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## LOVING YOURSELF ON VALENTINE'S DAY



*S. Garcia*

Being single on Valentine's Day might feel terrible, but don't think of it that way, instead you can spend the day loving yourself. Just because you don't have someone special to share it with, doesn't mean that the day itself can't be special for you. Spend Valentine's Day spoiling yourself by buying new clothes, pampering yourself, or going to get food you love. You could pamper yourself by going to the spa to get a massage, a mani-pedi, sitting in a hot tub, or getting a facial. Most women would love this especially because afterwards they can go get food, ice cream, or a smoothie from Intajoice.

Guys can also enjoy pampering themselves, but instead they would enjoy going to a barber shop to get a nice haircut, along with a hot towel on their face, and a massage. The gym is also a good place for anyone to spend Valentine's Day. Not only could you enjoy this day by yourself, but you could spend it with friends. Elizabeth Perez, a senior at Greeley Central High School says, "I always go with my friends to dinner and the movies on Valentine's Day." It's the perfect day to grab a group of friends and enjoy a movie, dinner, or go bowling at Chippers Lanes. Spend Valentine's Day with your family by having a barbeque or a potluck and have family game night. Valentine's Day doesn't have to be for couples, it can be any type of love with friends, family, or love that you have for yourself.



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# APES FIELD TRIP

*A. Autobee*

Field trips can be used to spark interest in a variety of topics, fields of work and study. This year's AP Environmental Science class at Greeley Central High School is planning a trip to the Rocky Mountains. Our current APES students are headed there February 1st, throughout the field trip they will learn how to figure out the snow water equivalent of the snow pack out in the mountains which in the summer becomes our water here in town. They also learn about Winter ecology such as how the trees and animals adapt to the winter environment. On this field trip, the students go up to Rocky Mountain National Park and meet with rangers to drive up to Bear Lake, so they can hike up to their dig site and dig a snow pit which allows them to measure all kinds of different layers of snow, helping them figure out the snow water equivalent. Liz Mock-Murphy, a teacher here at Greeley Central who teaches the APES class and runs the field trip says "Every year they enjoy the trip the best part is sledding down the mountain at the end. ." APES gives you a great opportunity to see thing you normally wouldn't see and gives you a different perspective on our environment and how it changes everyday.



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## DON'T WANT TO BE LONELY ON VALENTINE'S DAY?

*J. Gallegos*

Most single people dread the month of February, why? Well, because of Valentine's Day of course. Nothing sucks more than being single on Valentine's Day, trust me I know. Seeing couples post pictures, posting statuses on how much they love each other, while your at home, watching movies, cuddled up in a blanket with a big bowl of ice cream is enough to make anyone want to skip over February 14th. Now, if you have ever experienced what we just described, I'm so sorry. If you haven't, well, good for you. I'm writing this article for all the single people out there who don't really want to spend Valentine's Day alone. So here's a couple tips that I hope you take into consideration to make your Valentine's Day special. Tip number one, get out there! If you're anything like me, staying at home sounds way better than going out but trust me when I say you should definitely get out of the house and make most of your night. Tip number two, go out with a group of friends; friends make everything better! Whether that's going out to eat or doing something adventurous, with friends, you can always be sure you'll have a great night. Tip number three, since Valentine's Day is all about love, spend the day loving yourself. There's nothing wrong with treating yourself to a day of mani-pedi's, eating chocolate, or shopping. Ultimately, don't let the holiday drag you down, flaunt your independence.



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# WHAT PEOPLE LIKE TO DO ON VALENTINE'S DAY

*T. Menard*

It's that time of year again where hearts can be seen all throughout stores and chocolate is sold everywhere. If you are in a relationship, good for you, there are plenty of things you can do with your significant other to celebrate the day of love. From going on dates to just chilling at home, multiple options are there for you to choose from as you spend time with each other. One of the most popular things to do is just simply go on date with that person. Dates allow the couple to get to know each other and creates memories which help strengthen the relationship. Partaking in different activities together with your significant other is something that you should always plan on doing. Another very popular thing to do on Valentine's Day is just stay at home. Especially if you have children. Being that this is a high school newspaper, we don't all have kids. But you can still stay at home on Valentines Day even if you don't have kids. Just try and think of fun ideas to do with them and usually the more personal the idea (like something connected to a memory you have with them), the more enjoyable it will be. So have fun during your celebration of the day of love and remember to enjoy the presence of the person you are with.



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# THE TIME OF ROMANCE, THE TIME OF STRESS

*J. Gallegos*

February is finally here and we all know, it is the month of love and romance. Specifically, on February 14th, everyone across the world exchanges gifts such as flowers, chocolates, and oversized teddy bears. Valentine's Day is coming up and on the minds of many invested boyfriends and girlfriends who are trying to plan the perfect date. Planning the perfect date shouldn't be stressful at all but if you are having trouble don't you worry, I'm here to give you some tips to make the night special for the both of you.

First and foremost, Valentine's Day date ideas don't have to be fancy or expensive because it should be about spending time with your favorite person rather than spending a lot of money. Tip number two, you can never go wrong with starting the night off with a romantic dinner. Whether you go out to a restaurant or put in the effort to make a meal, this is a great way to spend time alone and enjoy time with your date. Tip number three, I'm going to say it- movies are overrated so plan something fun and original! Maybe something that you or your significant other have not done before. You might go rollerskating, go-karting, or even take a walk through the park, pick something that will allow you and your date to talk. Toni Dominguez, a senior here at Greeley Central, shared, "my idea of a perfect date would start off by being surprised with dinner. Then after that, taking a walk around the park or having a movie night at home." Dominguez continued to say, "Valentine's day is a great way to show your significant other how much you appreciate them." Don't make this day harder than what it really is, take a deep breath and make it a special night that both of you will cherish forever.



# WHY VALENTINE'S DAY?

*Z. Chilcott*

Go, hide your kids, Valentine's Day is here, and the love is in the air! With a day that would be rated R in movie theaters, it turned PG all because of one man. Esther A. Howland would be the man to blame for that, he was the first person to sell things that involved things around Valentine's Day and made more money than he would ever make. Other corporations saw this and they wanted that money too, so they came up with the idea to make Valentine's Day, a day that you have to buy something for your loved one, but that's not true at all. The way that I see it, it's a day to go spend time with the one you love, and to give people a chance to ask out their crush. Why spend thirty dollars on a card when you can make a better one at home for free. Do you see how big and small corporations are making money off of you, every time that you buy a box of chocolates you're giving that brand your money that they don't need. It's okay to buy something small for them because if they truly love you, they wouldn't care as long as you're together. True love isn't based off of how big the teddy bear is but how badly you want to be with the other person, so this Valentine's Day take out your loved one because that love is never lost. Happy Valentine's to all of you.

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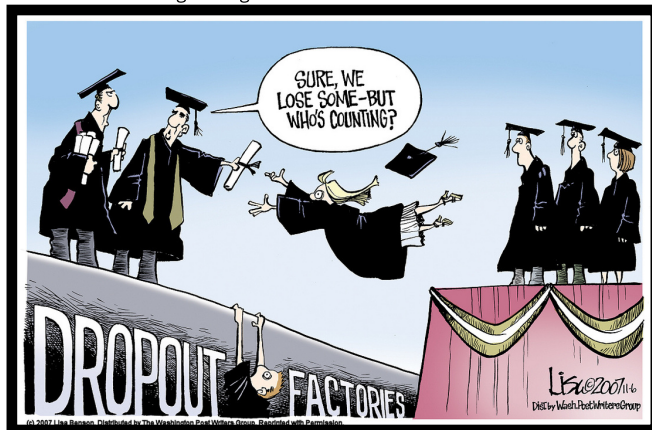


# DROP OUT RATES

*L. Contreras*

In Colorado dropout rates have thankfully been decreasing over the past couple of years. In 2014-2015, about eleven thousand people in high school reported to drop out in Colorado. And in 2016-2017, ten thousand and four hundred people reported to drop out. Studies show that Hispanics had more dropout rates than other races by thirty percent. Reasons for dropping out of school can be due to missing school a lot, getting pregnant, having to work and be in charge of your family members, use of drugs and many other reasons. When applying to jobs a high school diploma is extremely crucial. It is harder to achieve your goals when coming from a background with a family that is not supportive. Students can't choose what parents they have, we cannot choose to have rich parents who buy us everything or choose parents who will show up to every basketball game you have. Although what we can choose to do outside of home is to surround ourselves with positive teachers who care about the well being of their students. Surrounding ourselves with friends who have similar goals will help throughout high school. Therefore, we should be proud to know dropout rates have decreased, but we should not stay satisfied, together we are stronger and will have more chances to help the upcoming generation that will change our future.

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# A SENIOR MEMORY

*K. Cutler*

Senior memories are something you want to hold and cherish forever. Holding onto what's important to you doesn't always have to be good, but it can be something you share with your child as they become a senior one day! When having a great time and acknowledging accomplishments, sharing a kiss with that special someone, meeting a new friend, or coming face to face with an old one, crying a few times, and laughing so hard you couldn't breathe; this will always be with you for the rest of your life. Once the year is gone there is no going back, so enjoy life as long as you live and make everyday count. Creating that perfect senior moment doesn't always have to be at a special place, but that one spot you feel happy and makes you smile. Like a graduation, wedding, school clubs and sports, a night with friends and family, or curled up with your favorite pet while reading that book you read five times because you love it so much! My best senior memory happened when I was feeling sad or having a bad day after school, I would always have my YouTube family, my actual family, my animals, and my friends that would be there with me to make me smile, laugh and be the most amazing group of people at my side. Whatever your favorite memory is, always have that wherever you go and make the best of it! Since you may not be able to create another one like it.



# VALENTINE GIFT IDEAS

*S. Garcia*

Are you struggling to find the perfect gift for your boyfriend or girlfriend? Do you stress about how much it will cost you? Valentine's Day is perfect for spoiling your significant other with gifts such as flowers, balloons, chocolates, or stuffed animals, but it can be very expensive. Most people sacrifice an arm and a leg to buy a human sized stuffed animal, a necklace, or even a ring when the gesture is not needed. While the holiday may pressure you to make expensive purchases, there are other unique and inexpensive options to cater to your boyfriend or girlfriend.

One option may be to create a scrapbook; this is a gift made with colored construction paper or patterned designed construction paper, cute stickers, and favorite pictures of you and your significant other. Another option is to make notes in a jar. This can be as many notes as you want in the jar but each note can explain how much you love your boyfriend or girlfriend, and why you do. Decorate and create a mini box that will open flat, and inside apply pictures of you and your significant other with their favorite candy. You could even make your own book about how you guys met and about your first date. Simple gifts like these mean more than expensive items because it came from the heart with your own love and consideration. Ruby Sanchez, senior at Greeley Central High Schools agrees saying, "I would prefer a handmade gift because the fact that they took their time to make something for me makes me happy and it's something I will cherish forever." Just remember it's the little things that matter the most.

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### ***Athlete of the the Week***

Ethan Rumann is a highly accomplished forensics member, he started last year and competes in the Humor Interpretation category, a ten minute presentation a speech using invisible props. Since the beginning of the year, Ethan has been dominating the field, the best part about his team is the amount of fun they have, Rumann said, "Tournaments can get really boring at some points and my team makes it more fun." He plans on going into the military, specifically the air force. When asked about people who are thinking about joining he exclaimed "Do it." If you are interested in forensics it is to late this year, but it will start up next year in August 2018.



### ***Artist of the Week***

Harper Ward's emphasis is acting, he has been involved in theater since he was four. The first show he acted in was The Worst Christmas Pageant Ever performed here, at Greeley Central in 2006. He is also involved in acting two, dance one, marching band, jazz band and he was in the fall play, *Romeo and Juliet*. Ward is currently in *Bye Bye Birdy*, the spring musical that will be performed March 28-31, he will be playing the role Hugo. His favorite show that he has ever participated in was *Holes* with the Greeley Stampede. He plans on going to college and studying bioengineering, he does not have a specific college yet.



### ***Club of the Week***

Future Business Leader of America(FBLA) is a national club that has their members compete in business related events. At Central, twenty-five people are involved in FBLA, their president being Madeleine Dreiling. Karah Whiddon, the business and marketing teacher, is the advisor for FBLA and DECA, a marketing and business club; the club's first conference was February 7. Madeleine Dreiling, Hunter Miller and Rebecca Rivas have qualified for state competition in April. It is too late to join this year, but next year in the fall of 2018, registration will be open to any student at Greeley Central.



### ***Student of the Week***

Simone Campbell is a 4.0 student and was highly recommended to be featured in four corners by Mrs. Martinez. She is involved in winter track and dance one, she is also a youth group leader and president of HOSA. Last semester she received a 4.0, the way she said she achieved that was "I'm super hard on myself and I'm not the best time manger but I'm really focused this year on getting better at time managing and organizing my time and doing the things I love." Campbell, when stressed, enjoys drawing and listening to music. She plans on going to a four year college, specifically Bradley University, to study writing.



# WHO ACTUALLY WON THE CAVS VS. CELTICS TRADE?

*J. Rascon*

Tension between the relationship of LeBron James and Kyrie Irving was building up immensely, on June 24, 2017, Irving requested a trade out of Cleveland seeking a bigger role on a team. This request shook the basketball world as the Cavaliers were coming off 3 straight trips to the NBA finals and won one of those finals match ups vs the Warriors. The Cavs respected his decision and sought a trade that would leave them as a championship contender, soon enough the Cavs and Celtics agreed to a trade that Celtics received Irving while the Cavs received Isaiah Thomas, Jae Crowder, Ante Zizic, Brooklyn's 2018 first round pick, and Miami's 2020 second round pick. As the middle of the season approaches now there is a time to make a judgment on who won the trade. Irving has led the Celtics to a number one seed in the East and the Cavs are 3rd seed. Thomas has officially came off injury and has played well with limited minutes and Crowder is a good addition defensively to the Cavs and Zizic has seen limited game time. But the intriguing part of this trade is the Brooklyn Nets' future first round pick which is going to be a lottery pick and it could be a valuable trade asset for a trade for DeAndre Jordan or Kemba Walker. I recently got to speak to my friend Andre and he said, "The Celtics obviously won the trade Kyrie is balling out and the Celtics are the number one seed in the East." I agree because during the playoffs Irving will raise his level of play and he knows what it takes to win crucial games and will push the Celtics over the top in the East. If you like the NBA then you can ask your friends who they think won the trade and argue with your friends on who they think won the trade.

## FLY EAGLES FLY

*B. Yackey*

The 2018 Super Bowl was one for the ages. On a brisk February day in Minneapolis, Minnesota the Philadelphia Eagles and the New England Patriots took the field for Super Bowl 52, the last game of the football season. The underdogs, Philadelphia Eagles, stunned viewers by taking down the Patriots 41-33. Backup quarterback for the Eagles, Nick Foles, lead his squad to the Super Bowl was named game MVP. Tom Brady, quarterback for the New England Patriots, had a fabulous performance throwing for 505 yards and 3 touchdowns but it was not enough.

A key fumble late in the 4th quarter caused by an Eagles lineman, Brandon Graham, was the turning point in the game. A record setting 1,151 offensive yardage during the game kept fans on edge as the teams kept swapping touchdowns. According to ESPN, "If there's a word (it's) called everything," Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie said. "That's what it means to Eagles fans everywhere. And for Eagles fans everywhere, this is for them." It was trick plays who set the Eagles up early when Foles caught a touchdown pass putting the Eagles up early. The Eagles stayed with their aggressive approach which finally paid off. When the confetti settled fans danced along with "Gonna Fly Now" the theme from "Rocky" the cities best-known fictional underdog.

## UNIFIED BASKETBALL TEAM

*B. Yackey*

Unified Basketball has had a sizzling start to their season by finishing 5th in the Gold Crown tournament after going 5-0. The basketball team took home a victory by beating Thompson Valley in a dominating fashion. Also claiming victory over our rivals from Greeley West High School with an outstanding score of 66-56. Irving Secret took home player of the game honors. The Unified basketball team has been doing an incredible job taking home victories for Greeley Central High School. One of the helpers on the unified basketball team, Hattie Sheets a junior at Greeley Central High School stated, "Seeing a smile on their faces makes me so happy, it's hard to describe the feeling, but it's definitely a really good feeling helping out because it makes you feel like you're doing something good for society." She continued to say, "My favorite part of helping out is putting a smile on their faces and making relationship with them, it's really fun also with all the helpers."

# ALL STAR GAME SNUBS

*J. Rascon*

The NBA All Star game is a basketball exhibition game which takes place every February and is filled with the best players from each conference (Eastern and Western). NBA All Star weekend is filled with excitement as on Saturday there are electrifying events like the dunk contest and the three point contest. This year it will take place in Los Angeles, California, February 16-18. As the weekend approaches and the lineups for the east and west are announced household names like LeBron James, Stephen Curry, and Kyrie Irving are called and some names that were not expected, but definitely well deserved, were called like Victor Oladipo, and Giannis Antetokounmpo. But the question is always asked. Who got snubbed from the All Star game or in other words who deserved to play in the All Star game but was not voted to play? A name that comes to mind is Andre Drummond, averaging 14.7 points and 15.3 rebounds per game while averaging a monster double-double and leading the league in rebounds. After knowing he was not in the All Star game he responded the next game with an ALL STAR performance getting 30 points and 24 rebounds vs the Utah Jazz. Due to injuries like John Wall and Demarcus Cousins Drummond has been added but considering he was not a first thought still makes him a snub as he has had dominant games since he was announced a replacement in the All Star game like 23 points and 20 rebounds vs the Miami Heat justifying that he should have been an All Star in the first place, Lou Williams also has earned to play in the All star Games, he averages 23 points per game and 5 assists each game and had a 50 point performance against the Golden State Warriors. He is also pushing the Warriors to a playoff team as they were supposed to be a lottery team while shooting great at 44% from inside the three point line and 39% from the three point line and 89% from free throw. The 3rd year player from the Phoenix Suns Devin Booker has been shooting the lights out while averaging 25 ppg and 4.7 assists he is playing really well doing his best to get his team on a run as the Suns are still trying to get the pieces together to be a great team. I got a chance to speak with Tony U. and he thought the stars that got snubbed were Ben Simmons and Chris Paul, he said "Ben Simmons has multiple triple doubles and Chris Paul is leading Rockets to the 2nd seed in the west." Tony is a big baller so his word is obviously true. These players have all risen to All Star level performance but were snubbed, luckily most players who are snubbed go off during the second half of the season to prove they have done more than enough to get a spot.

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Editorials

# DO MAKE-UP BRANDS PRIORITIZE LIGHT SKIN?

*L. Contreras*

Archaeological evidence shows the Egyptians were dolling themselves up in the early 4000 B.C. and were putting on makeup to please their Gods. Their purpose was to feel a deeper connection with the gods, they did not judge each other based off how much makeup they wore or how dark or light a color was. Over the years women keep on wearing makeup and trying to improve the making of cosmetics. In the 19th century makeup became very popular and while still having to suffer from racism wealthy Caucasians were the only people who could actually afford makeup. Over the years as the makeup industry became more successful worldwide women and men were able to buy and express themselves through makeup. Over the past ten years makeup brands have not set the standards high and have usually always prioritized makeup shades for the light skinned people, this topic is something that people need to be aware of. It's not about the makeup it's about how big industries are degrading people of color which is wrong. With Rihanna coming out with forty shades of color in foundation with her Fenty makeup line, she sets the standards very high and gave people of color hope to not being thought about last. The makeup brand Tarte recently came out with about fifteen shades in foundation and only came out with three to four shades for medium to dark skinned tones. Makeup shades are important and when companies such as Tarte and any other companies leave medium to dark skinned tones last. It only makes them seem like they have not made any sort of improvement over the years.



# 2018 GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

*A. Rotter*

So far Trump's presidency has been packed with drama and controversy. The Democrat vs Republican battle has come to a head with the shutdown of the U.S. government. Currently the Republican party hold the majority in the house and senate (238 to 193). Government shutdowns occur when new spending bills do not get passed through the house and senate like other bills. The spending bill is the budget of the government to operate for an amount of time determined by the bill. This outlines how much money will be spent and how it will be spent throughout a set amount of time. In order for bills to be passed, Republicans and Democrats have to agree on the bill, budgets usually don't have trouble passing, but this year is different. With so many decisive projects seeking funding (an extension of DACA and building the wall), the creation of a bill that would appease both sides seemed impossible and that turned out to be the case. The shutdown started January 19 and ended January 22. This may seem short but the bill that was finally agreed upon only extends spending to around February 16 with Democrats having to give in on many of their demands. This gives more time for a long term bill to be passed or could lead to another possibly longer shut down. Most people don't realize what the effects are of a government shutdown are. This closes all government run parks, monuments and others of course the whole federal government itself. Shutdowns also hurt our economy, millions of dollars are lost everyday the government is shut down. Most government employees don't receive any form of pay during these times, this includes military but important personnel are still paid. There has been a total 18 shutdowns the last taking place in October 2013 during the Obama Administration. That had lasted 2 weeks and cost an estimated \$20 billion according to CNN Money. Will we soon face another longer shutdown? Only time can tell.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*A. Mcfall*

Black History Month is an month long celebration in which we celebrate the achievements made by African American people, Black History Month was branched from Negro History Week. This month began in 1915, half a century after the 13th amendment abolished slavery in the U.S. Carter G. Woodson and minister Jesse E started the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), their purpose was to promote teachers to teach the study of black history and celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans. Carter G. Woodson launched a "Negro History Week" in 1926 hoping to bring awareness to help with his plan in order to get the school systems to add black history to the curriculum. He chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it was the week of both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays. Soon after Negro Week celebrations and the studying of Black History started to spread around the world, but the idea of a month was not set into place until decades later. It wasn't until the mid-1960's when colleges and universities changed that week into a month long celebration of black history. In 1976, President Gerald Ford decreed Black History Month as an national observance. Black History month is a time to celebrate and recognize all the the African American people have endured and survived.



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# CHILD SAFETY

*C. Burzell*

On January 9, 2017, a case was filed against a Greeley man for five counts of prostituting children and one count of sexual assault on a developmentally disabled girl. These offences have, so far, been traced to two years back, and most, if not all these girls live in foster homes. This is certainly not the first man to sexualize and prostitute children, and sadly he will not be the last. When asked her thoughts on this, mother, Shelby Campbell responded, "I worry about my daughter every day and it scares me to death that people like this even exist. It's heartbreaking that this happens to kids." All people, especially parents, should be aware of the surroundings of the children in their community, so as to prevent as much harm from coming to children as possible.

A tip to help children stay safe when they're by themselves is to give them a safe word between you, the parent, and them. This would let you know when your child feels like they're in danger when they text or call you with this word. Child safety has been an issue for years, but it doesn't have to continue to be one.

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## WHERE DID VALENTINE'S DAY COME FROM?

*A. Mcfall*

Many people think that Valentine's Day is all about romance, love and being with your significant other, but that's all wrong, it was really a bloody, horrid disaster. It all started back in ancient Rome where a ritual is performed between February 13 to the 15, the Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia, where the men sacrificed a goat and a dog and the would skin them and whipped the women with the skin of the animals. During this time women of this era believed that if they were to line up and do this they would become fertile. On this day, the emperor at the time, Claudius II, executed two men both by the name of Valentine on February 14, their deaths were honored by the Catholic Church with the celebration of St. Valentine's Day. Claudius felt as if single men make better soldiers than the ones with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine was a priest that didn't approve of Emperor Claudius thoughts about marriage so he continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret, but when his actions were discovered, Emperor Claudius ordered that he be put to death. As you can see we were never really taught exactly where Valentine's Day came from we were only told it's about love and giving gifts, but boy were we wrong.

## NORTH KOREA IN THE OLYMPICS?

*Z. Chilcott*

North Korea has not been seen as a friendly country in most people's eyes, that's why it came to a shock to find out that they're going to be in the 2018 Winter Olympics. It seems like their leader Kim Jong-Un wants more of a positive side to be seen of them. But why do it now? Why not years before? Are they planning something, or is it a step to change the outlook of them? All of these are going through our minds as the Olympics are getting closer. But they're not just stopping at the Olympics, they're going to have a unified team with South Korea. Both Koreas are going to march under a unified flag in the opening ceremony and have a girls hockey team with them, this is all we know for the time being. With this, the South Korean citizens are mad at their government since they had no say in what happened. With this backlash, the the South Korean President Moon Jae-in told the Olympics athletes, "a historic moment to be remembered for a long time. Not only will Koreans be moved, but people around the world will be deeply moved." He also told this to the people of South Korea, but they don't believe that anyone will be moved by it. Seoul resident, Shin Jae-mum, told reporters, "It's not a smart move because the South Korean ice hockey team already practiced a lot by playing their own team." With all of this backlash will the two Koreas stay with their original deal to be a unified team, or will they split and have their own teams? Only time will tell us.



# GIDDY UP, SADDLE UP

*K. Cutler*

If you love animals or you are all about the western lifestyle like livestock, equestrian, farming, animal awareness and appreciation. The National Western Stock Show is filled with Western heritage and can be an enjoyable event for 650,000 people. During January 6- 21, you have the chance to see this incredible Stock Show, strengthening American agriculture through youth education, a large event that celebrates western culture. Being one of Colorado's finest tourist destinations, the Western Stock Shows Attractions of Horse Shows and Rodeos provides lifelong memories and family traditions. I recently had the chance to speak with an old friend of mine, Lona Lu Decasper, who has been going since she was little, "You can walk through the stock pens, attend the auctions, walk about a state fair sized merchant fair with a western twist. It's an experience, not just a display. There are hard working cowboys and cowgirls. They had beautiful horses! Good communication, wonderful horse shows, tasty food and so much shopping!" Being around a great environment filled with varieties of activities! Talented cowboys and cowgirls you are learning the ways of the West! So saddle up and enjoy this wonderful experience, this is something you and your family won't want to miss!

# HOUSE OF HORRORS

*M. Diaz*

On the day of Sunday, January 14, 2018, David and Louise Turnip were arrested from their home in Perris California and are currently being held on a nine million dollar bail. The Turnip's were arrested and charged with accounts of torture and child endangerment when one of the thirteen children, a seventeen year old female crawled out the window and called 9-1-1 from a phone that was taken from inside. When police arrived, they found three of the girl's brothers and sisters chained and padlocked to their beds while the rest sat in the quiet, dark, foul smelling house. The Turnip parents only let their children shower once a year, taunted them with food, and abused them regularly. A former classmate of the eldest girl, Taha Muntajibuddin, shared his opinion, "It is nothing but sobering to know that the person who sat across from you at the lunch table went home to squalor and filth while you went home to a warm meal and a bedtime story." stated in a article Muntajibuddin wrote. The children ranging from two to twenty-nine are being treated by medical experts, seven of the thirteen are adults and are being treated at assisted living facilities according to CBS. Due to this sad event the siblings will not remain together and six of the youngest will be split between two foster homes. The Turnips will be due again in court on February 23, 2018.



## Valentine's Day Word Search

*Life With Lovebugs*

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# SHANE DAWSON CONTROVERSY

*J. Doss*

In recent years, YouTube has been involved in tons of controversies. But ever since the new year began, YouTube has been in the news headlines recently. When everyone hoped for the trouble to be over with the Paul brothers a new controversy began with Shane Dawson. A small channel named Pop Blast, which was shut down recently, posted a video named, Why Shane Dawson is a Pedophile. This video picked up in views and was listed in the trending list. Pop Blast used audio from a podcast made by Dawson six years ago where Dawson was making terrible jokes about being a pedophile.” However, Pop Blast cut out everything that showed they were only terrible jokes making Dawson look very guilty. They also used his ex-girlfriend and current boyfriend as evidence stating, “ they have child like faces.”

When news spread back to Dawson, he created a vlog showing the full clip of what he originally said and told his fans, “ I am not a pedophile,” and went further on by saying, “Back then, I loved the feeling of making somebody shocked and laugh because they couldn't believe what was coming out of my mouth, I wasn't confident enough to make smarter jokes.” Dawson started his channel by being shocking and extremely offensive. To further defend himself, he posted a tweet saying, “I grew up. I changed my content. I apologized countless times for my offensive jokes. Instead of dragging me down, people should use me as an example of a creator who can change and better themselves and their content. I'm so proud of who I am today.” All his subscribers know this and believe what he says.

Dawson has used his career to up lift many other YouTube channels and is known to be a great person. After much criticism, Pop Blast changed the title of the video to *Why I Think Shane Dawson is a Pedophile*, eventually apologizing for attacking Shane Dawson and then top deciding shut down their video and account.

## HOW MUCH MONEY THE US SPENDS ON VALENTINES DAY

*A. Autobee*

Each year on February 14th, many people exchange cards, candy, gifts, or flowers with their special “Valentine.” But have you ever looked at Valentines day by the numbers? According to the National Retail Federation, the cards, candy, gifts, and flowers people buy for their Valentine leads the U.S. to a 20 billion dollar day of love. Americans are expected to spend \$1 billion on cards, 1.7 billion on candy, 2 billion on flowers, and 4.3 billion on jewelry this year. Even though only about 54% of Americans celebrate Valentine's day, the average American spends about 136.57 dollars per person. Although, Gary Luster, a teacher here at Greeley Central whom has been married for 15 years, says he thinks it more of a young love thing to splurge on this day, he says “ I think you should treat your wife like it's Valentine's day everyday, I'll buy my wife flowers just if I go to the store not for any reason.” There's no doubt about how Americans love their significant other and it definitely shows in the numbers each Valentines day.



# WHAT'S UP WITH 2018 MEMES?

*A. Rotter*

From a 1939 Goldilocks cartoon to laundry detergent late 2017 and early 2018 memes have been interesting. These memes have taken the internet and world by storm. The first of these is Ugandan Knuckles (Knuckles is a character from the Sonic The Hedgehog series). Have you heard anybody ask “DO YOU KNOW DA WAE” well this is a part of the meme. This originated from a YouTube video and then in the game VR Chat (a virtual reality chat room). The meme is mostly harmless, but has come under scrutiny for being racially insensitive. The next meme “Somebody Toucha My Spaghet” is based off a 1939 Three Bears Cartoon. In this rendition, the Bears speak with horribly offensive Italian accents and spare Goldilocks when she can play the fiddle. This both very confusing and hilarious rendition of the classic that came out 78 has somehow captured the youth of today. If the origin of memes didn't confuse you before, it sure should now. Don't get me wrong it's funny just this is unusually random even for the internet. This meme is very harmless and enjoyable. While those 2 memes were harmless enough, the final one isn't, eating Tide Pods. If you don't know Tide Pods what are they are plastic pods that are filled with Tide laundry detergent. All other laundry Pods are dangerous just Tide Pods taste the best and are the largest brand of this type of product. These shiny small pods sort of resemble candy and there has been problems in the past with children thinking they were candy and consuming them. This meme is extremely harmful and the consumption of poison isn't funny or a joking matter. Except everything is a joke on the internet so this was bound to occur. This meme is extremely dangerous and you shouldn't participate in it. These memes are just the beginning and personally I am looking forward to the rest of what 2018 and the internet have in store.

# GOOGLE ARTS AND CULTURE APP

*L. Duran*

People use multiple apps throughout their normal day whether it's Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter, but one app in particular that not many people know about is the Google Arts and Culture app. The Google Arts and Culture app has a feature that includes a way to experience the many pieces of art around the world. With already over five million downloads, the people who have the app seem to enjoy it and having a 3.6 rating proves that people really enjoy it. The app has many features including virtual tours of museums around the world, and an art recognizer that will tell you lots of information about artworks you find by just simply pointing your device camera at them. All these features can be fun and very useful, but the real reason the millions of users downloaded this app is because of one feature in particular, a feature that lets you take a selfie helps you find your art doppelganger. The way it works is it looks at the distinct features your face has and it compares it to the over 15,000 museums they have partnered with from seventy countries. In the past few days over 30 million selfies have been taken and the numbers keep climbing up. Even if your art look-alike is a surprise, Google hopes you discover something new in the process. By the way you won't have to worry about your selfies going around the internet as Google only keeps it for the time it takes to search for matches. This app is fun and even with this fun little feature Google hopes you also use it for its intended use and thinks you'll learn something new from it.

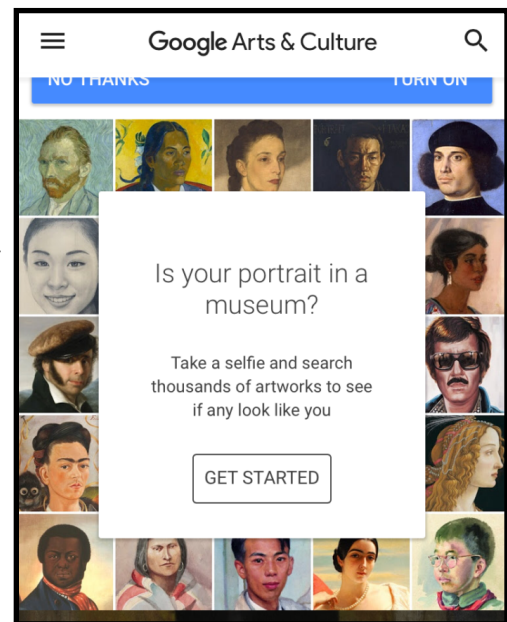


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# JOURNALIST OF THE WEEK : Misty Diaz

*M. Dreiling*

Misty is an remarkably student and writer for the newspaper class. Her dedication to her articles has shined through, her most notable ones have been “Cheer: State Walk Considerations” which was about why the Greeley Centrals cheer team did not get a state walk like other Central sports teams, “Bananas Can’t Unites” was about how the cheer team is not allowed to do the Bananas cheer that many love and “Tensions Between N. Korea and the U.S.” is about how the United States and North Korea are pushing each other buttons. She is also involved in the Greeley Central cheer team, and participated in the state cheer competition. This semester, she was not originally on the roster for the newspaper class, the editors encouraged her to ask her counselor to see why she was changed out and to see if she could rejoin. After one day, she was back on the team and working with the class, she had the choice to leave but she decided to stay and that really stood out to us. She is the sweetest person in the class and the easiest to talk to. Thank you Misty, we love that you are on the team.



# STAFF OF THE WEEK : Janelle Charterina

*M. Dreiling*

Mrs. Charterina has taught at Greeley Central for four years as an art teacher. Her favorite memory from Central would be the little things, the small gestures and unexpected and thoughtful gifts from students over the years. She loves to hang out with Delaney and Ezra when she is not in school teaching. Central is special to her because of the Wild Cat family, Charterina states, “Whenever I need a shoulder to lean on someone's there, if I need support someone's there. I see that among the staff, the students the administration.” she also loves how “I feel like at Greeley Central I walk into these doors and I can see little piece of the world and not just one section and I love that. Its diverse, beautiful and it rocks.” Her message to everyone at Central is to push yourself and don’t opt out to laziness and don’t cut corners no matter what background you come from, go for what you love, she passionately said “As corny as i might sound, Pursue the things you love love what you love and do it well and don’t feel like you shouldn’t go for it” Charterina has been a loved teacher and any student that has been taken any of her classes. She is caring, sassy and an exceptional teacher, if you haven't taken one of her classes, you're missing out.

