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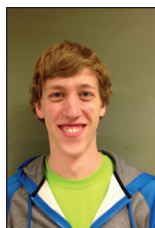
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## Daniel's Fund finalists are hopeful

By Merali Sherif  
Staff Writer

Seniors Edgar Lopez and Andrew Bishop interviewed last week as semi-finalists for the prestigious Daniel's Fund scholarship.



Bishop



Lopez

The students competed against 550 students from the Colorado area, with participants from Utah, and Wyoming as well.

The Daniel's Fund scholarship is a last dollar scholarship, covering the college expenses not already covered by other earned scholarships for students whose needs qualify.

In the first stage of the application process, the student had to submit four essays, get recommendations from teachers, and fill out an application packets. In the semifinals, they were required to submit their senior pictures and legal documents for further verification of qualification in accordance with the fund's targeted applicants.

Following the submission of all paperwork required, the finalists have been preparing for interviews with the help of West's gifted and talented teacher, Ms. Carla Chavez and IB secretary, Mrs. Yvette Finger. Lopez and Bishop have been doing practice interviews, in preparation for the real deal interview.

"It is a very exciting process and an honor to be in my position. My hopes are high and I've been working hard and I am optimistic about earning the scholarship," shared Bishop.

The finalists will be required to reapply every year for their college careers. The winners will be announced in March.

## Interact Club presents at rotary

By Michael Caro  
Staff Writer

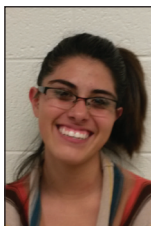
Last Thursday, the Interact Club officers were invited to the Country Club to present their community service projects to the Rotary Club. A total of seven officers presented what community services projects they have participated in and how volunteering made a difference in their lives.

All the Interact members were congratulated for all they have given to the community.

Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper was supposed to be a key note speaker at the Rotary club meeting. The Interact officers were expecting to meet with the Governor, but unfortunately the Governor was unable to attend the meeting because of some miscommunication.

All was not lost, however. The Rotary Club was so impressed with the officer's presentation that they invited the officers back again to actually meet the Governor on April 17th. The officers are excited to meet him them.

"The Rotary club is very generous and give back to others and want to encourage all people to do the same," said Interact president Alexis Badail.



Badail



Michael Caro/West Word

Senior Alexis Badail poses for a picture with Rotary Club President Will Hume last week. The Interact Club presented to Rotary about all of their community service projects in the last two years.

## Mentors work on leaving legacy with youth

By Jacob Firkins  
Staff Writer

Greeley West is home to some heroes. These heroes are not super and they are not famous. They are just normal high school kids determined to make the world a better place by helping to improve the lives of the younger generation.

A small group of kids dedicated to helping kids leaves from West on their free time to go and mentor kids at Meeker Elementary. This group of kids,

Meeker's Mentors, helps kids by teaching them how to study, how to improve reading and writing skills as well as help them take their math skills to the next level.

In order to sign up, students need to go to the counseling office and sign up through them. It works best if you have a free block so that you can go over to help these kids. Meeker and the counseling office here at West coordinate to make their schedules fit the students who are in Meeker's Mentors.

Along with teaching the elementary students basic schooling and how to study, these teenage heroes go and become brothers and sisters to those that have hard times in school or outside of school. They go to be role models and to give advice to those young kids and also are there to help them with their problems if those young kids decide to open up to them.

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## Food for thought

MYP French class tastes Moroccan cuisine on field trip

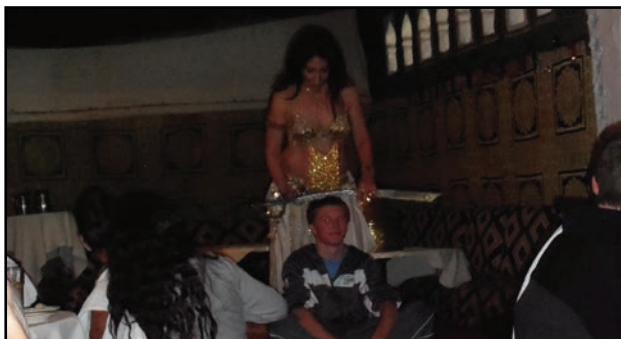
By Lucy Salazar  
Staff Writer

Earlier this week, the IB juniors took an educational field trip to Mataam Fez, a Moroccan restaurant in Denver. The students had the opportunity to sample interesting African cuisine while receiving entertainment from a belly dancer.

The purpose of the field trip was for the IB French students to gain educational knowledge of Francophone culture, which is the legacy that the French and Belgian cultures left behind in African colonies.

It was also an opportunity to draw connections from the book *The Stranger* which all IB juniors read last semester. This field trip was

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Lucy Salazar/West Word

Greeley West IB juniors (above) belly dance with an employee of Mataam Fez in Denver last week. Meanwhile, Eric Lovell (left) balances a sword on his head. Lovell and his junior classmates went to the restaurant to experience Francophone culture.

## Poms perform, film commercial on Florida trip

By Malia Long  
Staff Writer

The Greeley West Poms team has recently come back from nationals in Florida. The girls competed in the Small Group Jazz, and Hip-Hop division.

The Poms enjoyed their time together in Disney World, and had a lot of fun the whole time. "We became so much closer as a team. Although it wasn't the complete outcome we were looking for, it definitely was a positive and fun experience with some of my best friends," said Victoria Ochoa.

The girls were highlighted and filmed in a video for Saint Jude's Children's Hospital. The girls were approached and asked to dance in this video. This video will be played for the patients at Saint Jude's Children's Hospital.

"This was one of the best trips I have taken with my girls. I'm proud of how they did and they gave it their best," said coach Peggy Freemole.

The girls were also approached by someone who had a family member with cancer and were able to dance in another video for the cancer patient. "It was truly a blessing to get to do these videos for the cancer patients and help out. This trip was one I will never forget," said Ochoa.

The girls danced in preliminaries and were one team away in the Hip-Hop division from getting into semi-finals.



