

Greeley Central High School

The Highlight

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Meet the Newspaper Staff

By: Freli Ndayishimiye

The newspaper staff has been writing stories and publishing them to the students and parents of Greeley Central High School for decades. This year's newspaper team has done an amazing job all year long on discovering local, national, and global current events. They work inside and outside of the classroom to bring you the latest news in their own words. Our 2021-2022 Newspaper team: Sean Rotter, Amber Hudgins, Chloe Forsyth, Preston Roser, Freli Ndayishimiye, Lovely Paw, Britain Robbins, JJ Espinoza, Kaitlyn Romero, Noah Vasquez, Carlos Rascon.

- **Chloe Forsyth** is a 10th grader at Greeley Central. She is smart and super kind to everyone around her. Some of Chloe's favorite hobbies are drawing and playing piano.

- **Lovely Paw** is an 11th grader. She loves to draw, sing, and play soccer. She is a defender for the Lady Wildcats soccer team. Lovely wants to be a teacher when she graduates GCHS. Lovely is quiet, but she always has something nice to say.

- **Sean Rotter** is one of the seniors who has helped many including the other writers in Newspaper. He is super smart, kind, and is truly an amazing person to be around. Some of Sean's hobbies are running, lifting, sports, music, politics, and coaching. He graduates in May and will be attending CU Boulder in the fall.

- **Britain Robbins** is a junior who has many different hobbies such as painting, listening to music, and watching movies. She is a unique person because she usually gets along with people very easily. She always has a smile on her face. Her favorite place to be is outdoors when it's warm. Britain really likes plants and her favorite color is orange.

- **Freli Ndayishimiye** is an amazing senior that loves sports such as football and basketball. He always keeps up with his grades and manages to make time for work. He's an outstanding role model, outgoing person, athlete, and friend. He is always encouraging his peers and helping them out.

- **Amber Hudgins** is one of those students that teachers love having in their class because she is willing to help out. She has a great sense of humor, is always in a good mood, and brightens the day with her laughter. She has many talents including writing and sewing. She graduates this year and is planning on attending UCLA in the fall.

- **JJ Espinoza** is a 12th grader who is an amazing athlete, student, and good brother to his siblings. What makes JJ so unique is that there isn't one else like him. JJ plays basketball and baseball and is an incredible athlete. JJ is a senior graduating this year. He anticipates going to college at AIMS in the fall.

- **Kaitlyn Romero** is a 10th grader who has many different hobbies such as volleyball, basketball, and anything that has to do with fitness and living a healthy life. What makes Kaitlyn so unique from most girls is her height, her outgoing personality, and her amazing sense of humor. Kaitlyn is a great writer for our newspaper team as she is always committed to the articles she writes.

- **Noah Vasquez** is a senior who is a super quiet kid. Noah is an amazing person once you get to know him. Noah's hobbies are playing the guitar and video games. On Fridays, you can always find Noah at Higher Grounds, a local drop-in center for youth. Noah likes engineering and plans to attend AIMS where he will continue his coursework in manufacturing.

- **Preston Roser** is a junior. He is the type of student to have friendly debates with his teachers. Some of Preston's hobbies are going to the gym and he is super interested in fashion. What makes him so unique is that he maintains good grades and loves his AP classes.

A Country at War

One Student's Memory of Their Country

By: Lovely Paw

The Karen language is a language spoken in lower Myanmar (Burma) and on the borders of Thailand. Not a lot of people are aware of the Karen language except people from Thailand or Karen. For example, I'm from Thailand but I speak Karen. The village that I am from is "Mae Ra Moe," a refugee camp that is a part of Karen. The flag of Karen is red, white, blue, and has drums on the square. Many parents from Karen want to bring their children to the U.S. because there is not a lot of opportunity for them. There are not many jobs for parents to earn a livable wage, and there is not enough money for children to go to school. There are not many teachers to teach the students in Karen. I am personally thankful to my parents, who brought us here for a better opportunity. I hope to make them proud one day for the sacrifices they made. Currently, the political climate in Karen is scary. The Burmese military is attacking Karen. This happened before 1949, and is currently happening again. The Burmese military has come to our village to kill civilians and destroy our homes. They seem to not care about our lives. Many women and children have been murdered by the Burmese armies. My parents brought me to the United States in 2015. I remember my mom telling me that she was running away from the Burmese military, carrying me on her chest and my brother on her back. Right now, this atrocity is happening again. People that are in the villages are running away and hiding from their attackers in the forest with no food or water. I hope my country can be at peace again. I miss the people and the food. I would love to one day go back to help my community with something that I have learned here.

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What is NATO?

By: Sean Rotter

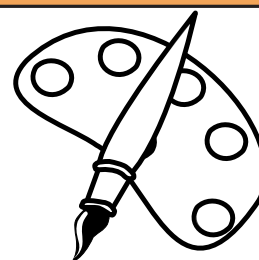
Since the end of World War 2, it has been an absolute goal of the U.S and its allies that Europe stays united against any external threats. Upon the reconstruction of the continent post war, the formation of the USSR (A communist state) posed a deep rooted and fundamental threat to Western ideologies. The response to this was the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or NATO. A defensive coalition of western minded European nations acting as a deterrent to the Soviet union. Throughout the duration of The Cold War NATO remained relatively stagnant as a majority of the east was soviet occupied, but as the USSR collapsed in 1991 NATO began its slow expansion.

More and more nations wanted a buffer from the newly formed Russian republic and these nations have moved right on the border of Russia. Despite minor strains in the political relations between the coalition, they have stood defiantly of the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine, putting devastating economic sanctions on the Russian economy from the top down. As well as sending troops to nations that border Russia, in order to deter a possible Russia invasion that might spread to Europe.



Art Studio Art Show

By. Amber Hudgins



Join us April 1st, 5pm through 7pm, to view some outstanding artwork created by your fellow students. Each of these pieces exemplifies the extremely high level of rigor, commitment and accomplishments that AP art students can achieve. Students create a portfolio of work to demonstrate inquiry through art and design and development of materials, processes, and ideas over the course of a year. Portfolios include works of art and design, process documentation, and written information about the work presented. If you decide to take the time out of your day to come visit, you will get to see the diverse ideas, materials and processes used to create the art pieces on display here.

Featured Artwork



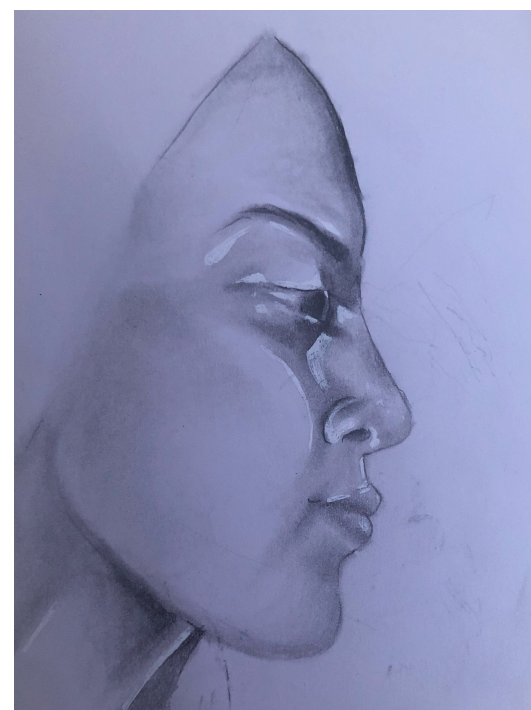
Jaden Elm, Grade 12

"Everyone's first pet is usually a gold fish..." -Elm
"The child in the picture is handing her first pet over to death (darker hand on the bottom) It symbolizes the first pet but also introduces death into the child's life."



Arial Dyer, Grade 12

"Depicts the anxiety and fear of growing up while trying to grasp onto an outgrown childhood." -Dyer



Grace Garza, Grade 12

"I have a book where I draw beautiful people I see." - Garza
"I don't really know her anymore. I guess I draw people so I don't forget them."

To have your artwork featured in The Highlight,
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Olympic Recap

By: Daniel Santillan

World athletes spend 4 years of training to compete in the Beijing Olympics and are given the opportunity to bring home medals for their country. Along with this fans and reporters are facing controversy with Beijing's COVID-19 guidelines where they are trapped in their 'tightly sealed bubble' and unable to travel and get more intel on things such as the human rights abuses of Xinjiang, China.

China was also faced with allegations such as, torture, physical and sexual abuse, and family separation. This is an issue, as athletes do not want to head to China to compete because of these controversies. The allegations strike fear into athletes and their families, as being in a foreign country is not always safe. As for all the issues and troubles, the Winter Olympics lasted 16 hard fought days and there was an upside as a world record was broken, Van der Poel broke the record in the 10,000m speed skate event. Upsides to the Winter Olympics: Norway takes home a grand total of 37 medals and 16 of those were gold. As for the runner ups, Germany took home a total of 27 medals and the U.S took home 25 medals.



Doping in the Olympics

Multiple athletes test positive for performance enhancing drugs in Beijing Olympics

By: Chloe Forsyth



Kamila Valieva is a Russian skater who was set to perform in the 2022 Beijing Olympics. She is one of the youngest athletes in this year's Olympics and holds a record for the Women's Short Program, a skating performance. At the age of 15, she has made, and still has nine world records in her career. Before the 2022 Olympics, she tested positive for a performance enhancing drug, Trimetazidine. The drug is typically used to prevent angina attacks, according to the European Medicines Agency, but it also has been found to increase blood flow and improve endurance. For these reasons, this drug is put on the list of banned drugs for the Olympics. But unlike the other convicted athletes, Valieva was allowed to still participate, but she was restricted from earning a medal. If she had earned a medal, the medal ceremony would not have taken place for all the competitors. During her performance, she fell multiple times and came in fourth place while her teammates, Anna Shcherbakova and Alexandra Trusova, took gold and silver. Many think it's unfair that Valieva was even allowed to compete in this year's Olympics. The athlete, Sha'Carri Richardson, is one of the athletes complaining about Valieva's situation. Richardson wasn't allowed to compete due to testing positive for Marijuana. Marijuana is on the banned list of drugs but it doesn't actually stimulate the athletes to perform better unlike the drug Valieva used. Valieva's case has shook the media as many other athletes have been convicted of using banned drugs and were stripped completely of their medals and not allowed to compete.

The Batman

The Batman is the box office's latest hit as it reaches \$300 million dollars in global revenue.

By: Preston Roser

In 2022, when superhero movies are the subject of conversation, The Batman has continued to impress as viewer reviews skyrocket. The Batman is the newest addition to the franchise within a long line, this time displaying the great performance of Robert Pattinson alongside familiar faces, Zoë Kravitz, Colin Farrell, and Barry Sarsgard. The movie has been described as, "A perfect Batman movie," while viewers go on to describe how the movie brings fear, excitement, and overall indulges the audience in a captivating new portrayal of Batman. Box office numbers help to solidify these high reviews as The Batman reaches \$300 million in revenue. However, this is not without criticism. Viewers of the movie have gone on to display the irritation within certain elements of the movie such as how it felt slow at certain times and that the motive of the villain was not completely clear throughout the movie. Although these criticisms may deter people from seeing the movie, it was still a box office hit with overall above average reviews. Now the question is, if you haven't already seen it, will you?

The World Cup

By: Carlos Rascon Escalante

This Summer, the World Cup will be Held in Qatar and many say that this year's World Cup will not be the same as the previous ones. With many players leaving and retiring, we shouldn't doubt that there will be upcoming young players to replace the old ones. There is a high possibility that the new talent participating in the World Cup could win the trophy. But this year is not short of controversy, the Russian National Team has recently been suspended because of the invasion in Ukraine. Many players from different countries agreed and FIFA made it official, they will not be in the World Cup. EA sports also removed Russia and their clubs. Teams like Poland and Sweden refused to play Russia in the playoffs. Many Teams are with Ukraine, leaving a message to stop the war and leave peace in the world. Hopefully the message of stopping the war goes through and we will have a fair and just FIFA World Cup.



Four Corners

Athlete of the Week



Alexis Tapia

A senior and familiar face at the Castle, Alexis Tapia, is someone many would consider to be outgoing, charismatic, caring, fun, and determined. Alexis is best known for her achievements throughout many athletic avenues, such as Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Track, and Softball. She also excels academically as the student council president, a member of The National Honors Society, Gifted & Talented, Dream Team, and Unified Basketball.

Through all of these incredible clubs and sports she's in, she still finds time to read, hangout with friends and family, and spend time with her dog. She is very happy with the success she has worked toward and thanks her family, especially her dad, for all the support and coaching that helped her to achieve great things.

Athlete of the week candidates: Yahir Chairez-Salasar, Winter Beshears, Aubrey Erdman, Anya Pearson, Leon Ramirez, Zoey Drovdal, & Ajay Romero

Student of the Week



Jose Rosales

A friendly and joyous face among the freshmen class, Jose Rosales can often be found laughing and smiling lighting up any room he's in. Jose has achieved a 3.7 GPA just within the first semester of high school and plans to continue getting high grades even while participating in AP classes as well as sports such as Football, Basketball, and Baseball.

Though school is difficult, especially when transitioning into high school, he credits his motivation to do well to his dad and his five siblings. Jose is a smart and admirable student who has a bright future ahead of him.

Student of the week candidates: Yahir Chairez-Salasar, Aven McCall, Ella Ruman, Tommy Medina, Emma Johnston, Cami Heaston, & Ryan Deck

Artist of the Week



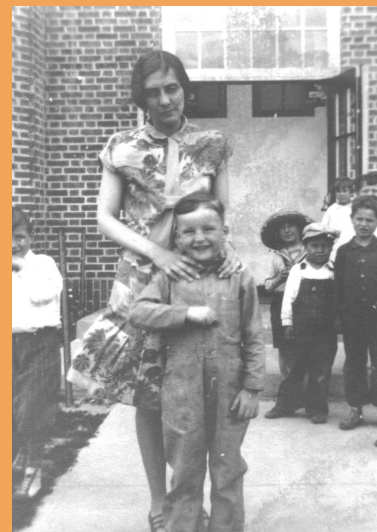
Maggie Kirkbride

Maggie Kirkbride, a lifelong artist who creates good and consistent art, finds herself to be responsible, reliable, and kind of the mom of her group of friends. Maggie tends to indulge in art as well as other hobbies such as gardening, reading and writing. Maggie is a member of the arts magnet program with the emphasis of drawing and painting. She has been drawing ever since she was a kid. Though she herself admitted to having little motivation to do art outside of school,

Maggie has offered a piece of advice for those struggling to find motivation or even to just start making art. She stated, "Just keep trying. The more you practice the better you will get."

Artist of the week candidates: Selah Krommendyk, Benice Gormley, Camila Clark, Lucas Rodriguez, Dante Parlin, Daniela Martinez, & Arial Dyer

Teacher of the Week



A photo of Mr. Frasier's father & his teacher during the great depression

Mr. Frasier

Mr. Frasier, a highly respected and well-known teacher at GCHS, has described himself as a renaissance man. Frasier is an English teacher who is best known for teaching AP classes such as AP Lang & Comp and AP Research as well as AP Seminar, which he no longer teaches. Frasier has taught at Central for 8 years, however, this is not where his teaching career started. He has been a teacher for 26 years and has

taught at many institutions such as the University of Nebraska, University of Las Vegas Nevada, and schools in Estes Park. Mr. Frasier is not only a fun teacher to have, but even just to talk to. He has certainly become a popular name at the Castle.

Teacher of the week candidates: Mr. Davis, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Graefe, Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Schulz, Mr. Sean Miller, