in the playoffs.

The Lady Raiders endured difficulties such as senior starting goalkeeper Brooke-Lynn Scroggins tearing her PCL in district play causing her to miss five games. Junior midfielder Valiree Morris was hobbled for the majority of the season, with a broken toe and other minor nagging injuries.

"It was hard at times having key players injured but our team stepped up and took the challenge that was placed in front of us game by game," junior forward Madison Simms said.

The soccer team made it through their grueling district gauntlet on a hot streak. Scroggins

was back with a vengeance, more than ready to lead her team for one last chance at a state championship. They finished second in their district, the first time they have not been district champions in years.

"District definitely had its ups and downs," Simms said. "It didn't come as easy this year as last year but we knew what we were capable of."

Instead of being discouraged, coach Kody Christensen shared the news with the team that having a #2 seed in the UIL regional playoffs promised to have an easier road to traverse. The girls started off their playoffs against Frisco Liberty, winning 3-1 before cruising past Mesquite Poteet in the second round 1-0. They then played Frisco Centennial, a game that was rumored to be a close fight, before destroying the Titans 5-1.

"It gave the whole team the feeling that we could actually get back to state as long as we play together," Vana said. "It showed how good we are."

The girls returned to the fourth round, in the regional semifinals against Mansfield Legacy and

they once again cruised to a 3-0 win, setting up a very hyped game the next day versus undefeated Frisco. Frisco, who had blown out nearly every team they played this season, came into the game hitting the Lady Raiders hard. It was a very physical match, resulting in two red cards for Frisco and one for East. The team went down 0-2 in the second half, before coming together to pull the unlikely win, 3-2 in overtime following penalty kick save by Scroggins.

"The emotional and physical toughness it took us to win the game against Frisco made us feel more ready than ever to take on state," senior defender Sarah O'Neill said.

The players celebrated as they were placed in the state tournament for the second straight year, along with Austin Vandergrift. The girls played April 16 against the Grapevine Lady Mustangs, pulling through a 2-1 win, setting up a rematch for the championship with the Vipers.

"Going into the game, we knew it would be a battle," junior defender Jordyn Perry said. "But we knew it was a battle we could win."

The team faced the Lady Vipers April 18 in the championship game.

"Before the game I was nervous, because it's the state

championship," Vana said. "But the moment the game started, I had a feeling we would win."

The girls dominated the game, keeping possession on the attacking third, near Vandergrift's goal. Sophomore Addie McCain played off a turnover by the Lady Viper's defense and scored on a strike 20 yards out. McCain's single goal was the only one of the game earning her the title of Most Valuable Player for the championship. The Lady Raiders' held on to win the first state title in history.

"Meeting up with Vandergrift in the state final was not a threat to our team, but a second chance and a time to get revenge," Simms said.

The win was extremely emotional for the team as well as goalie Scroggins, whose dad has been in the hospital throughout April. As soon as the game ended, she ran over to the sidelines to her mother and called her father at the hospital. Breaking down on the sideline, the first thing Scroggins told her father was "We're state champions," as the fans cheered behind her.

"The girls fought their hardest; I knew they could do it," Perry, who was unable to play due to an injury, said.

Their emotions are high, as each girl on the team is still in shock that she is a State Champion.

"Being a state champion is an indescribable feeling and glory to God for an unforgettable journey," Simms said.

Studying 101:

by Rhapsody Milgore

With summer coming up fast, that just means tests are as well. And being that close to freedom from school, the last thing on anyone's mind is taking the time to sit down and study. So why not make the most out of it and be somewhere you're going to enjoy?



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Montana Rowe
I went to two. The first store didn't have anything that looked good. The second store had better options.



Daniella Atherton
I went to a lot of stores to find a dress. I think I went to more than three.
by Jessica Blakeley

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1. Chip in Waiting for their friends to join a game of Black Jack, seniors Taylor Ford and Jamie Tyson take a break from the dance floor. **2. Photo op** Snapping a quick pic of the recently crowned prom royalty, senior Jacob Zaborski adds some comedy to the royals' dance.



3. Stand out Dancing together at prom, juniors Kayla Corley and Mikayla Garcia enjoy a friendly slow dance around the couples. **4. Poker face** Playing poker at prom, seniors Taylor Mauldin, Jordan Roach and Spencer Stiles keep straight faces while getting their game on. **5. Raving royalty** Newly crowned prom king and queen, seniors Sarah Ponce and Greg Berumen celebrate with a dance to the song 'Skyfall' by Adele. **6. Dance it out** Partying at prom, senior Taylor Justiniano dances with friends. **7. Deal with it** Preparing to play a game, junior Ben Morris, sophomore Greta Williams and junior Chad Beebe wait for the dealer to hand out the deck during prom at Southfork Ranch May 9.

photos by Jessica Blakeley

A Royale experience

Juniors, seniors celebrate prom night at Southfork

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The dress, the tux, the hair, the makeup and the exchanging of a boutonniere and corsage. Juniors and seniors recently celebrated one of the most memorable and anticipated events of their high school career--prom.

This year's prom theme was Casino Royale and was located at Southfork Ranch, running from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. May 9. Students walked in with tickets resembling playing cards and were welcomed by elaborate decorations.

"The place looked really classy and was well put together,"

senior Brianna Jungman said.

Students had access to a chocolate fountain, snacks, drinks and were able to take pictures with their friends and dates in a variety of places.

"There was the James Bond decorations, and the lit up tree and gazebo outside that were really great places for pictures," Jungman said. "There was also the photo booth that people really loved and had a fun time with."

A new concept to prom was introduced by providing the option to play casino style games to go along with the overall theme. Guests could join the dance floor and explore the casino realm at their own conve-

nience.

Students also enjoyed the DJ of the night, who had everyone on the dance floor playing along to Simon Says and singing Let It Go from Frozen.

"The music was really fun and it was cool how the DJ got everyone to dance," junior Daina Phillips said. "If you actually got onto the dance floor and had fun with your friends you had a better time."

Prom guests wrapped the night up with a celebration of the newly crowned Prom King and Queen, seniors Greg Berumen and Sarah Ponce, in the center of the dance floor.

The night was made with

the music, casino games and memories with friends.

"Although the DJ's music was momentarily cut off during the chorus of Single Ladies," Canava joked, "the energy this year was way up and everyone seemed to have a really awesome time."

All the games that were available made this prom a little more unique, and I loved learning how to play Texas hold Em'.

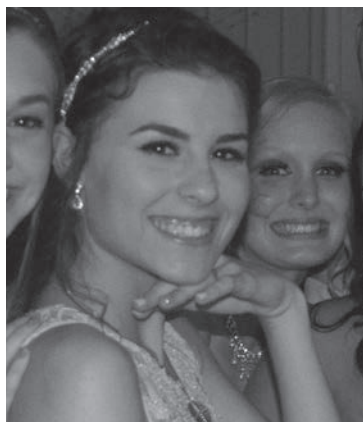
Kayla Canava
junior

What made prom night special?



"Best night of my life, dancing the whole time and my feet hurt."

Christie Reid



"My favorite part was that I didn't feel embarrassed because everyone was dancing."

Elizabeth Hunt



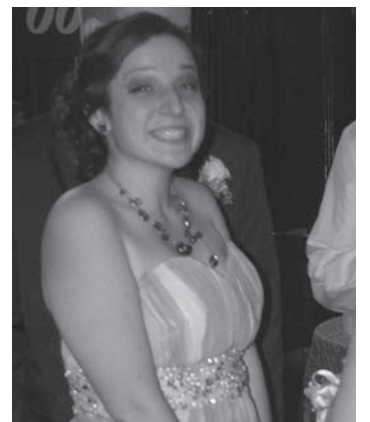
"Prom was special because I finally had the moment I've always seen in the movies."

Jose Gamez



"My friend was trying to twerk and my whole group died laughing."

Isabella Maisch



"Dancing was really fun and hanging out with my friends after prom was my favorite part of prom."

Riley Freeman