# Honor Roll

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Nedy Ayala  
Gregory Baladez  
Sirena Barker  
Orlando Carrillo  
Yadira Carrillo  
Jailene Contreras  
Jocelyn Coronado Estrada  
Tanner Currier  
Megan Darby  
Alexia Diaz Sanchez  
Cynthia Flores  
Ciera Freeman  
Roman Garcia  
O Moo Gay  
Elijah Gerber  
Odalys Gomez  
Ruben Gomez  
Cindy Gonzalez  
Jaiden Gonzales  
Morgan Gonzales  
Amanuel Habte  
Madsyn Hedgpeh  
Adrian Hernandez Pena  
Sheena Jacques Rodriguez  
Jacey Kenney  
Mikaela Lehnert  
Gilllean Leslie  
Jessica Lieser  
Fernando Lopez  
Julisa Lo'Pez  
Eva Madrigal Madrigal  
Korie Mapes  
Stevie Meier  
Brooke Miller-Lancaster  
Yahaira Montes  
Nalha Mullen  
Monika Mullins  
Melissa Nelson  
Jasmine Ojeda  
Marcos Onesto Tapia  
Adriana Ostos Arceola  
Ezequiel Perches  
Jianna Piacenza  
Dawson Rains  
Julio Rascon  
Juan Reyes  
Marsela Reyes Martinez  
Breanna Rine  
Connor Roche  
Mario Ruiz Guerrero  
Stephanie Saenz  
Trevor Sample  
Amagia Scott  
David Sneesby  
Dylan Stewart  
Roberto Terrazas  
Draven Tolentino  
Christi Treutens  
Abrianna Trujillo  
Makayla Widener  
Lillyann Casas  
Merissa Hernandez  
Killian Vasquez  
Gabrielle Aspromonte  
Dillon McDonald  
Jocelyn Arellanes Ramirez  
Steven Armstrong  
Lorenzo Balderrama Porras  
Fabyion Barboza  
Esther Caro  
Isaiah Cervantes  
Marian Diaz Hernandez  
Anna Eisenberg  
Juana Escobar Rafael  
Matthew Frank  
Jade Frazee  
Vincent Geurin  
Mariela Gonzales Martinez  
Jesus Hernandez Garcia  
Brenda Hernandez-Ramirez  
Laura Hernandez-Vasquez  
Randall Hinojos  
Tiffany Howell  
No Islum  
Darlania Jackson-Gudiel  
Jennifer Martinez-Salazar  
Marlen Montes  
Dallas Palomino  
Austin Prather  
Brittany Riley  
Sylvia Rizo  
Marko Silva  
Peyton Tellez  
Noemi Valencia

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Samuel Zaragoza  
Alexander De La Croix  
Aiyah Holguin  
Aysha Horner  
Kayla Hoskins  
Angela Lu  
Aaron Lyman  
Payton McGee  
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Rebecca Olivas  
Mackenzie Starkey  
Karen Chavez Tena  
Jacob Esparza  
Jarek Jendzel-Scott  
Kaile Kitts  
Caitlin Lutz  
Dominique Santee  
Cody Saxe  
Emily Smith  
Riley Spight  
Sianne Boyd  
Cordell Gillingham  
Amber Lanfrey  
Alissa Ljungvall  
Lluvia Meza Lopez  
Mariah Waswick  
Ktray Mu  
Joshua Anderson  
Rachael Arnold  
David Arthur  
Tianna Brown  
Hannah Campbell  
Erika Cardenas Alfaro  
Logan Dion  
Adam Dominguez  
Brecklyn Duran  
Dakota Golightly  
Fartun Hassan  
Karina Mojica  
Melanie Nelson  
Izbeth Pacheco Holguin  
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Daniela Ramos Sanchez  
Christian Ruiz-Guerrero  
Desirae Soliz  
Josue Soto Rodriguez  
Alex Stoll  
Jessie Alvarenga Gonzales  
John Atakilt  
Diana Caro  
Alondra Fierro  
Edgar Lopez  
Jose Parra Vega  
Ernesto Plascencia  
Dolores Duran  
Ashley Hannum  
Jonathan Shirazi  
Zachary Streeter  
Kelsie Brinklow  
Brittany Corrales  
Grant Nichols  
Abbie Polland  
Aneisha Rubio  
Alicia Whiteley  
Connor Young  
Brandon Duval  
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Ayrton Aldrich  
Alondra Arreguin Barreras  
Cesar Barrera Carrasco  
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Raquel Dennis  
Kelsey Gordon-Davissen  
Andrea Hoover  
Gabriela Lozano  
Crystal Maki  
Megan McDonald  
Bae Meh  
Juliana Mendibles  
Brayan Montes Arce  
Simone Morales  
Maira Moreno  
Kayla Moser  
David Orozco Baldovinos  
Sydney Rakowski  
Jocelyn Rangel  
Mayrani Regalado  
Abigail Rocha  
Kaylee Roth  
Nicholas Sedam  
Joshua Shepherd

Kiara Amaya  
Carlos Chavez Lopez  
Juan Flores  
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Aiyah Holguin  
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Kiersten Boker  
Jonathan Botello  
Nancy Ceja Barragan

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Mary Meyer  
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Maci Herman  
Shaina Jordan  
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Madeline Rodgers  
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Cory Varela  
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Brandon Shevela  
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Andrea Rivas  
Darcy Fieck  
Karen Montes  
Elizabeth Parker  
Brook Vokey



Business teacher Mark Jarnot hands sophomore Sydney Haines a candy bar as a reward for being on the honor roll for the first semester.

Sirena Barker/West Word

## Students suckered for good grades

By Sirena Barker  
Staff Writer

Being on the Honor Roll at Greeley West is an honor for the students.

Having a 3.0 GPA or higher makes students eligible for the certificate. On Thursday, February 6, students were rewarded with their certificate and a sucker. High Honor Roll students, who had a GPA of 4.0 or higher, were rewarded with their certificate, a sucker, and a chocolate bar.

Many students were excited to receive their awards for their hard work throughout the first semester. "It was exciting to be recognized in front of everyone. I'm really glad that Greeley West recognized these hard working students," said Sydney Haines.

Students also were awarded for their perfect attendance first semester. These students were rewarded with a certificate, two suckers, and a candy bar.

Taylor Chavez  
Alicia Cruz  
Benjamin Roadcap  
Tyler Roth  
Malia Long  
Nicholas Bates  
Allison Johnson  
Christopher Campbell  
Paul Cangilla  
Madison Chesterman  
Jasmine Cockerill-Turner  
Alexis Dominguez-Puga  
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Conrad Schaefer IV  
Kelsey Story  
Casey Stump  
Santiago Vargas Quinoz  
Keegan Wilcox  
Mohamoud Ahmed

Danae Pisano  
Alejandro Garcia  
Zachary Lish  
Cosmo Lopez  
Stephen Moran  
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Sandra Tapia  
Jacob Turnwall

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Benjamin Wood  
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Alexander Battleson





Alex Garcia/West Word

Joshua Caldwell studies the board, trying to decide what his next move will be in the Greeley West commons area last week.

## Chess Club checkmates to support Salvation Army

**By Alex Garcia**  
Staff Writer

The Chess Club is new to Greeley West for this year. The club was started at the beginning of the school year by junior Darcy Ficek.

She started the club because it was something that would look pretty impressive on a college application. As president of the club, she has begun to get the club involved with the community through activities at the school and fundraisers. The amount of members in the club has gone up since they began. The club is up to a total of 11 members, which at West is a pretty successful club.

On February 6, the Chess Club had a fundraiser at the West gym and invited all students and adults to come and participate in a few games of chess. The fundraiser was from 6-8 in the evening and participants were charged at the door in order to enter into the chess tournament.

The tournament did have a few prizes for the winners. The prizes included medals and ribbons for the winners of the games, along with a few other miscellaneous prizes that were given out. The proceeds for this fundraiser were given to the Salvation Army in order to help out those in need.

The Chess Club is looking to participate in an actual chess tournament that is not a fundraiser of any sort in May of this year. The tournament will be statewide, bringing in schools from all over Colorado. The tournament is to be held in Denver, but the specific date is not yet set. The tourney will truly tell the members where they are at with their techniques and strategies.

For their first year, Ficek believes their club is very successful and plans on continuing with it throughout her high school years. She also believes the club will continue to grow, as it did throughout this year.



## Students learn job skills for free at Career Academy

**By Lucy Salazar**  
Staff Writer

Students at Greeley west now have the opportunity to start their career while still attending high school. My Career Academy is a program offered to all high school students who wish to start working in fields such as welding, oil and gas, agriculture, criminal justice, med-prep, and automotive service.

These programs not only give students career preparation, but they are tuition free so students

only need to pay for their textbooks which are sold reasonable prices. My Career Academy also provides summer programs as an option if needed. The summer programs provide the students hands-on learning environments while furthering career exploration and are held in Fort Lupton.

These programs are flexible with schedules and if they don't fit into the busy lives of certain students, there are ways to take courses at night and/or online during the school year and during the summer.

The benefits of taking the My Career Academy

classes are bountiful. The skills that students learn can be taken from the classes into college courses and real life experiences.

During the month of February there will be orientations and open houses for each program, and there is a make up session for these orientations on February 27 at 6:30 at Aims Community College for students who cannot make it to the individual sessions.

Depending on the program, students will have the opportunity to attend their course at UNC, AIMS,

or Greeley Central High School.

Counselors are encouraging students to take advantage of this free college opportunity and apply as soon as they are able to because spaces are limited.

If students have any questions on how to get into classes, how to apply for classes, and what all classes are available, they only need to go talk to their counselors

## Dream Team scholarship finalists await money decision

**By Tonya Schiestel**  
Staff Writer

Dream Team is a non-profit organization that is funded through grants and works to help students succeed in high school and continue on to college. The board of directors is given \$20,000 per year to give away as scholarships.

These scholarships range anywhere from \$500 to \$1,500. The Dream Team Scholarship is district wide and is given out to multiple students. To

be eligible to apply for this scholarship, students must have been a member of Dream Team for at least two years. An essay is required to apply for this scholarship and other factors taken into consideration include the student's involvement in the community, the obstacles they have overcome, their achievements, and also their plans for the future.

The names of the winners were just recently released. The three students that were chosen

from Greeley West are Genesis Orellana, Alexandria Jaenke, and Joshua Molina. Now, they wait to see how much they have won.

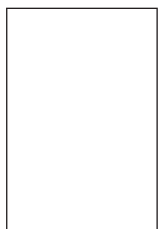
"I'm so thankful for this scholarship. I've been a member of ETS for six years and now I know that my dream of going to college is finally going to come true," said Josh Molina. This scholarship has helped many students reach their goal of continuing on to college after high school.



Molina



Orellana



Jaenke

# Conferences return

**By Mason Barnes**  
Staff Writer

The third parent teacher conference will be held Wednesday. The first two conferences held this year have had a solid turn out compared to the past years and this one is looking to be the same if not better.

"The last six years the attendance has been really low. I would on average see about 10-12 parents a night," said social studies Mike Conner.

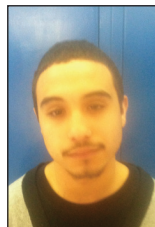
Throughout the school, a lot of students hardly even know when conferences are.

"I've never been to a parent teacher conference, and I don't even know when the next one is," said Ray Munoz, a senior at West. Some of this could be that parents can check their child's grades from almost anywhere and can get a hold of the teacher at any time for the most part.

But the last couple of years, a lot more



Conner



Munoz

parents have been taking their own time and making an effort to come talk to their child's teachers. "The last two years I've had 20 or more parents a night coming out and seeing me," said Conner.

"I try and go to every one of my daughter's conferences just to tell her teachers thank you," Conner added.

This year the school has added some incentives to try and pull in a bigger turn out. For example, giving out prizes and having a raffle. It also may be hard for parents to have to go through the school and search for the teachers rooms. So the school has thrown out the idea of having everybody in the gym so it makes it a lot easier to find teachers to talk to.

This coming parent teacher conference, teachers at Greeley West encourage the parents of their students to attend, to ask questions, and to talk about their kids with the teachers.

# Students miss out on lots of free money

**By Michael Caro**  
Staff Writer

Recently many Greeley West students have not been attending girls and boys home basketball games and wrestling matches. The students have been missing the chance to win a dollar scholarship given out at every home athletic event. All the students at West have a chance to win the prize but they must attend the athletic event in order to win.

Every home game, scholarships are given out to one student from the school. The student is randomly drawn and their name is called during halftime. The student must be present in order to claim the scholarship. Lately, the student section has been lacking students. Meaning many West students are losing the opportunity to win a prize. The idea of the scholarship drawing was to encourage all Greeley West students to attend all home athletic events.

Early in the winter season, the student section had

a decent amount of students showing up but as the season begins to end fewer students are showing up. Greeley West has over 1500 hundred students and most of them haven't attended an athletic event this year.

"Our student section has been terrible lately. It sucks to see that students don't support the basketball teams and they're losing the chance to win free money," cheerleader Melissa Nelson said.

Greeley West students are missing out on winning free money. For each game, money is given out to the student that is drawn. Only three students have won the prize, which is currently worth 500 dollars.

"This is not only a Greeley West issue but a state wide issue. Less students are showing up to entertainment and athletic events than previous years," Athletic Director Jeff Cranson said.

The students that support athletes are mostly other athletes. The whole purpose of the drawing was to encourage students to attend home events.



Nelson



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Substitute teacher Josh Perry takes attendance for Mr. Mark Jarrot's class.

## Substitute teachers find mixed experiences at West

By Michael Caro  
Staff Writer

When most students walk into a classroom and see a substitute teacher, they think of it as a free day. Most students take advantage of the substitute and others treat them with the respect that they deserve. Many people don't know it, but being a substitute teacher is one of the hardest jobs in education.

When a substitute takes over a classroom full of unknown teenagers it can become stressful at times. Students soon realize that they can take full advantage of the substitute.

Teachers hold the students accountable for their own actions, usually leaving the students with a worksheet to keep the students on task and keep them from making the substitute feel uncomfortable.

Today in high school, most students are mature

enough to treat new visitors with respect and welcome them with open arms.

"Whenever I have a substitute, I try not to mess around and I stay quiet and do my work. I feel bad for the substitutes sometimes because they get no respect from some of the other students," Guma El-Taeb said.

On the other hand, immature students take complete advantage of the substitute. Some students see the substitute teacher as a "babysitter". Some substitute teachers feel really uncomfortable after a day, they don't return to the school again. The bad substitute reports leave the school with a bad reputation.

"When I walk into a classroom and see a substitute teacher, my mood changes completely. It's a great time to catch up with friends and annoy the substitute as much as possible," senior Sergio Felix said.

## Love songs for cash

Six groups of students went around the school singing to anyone who has ordered one.

"Since we don't have school on the 14<sup>th</sup>, everyone will receive it on February 13<sup>th</sup>," says Paige Ecker, choir teacher at Greeley West, and person in charge of the Singing Valentine program.

One of the six groups sings "You're the One That I Want," the song played in the movie *Grease*. "It's a fun experience and I love watching people be embarrassed," said one of the singers, Erin Brunswick.

Brunswick sang as a Valentine one year before, but her junior year the Valentines did not make an appearance. "The red faces are the best thing ever. I encourage people to get these, even if they just send it to their friend," confesses Brunswick.

The money that the choir raised will be used to fund competition prizes and travelling costs.

--Anna Eisenberg



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## Pottorff's legacy

Former West standout returns to school as coach

By Edgar Lopez  
Staff Writer

A lot of teachers and staff were once students and athletes at Greeley West High School like C-team boys basketball coach Clay Pottorff.

Pottorff was a three-sport athlete and marvelous student playing basketball, football, and baseball and still managing to excel in school. Though he was a great all-around athlete he had the most success in basketball being First Team All-Conference, First Team All-State, named Northern League Player of the Year, and being selected to play in the "The Show" All Star Game played at the Pepsi Center.

Pottorff averaged 24.1 points a game, along with 10 rebounds a game his senior season.

Pottorff received a scholarship that would cover his tuition and allowed him play at Black Hills State College in South Dakota. Pottorff played four years of basketball from 2007 to 2011 being a main contributor to team scoring wise and rebounding

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

*Clay Pottorff*

wise.

Pottorff was done playing ball after four years and continued his studies at Black Hills State majoring in Special Education and graduated after five years.

Pottorff was able to return to his roots to pursue his teaching career, starting out by student teaching at Franklin Middle School and then receiving a teaching position at the school.

"I enjoy helping kids get to grade level in reading, writing, and math," Pottorff explained. "I also like changing the ways of kids with behavioral issues."

Pottorff also began to pursue a new interest of coaching by becoming the C-team boys basketball coach at Greeley West.

"I plan to stay in coaching and see where it takes me," said Pottorff.



Greeley West sophomore basketball coach works with his team in the auxiliary gym last week. Pottorff is a West graduate who lettered in three sports as a student.

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## A new idea to increase learning

Although the topic of partner testing has been brought up before and laughed off, it is an enlightening idea. It may seem like a bad idea to do so, but what could be so wrong about it?

I'm not talking a full on final or assessment partner testing but quizzes and pop quizzes would help students score better grades. As a result, their grades wouldn't plummet after a bad quiz grade, considering how heavily they're weighed.

It's not cheating because the teacher would allow it and it would be two people helping each other figure out problems and helping each other understand the material, instead of copying.

Sometimes people get confused about certain material in class and although the teacher has continuously explained it, they just can't seem to grasp it or understand the teacher's style of explaining it. Therefore they usually turn to fellow peers to help them and that usually works. Peer testing is a great idea and would really help struggling students better their grades in class. Although one of the problems would be, like with most group projects, some students would rely on their partner to do all of the work. Students should be trusted to pick a partner that will do an equal amount of work as them.

Partner testing would be beneficial because the two people would get a grade based on teamwork. There would be higher quiz grades and just better overall grades across the school.



**America  
Monje**  
Editorial

## Locking the doors won't prevent violence

School shootings have affected many people in America and sadly, it is a problem that will never be eliminated. Thousands of kids each year go to school every day and are never directly affected by the devastating effects of school shootings. However, there are those individuals whose lives are now changed forever.

Recently our state has had an awful experience that unfortunately killed an innocent 17-year old girl. In 2012, we all witnessed the horrific massacre at Sandy Hook elementary

school, which killed 20 children and six adults.



**Alie  
Olivas**  
Editorial

Our country's response to these evil events is to "protect" the schools by locking all of the classroom doors, in hopes of keeping dangerous people out. I believe that the only way to stop these shootings is to pay more attention to the students' psychological state.

In our very own school, there are kids who are going through a lot in their lives, but we never pay much attention to that. If schools made students feel more comfortable to talk about

these issues, it may prevent further issues, even school shootings.

Simply locking all of the doors will not change the psychological state of students, which will not keep schools safe. We often look past mental illness in teenagers, but research shows that a lot of illnesses are developing rapidly during the teen years.

Our country has seen enough violence and enough faultless students dying due to school shootings. We must help these at-risk students in order to protect students of all ages in America.

## Lots of factors figure into making decision on college

Being a senior can bring on a lot of pressure while picking a college for the fall semester of 2014. During the first semester of senior year, you are told to apply to colleges you may be interested in attending, and after those acceptance letters start rolling in, sometimes students are stuck on making the big decision on exactly where to go.

By second semester of senior year, students are expected to know where they want to go for college next year and what they want to major in.

It's a big step in a student's life because these decisions will affect their life for the next four years. Although many students go into college undecided on their major, the pressure of seeking it can be overwhelming.

When students are choosing their perfect college they need to consider location, pricing, and dorm conditions.

Finding a college that fits all of these categories perfectly for you can be difficult, however, if students take enough time on looking into colleges it can make their decision a lot more relaxing.



**Haley  
Alberts**  
Editorial

For example, visiting colleges and getting tours of them can make it a lot more clear on whether or not you would want to attend that college in the future. If students take the time to find the right information out on colleges, it will help the process on choosing a college tremendously!

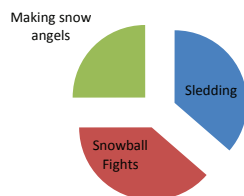


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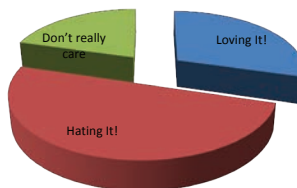
Leo Salcido signs his letter of intent to play football at Chadron State. Salcido considered many factors before making the decision to attend.

## Spartan Pulse

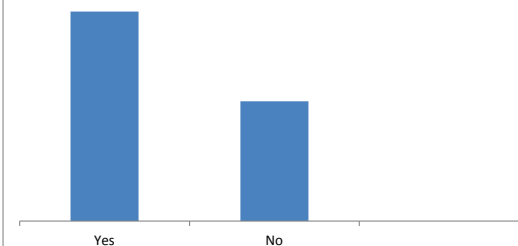
### What's your favorite thing to do in the snow?



### How do you like the cold?



### Was the Super Bowl rigged?





# Morp promises to thrill if people show up

Morp, or Prom spelled backwards, is the one dance where girls are supposed to ask the guys to a dance, although it is perfectly okay if the girl asks the guy to other dances too. Most of the time it seems like girls get too scared to ask the guys to Morp even though



**Malia Long**  
Editorial

it's always the guys who have to do the asking usually.

There was a great turn out in one of the Morps I have been to in my high school career, and one that didn't have the best turn out. The only difference from the two was the lack of participation. If we convinced every girl to ask a guy to Morp and had many people go, it would be a great time.

"Participation is a key thing in most school activities, so let's make the best of it."

Participation is a key thing in most school activities, so let's make the best out of it. Girls start asking that special person or just a friend to our nerd-themed Morp this year. We should get as much participation as possible, because this is the one dance you don't have to get all dressed up for, or go out to a fancy dinner out of Greeley. You don't even have to buy a three-hundred dollar dress or rent a tux. This dance

is made to just have a good time and be silly!

If you don't have a date or don't have a friend to ask, just go in a large group of friends. If there is a good turnout there will be plenty of people to dance with, and you will have a great night with your friends.

I don't see how people can shut the idea down so fast when it has the potential to be a memorable night and maybe even more fun than Homecoming or Prom, although those dances are always a wonderful night.

Girls, get to asking and everyone start getting groups together and let's all go have a great night.

## Broncos need to make changes

The Denver Broncos failed to win the Super Bowl despite putting up record shattering numbers offensively this season. They lost to the Seattle Seahawks 43-8.

I felt like the game was decided on the second play of the game when Manny Ramirez snapped the ball over Peyton Manning's shoulder into the end zone which resulted in a safety. This play set the tone of the game.

The entire Broncos team failed to show up to the biggest game of the year and the final result was a humiliating beat down for the Denver Broncos and its fans. This was easily the most embarrassing game of my life, more so than last year's Ravens game in the divisional round.

The Broncos team also doesn't seem to care publicly a whole lot that they just got man handled in what could possibly be their last opportunity to

make it the Super Bowl in a while with a lot of the players in contract years.

In order to make our team better, I think the Broncos staff should make some changes. First, they should change the mentality of the players. They need to make them play angry and fast, like the Seahawks did against us.



**Jake Firkins**  
Editorial

Second, they need to trade Knowshon Moreno and Trindon Holliday to free up some cap space for players like Demarius Thomas and Eric Decker who are in contract years and have been productive in more than one year of them being here. Knowshon has only had one 1000 yard game in five years. Third, Bailey should

take a pay cut. This would also free up some cap space and would also allow for the addition of more defensive players, which we need badly.

## Chick-Fil-A will cause traffic

Everyone may be excited for the opening of the new Chick-Fil-A along with the Tokyo Joe's that has recently opened but is that completely a good thing? The new restaurants are only going to bring in more and more traffic around Greeley West.

With the hundreds of students already trying to leave the school to get lunch from West alone, already bringing tons of traffic and slow driving; now it's going to be 10 times worse.

This is not only going to end up being an excuse for students being tardy, but with them trying to hurry to be the first ones in line there are most likely going to be lots of speeding tickets and car accidents coming.

Chick-Fil-A alone is a very popular fast food restaurant which is popular among all high school students. With it being right next to West, students from University, Greeley Central, Frontier, and

Northridge are going to be making the commute in order to eat at the only one in town.

Not only will they be coming, but most of these schools have longer lunches than West or sometimes even get out for lunch earlier than West students which mean they will probably be there first and make huge lines for anyone trying to get some lunch from here.

I'm not saying it's a bad thing that they are building all of these food places close to West because the more choices we have the better. Everyone would rather have them here close to us then having to drive somewhere else but it isn't all good that comes from it.

The biggest problem coming along with the new places is the heavy traffic and long lines every day.



**Alex Garcia**  
Editorial

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## Teenagers spend Valentine's Day slaughtering fake zombies at library

By **Brandon Holmes**  
Staff Writer

On Friday, instead of the traditional Valentine's Day; box of chocolates, flowers, and date night, the Centennial Park Library held an event for the dateless, zombie-loving teenagers that enjoy shooting nerf guns and hanging out with their friends.

The Valentine's Day evening at the library consisted of a zombie vs. human tag game using

nerf guns, undead craft making, and apocalyptic activities that were all held throughout the library.

For the people that attended, they had to provide their own nerf gun and pre-register prior to the event either online on the Centennial Park Library website or at the library itself.

To pre-register, all you had to do was give them your name, email, and phone number. There was no cost to participate in this event.

Josh Molina, a senior at Greeley West High



Molina

School, is an annual participant in this nerf gun, zombie-shooting battle.

"I love the environment of this event," said Molina. He attended the Zombie Lock-In this year as well and said that it was definitely a success.

"With all of the bookshelves in the library, there was a ton of

places to hide behind," Molina said.

This year was the last year that Molina and his friends could attend. Molina encourages students to participate in this event if they have the opportunity to do so in the upcoming years.

The important part of the event wasn't being single or alone for Valentine's Day - it was about having fun with your best friends.

"It's really fun when you're with your buddies," Molina concluded.

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The Tarzan set sits in a partially completed state in the Greeley West auditorium. Mr. Mark Bruemmer's construction classes have been working on the project for the entire semester.

## Constructing a jungle

By **Alie Olivas**  
Staff Writer

Putting together a musical at Greeley West is not a simple task. Students have to learn songs, choreography, and learn lines. But without a set, the play is nothing. So to help with the work load, and make sure that the *Tarzan* set looks amazing for the play, a few of the woodshop classes have recently taken on a very large project for Greeley West's upcoming spring musical. The pre-engineering/architectural classes have been working on the sets for about two weeks now, and still have a few weeks left to complete it before the show.

Their duties include making the swings, ramps, and platforms for the actors and actresses to use. The class gets the plans and designs from student Connor Gilmore, and then the woodshop students and Mr. Mark

Breummer start to build it. When they are all done putting the sets together, they take it the theatre and set it up. All of this work is anything but easy, however.

"It's hard work, but I think the set will be very good. We have had a lot of help from Breummer and his classes and I'm looking forward to the show," said Gilmore.

Once the set is in the theatre, professionals then come in and hang up the ropes. This ensures that no one will get hurt during rehearsal and the shows.

Although this whole task requires a lot of effort and hard work, the students have fun with their work, and use it as a chance to bond, and have a good time.

"We all enjoy it; it is a good group effort and it's interesting to do," said senior Nick Glover.



Gilmore



## FASHION TRENDS: Spring wear's coming

Although the frigid weather in Colorado lately may try to trick you, spring is just around the corner.

It's about that time where despite the weather, we can still dream about the upcoming spring fashions and start planning ahead.

This spring's trends are extremely girly! Pastels and florals are very popular, and you will most likely see a lot of soft pinks and purples trending as "Orchid" is the color of the year.

If girly isn't your style, outrageous, edgy accessories are extremely in this spring as well. Try a sporty ball cap with a casual outfit or exotic sunglasses. Along with that black, silver and gold bold crosses and designs on necklaces and jewelry are very common and trendy.

Lauren Miller  
Fashion Expert



Lauren Miller/West Word

Mariah Waswick, a sophomore, shows off her floral scarf that just screams spring time.

## The Lego Movie stacks on lots and lots of humor

Many movies have come out just at the beginning of this year. There have been many genres as well. There haven't been too many kids' movies or animated movies. The only other movie than *The Lego Movie*, is *Frozen*.

I went and saw *The Lego Movie* and it was definitely not what I expected from a movie like that. I thought it would have a dumb story line and there would be nothing exciting about it.

I was wrong about a few things. The story was good and left a good message to the

audience. I was also wrong that there was nothing exciting about the movie. There was plenty of excitement. The action wasn't top notch, but what do you expect from an animated movie?

There were many great actors/actresses in the movie. Morgan Freeman and Will Ferrell are lead roles in the movie. They do a great job at making the audience laugh. The digital characters are funny themselves.

I thought to myself, how in the world can someone make a movie about Legos? Well let me tell you,



Riley Mincic  
Movie Review

## Monday Night Raw: students battle wits

By Lauren Miller  
Staff Writer

Unlike most classes at Greeley West, TOK meets at an unusual time. This group of IB juniors meets on Monday nights from six to nine if they choose to do so, otherwise it is offered during 2<sup>nd</sup> block during the normal school day. Students like this flexible class time and compare it to a college-like class the way it is taught.

Mr. Travis Krause teaches this particular class

and most students in the class say they enjoy his teaching. TOK stands for Theory of Knowledge. Unlike most classes where you learn math or science, this class teaches students to learn how to learn and why they might think or act a certain way. They work together as a close "IB family" to learn about each other's learning styles and how each individual learns in a different way.

Many students who take this class enjoy it as it actually teaches them lessons they can carry with them throughout their whole life. "TOK is

they succeeded in the making of this movie.

The humor in this movie is mostly about all the difficulties there is of being a lego person.

There is a part where the main character wants to do jumping jacks. The problem is, he can't with how his arms work.

With a majority of the audience being young kids, I would say this is a family movie to bring young kids to. I give *The Lego Movie* a 7 out of 10 Spartan Heads. I give it this for the good story and childish humor.

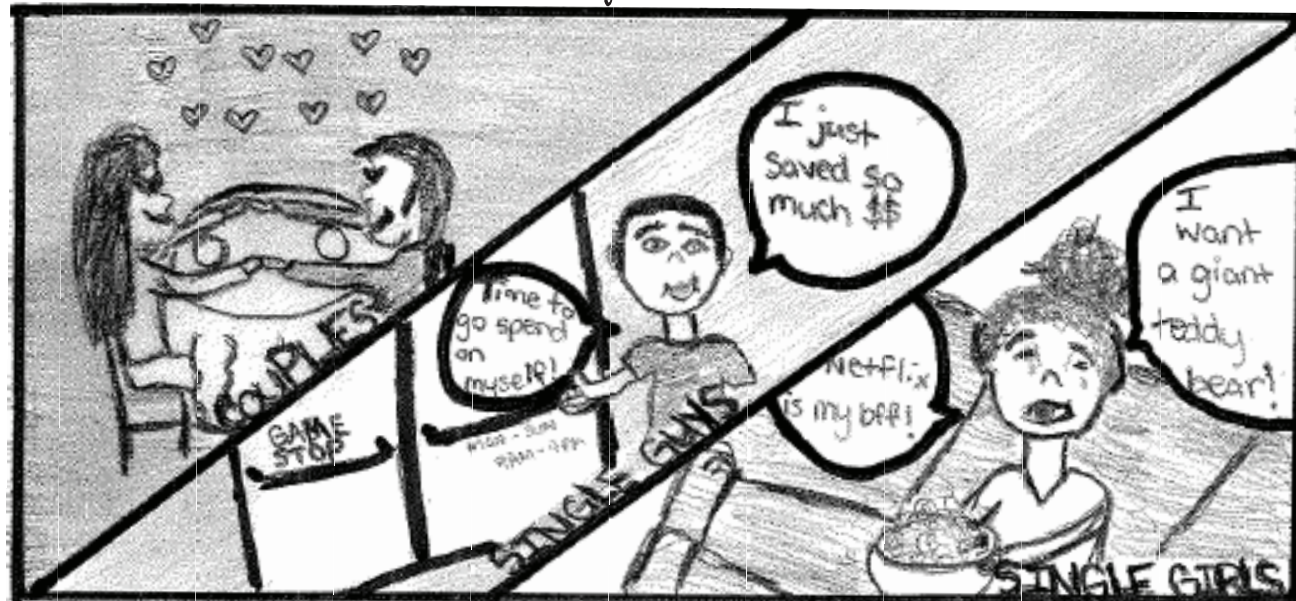
If you are going to see any movie that is made entirely out of Legos this weekend, then plan on seeing this smash hit of an awesome movie.

definitely beneficial. It is teaching us to look at things in different ways then we automatically would.

It really helps change perception and look at things in a variety of ways," shares junior Maci Herman.

"I really like the class because it's a class where you learn about how people think and why they think certain things, we learn about different philosophers and their beliefs as well," said Aaron Lyman, junior.

## Teens on Valentine's Day by Ariell Martinez



# Spartans scratched

Central Wildcats  
beat West boys

By Tara Trevino  
Staff Writer

The rivalry continued between West and Central at the wrestling match, keeping hopes alive for the Spartans to receive a win in one of the few sports left to break the streak of losses against Central. Sadly, the wrestling team fell short, 34-31. Both teams stood neck and neck throughout all of the matches and both crowds were alive cheering.

The last match fell into Junior, Ernie Plascencia to reach the Spartans into a tie. "I felt really nervous knowing that the tie ended up in my hands, even though I knew it would because I was the last one to wrestle," explained Plascencia.

Despite the loss, the Spartan wrestlers kept their heads held high. "We had to overcome a lot of things like injuries, not having a full line up, and people not wrestling to their full potential, but we powered



Plascencia



Tara Trevino / West Word

Top: Junio Jesse Alveranga, makes his move against his opponent, Right: Logan Trzeciack, junior, pins his opponent to the ground.

through it and finished 10-2 so we did alright," said Plascencia.

The Spartans biggest impact losing points for the team was forfeiting the two first matches due to injuries.

Xavier Vasquez, Dylan West, Adrian Delacruz, Emilio Rubio, Joel Huskerson, Logan Trzeciack, and Ernie Plascencia were victors in their matches against their Central rivals.

With the season coming to an end, the Spartans have state and regionals left.



## Girls basketball continue in a tough spot

By Zeke Rodriguez  
Staff Writer

On February 11, the Greeley West Lady Spartans travelled to Fort Collins to play against the Lampkins. The Spartans played their hearts out but it was turnovers that killed the lady Spartans.



Sheets

The Spartans were handicapped with junior team captain Harper Sheets sitting out the first half due to getting a technical foul against Rocky Mountain the game before. That crippled the Spartans because in the first half they only scored 12 points.

Luckily for the Spartans, senior Moriah Campbell had an impressive night scoring 27 of the teams 37 points. The first quarter was the lowest scoring quarters for both of the teams only having 16 total points between the two teams, 6 coming from the Spartans and 10 from the Lampkins.

In the second quarter the Lampkins went off totaling 17 points and that Spartans scored 6 points again. At the half the score was 30-12 in favor of the lady Lampkins. End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> the score was 43-21 Fort Collins.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter came the Spartans started knocking down shots, in the 4<sup>th</sup> the Spartans actually outscored the Lampkins 16-15, but out scoring a team one quarter will not have you come away with a win. The Spartans lost 55-37.



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## Boys hoops fall to Ft. Collins

By Eric Seeley  
Staff Writer

The Greeley West Spartan boys' basketball team put a valiant effort into Tuesday night's game against the Fort Collins Lambkins. The Spartans were only down by single digits for most of the game, but with a couple minutes remaining the Lambkins pulled away, making it a double digit lead. The Spartans fell just short, losing 62-48.

The Lambkins had height to their side with multiple six footers and one towering six foot nine center. The Spartans didn't let this intimidate them, as they stuck to their game plan. Once the Spartans

got dunked on it lit a fire underneath them. It appeared that they decided to out hustle the Lambkins to prevent another dunk from happening. The offense was on as three sophomores led the way for the Spartans.

Cordell Gillingham put up 15 points on the night, followed up by Zeke Perches with 10. Preston Marion was getting boards left and right despite Fort Collins having some monsters on their squad, as Marion led the team by hauling in six rebounds.

"We started off playing strong the first three quarters, but in the fourth they pulled away and we couldn't catch them," said Preston Marion



Cordell Gillingham passes to his teammate last week against Fort Collins.

Eric Seeley/West Word

## Twisted road to conference meet

By Riley Mincic  
Staff Writer

This season has been an improvement year for the West girls swimmers. They have been working all season to become better swimmers and to drop times. Many of the first time swimmers could barely swim a 100. Now most of those swimmers can swim over a 200.

As you can tell Coach Colin Shaha knows what he is doing. He knows how to push his swimmers and to get the most out of them.

"Coach Shaha is a phenomenal coach, he knows how to challenge and prepare us for the big races," said Dianna Rowe.

Rowe has had a great year for the swim team. She has dropped a lot of time throughout the year. Her personal best in the 50 free was a time of 27.32 seconds which was recorded at the Central vs West swim meet.



Rowe

Conferences took place on the weekend of February 8 and 9. This is the meet all of the swimmers have been preparing for. There were many positives coming out of this meet. Morgan King won the 50 free with a time below 25 seconds.

At Conference, Rowe wished she would have done better in all of her individual events. On the other hand she was satisfied with all of the relays that she is a part of. They all dropped time

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# What?

**Directions:** Match each Spartan pictured with their row of answers to find out who said **WHAT**.

<b>WHAT is your favorite food to eat?</b>	<b>WHAT is the best part of Greeley West?</b>	<b>WHAT is your dream vacation location?</b>	<b>WHAT is your dream college?</b>	<b>WHAT is your most embarrassing moment?</b>	<b>WHAT celebrity do you want to meet?</b>
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Xavier Acosta  
Class of 2014

A

Mexican Food	The Teachers	Fiji	Louisiana State Univeristy	Slipped on ice and fell into a pile of snow in front of my friends	Terry Cruz
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Kelsey Davisson  
Class of 2015

B

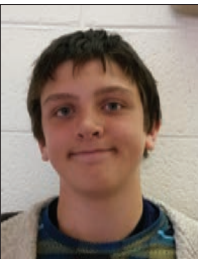
Jim's Wings	The Campus Monitors	Hawaii	Univeristy of California	Ronnette calling me out	Wiz Khalifa
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Alex Diaz  
Class of 2016

C

Italian Food	The Diversity	Italy	New York University	Ate dog poop for money	Ozzy Osbourne
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Triatan Horsley  
Class of 2017

D

Chinese Food	Brittany Corrales	Iceland	Colorado State Univeristy	Farted in Church	Jim Carrey
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## Across

- 1- Stately aquatic bird  
5- Extra  
10- License plates  
14- Bamboo stem  
15- Fabric woven from flax yarns  
16- Injure  
17- Estimator's phrase  
18- Fidgety  
19- Bibliography abbr.  
20- Planes, trains, and automobiles, e.g.  
23- Asian holiday  
24- Aromatic compound  
25- Roman god of the underworld  
27- \_\_\_\_ a million  
29- Intention  
31- Malt beverage  
32- Enzyme ending  
34- Arm or leg  
35- Block  
36- Manage badly  
40- Capture  
41- Evens the score  
42- \_\_\_\_ degree  
43- Hi-\_\_\_\_

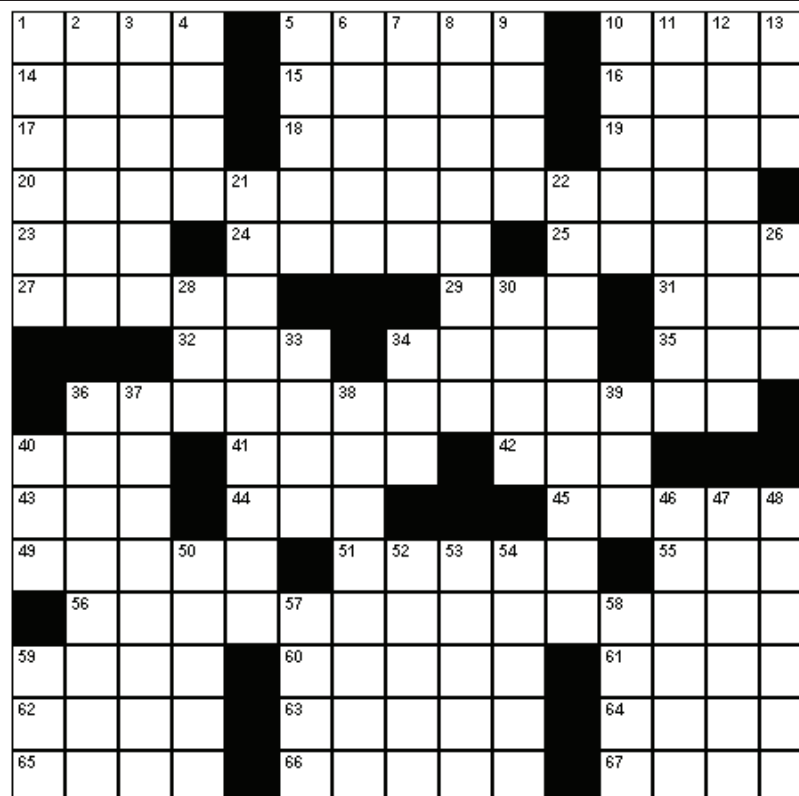
- 44- \_\_\_\_ be an honor

- 45- Seeped  
49- Minute Maid Park player  
51- That is to say...  
55- Having four sharps  
56- Supernatural  
59- Sulk  
60- São Paulo feature  
61- Words of woe  
62- "\_\_\_\_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)  
63- Slippery as \_\_\_\_  
64- Bump into  
65- Departs  
66- \_\_\_\_ lift?  
67- Author \_\_\_\_ Stanley Gardner

## Down

- 1- Soprano Renata  
2- Hare hole  
3- Having a handle  
4- It's a gas  
5- High-fives  
6- Burgundy grape  
7- Cave  
8- Hold back  
9- "Only Time" singer

- 10- His and her  
11- Motorcade  
12- Grainy  
13- Letters on a Cardinal's cap  
21- Widespread excitement  
22- Granite grave marker  
26- Religious sch.  
28- Proverb ending?  
30- Poker declaration  
33- Prepare for publication  
34- Fleur-de-\_\_\_\_  
36- Majestically, musically  
37- Recondite  
38- Tonic  
39- However  
40- Heston's org.  
46- Musical instrument  
47- Tooth covering  
48- Erase  
50- Gives a 9.8, say  
52- Scuffle  
53- Broke off  
54- "A Passage to India" heroine  
57- Ollie's partner  
58- Reputation  
59- Cribbage marker



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## STR8TS

No. 89

Easy



Previous solution - Medium



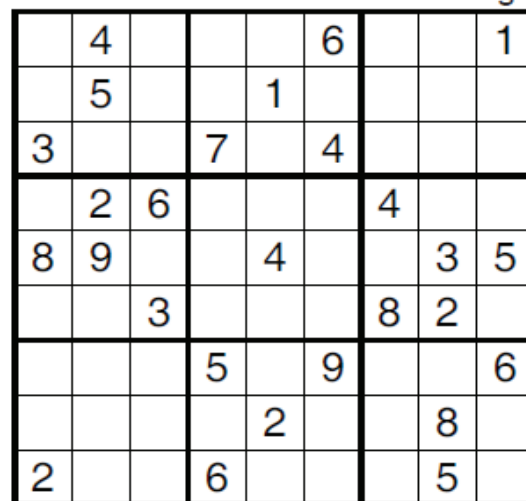
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Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into compartments. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A straight is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.

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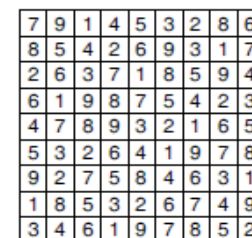
## SUDOKU

No. 89

Tough



Previous solution - Medium



To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

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The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

# Law puts focus on teacher’s data

By Haley Alberts  
Staff Writer

Recently, there have been many laws and bills that have been created in order to hopefully improve schools and education, however, there has been a new bill brought up in Colorado that is based on educators and their skills due to testing towards the end of the year, called Senate Bill 191, also known as the ‘Teacher Effectiveness Law.’ They do an evaluation on each faculty member based on the TCAP and Galileo test scores. Evaluation based on statewide Quality Standards defining what it means to be an effective teacher or principal; the professional practice Quality Standards account for half of an educator’s annual evaluation.

Donald Wagner thinks this bill is unfair to

educators for a couple of valid reasons. One being, that students don’t take Galileo and TCAP seriously while testing, because it does not affect their grades or themselves personally, so therefore, students have no incentive to do well on these selected tests. Also, Wagner states that “Teachers aren’t afraid of being tested for quality, teachers welcome being observed for their effectiveness.” So why don’t they do this? Teachers may be going a great job by teaching, and if they observed this during class time, they could see it, as opposed to the TCAP and Galileo scores that in fact have nothing to do with their teaching skills. Elizabeth Dent also agrees with Wagner in most aspects of the Senate Bill 191. Dent believes that this bill will take away from meeting with

students in the future and getting detailed feedback from them, also it will take back from a classroom atmosphere that is whole and healthy. “My fear is that the demands are going to put focus on preparing artifacts and generating and analyzing data that takes time away from crafting valuable and thoughtful lesson plans,” Dent said.



Dent Wagner

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and won the relays that she is a part of. They all dropped time, and one state qualified and the other was just hundredths of a second short of qualifying for state. Rowe has a pre-meet routine before she gets ready to swim which includes a drink from intake-juice. The pre-meet routines are usually used to get pumped and ready to swim fast. The girls had state on the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, but results were not available before press time. Spartan girls are very excited for the rest of their season, and hope to go very far this year. The records for the state swim were not available at the time for press.

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rescheduled two times before, due to difficulties with transportation and weather. Despite the process of putting the trip together teachers and students alike enjoyed the experience. Many students were able to participate in the belly dancers routine. “I thought it was really cool; I had fun” said Eric Lovell who held a knife above his head while practicing his belly dancing.

Everyone was able to participate in a traditional hand washing process to receive insight on a different culture. The courses provided for the students consisted of finger foods such as shredded carrots marinated in rose water glaze, lamb, couscous, a chicken almond pastry, and mint rose water tea to finish the meal off. Both students and teachers were able to learn a few words in Arabic from the staff at Mataam Fez in addition to the feast and entertainment the students were also able to participate in a “conga line” traveling through the restaurant.

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“Knowing I can help kids to know school is important and being able to change their opinions on it is awesome. I love being able to help improve their lives,” said Adam Dominguez, a member of the Meeker’s Mentor’s. There are six kids in the group. They teach kids anywhere from kindergarten to fifth grade and each helper gets assigned a whole classroom of kids. It all depends on what they get when they show up.



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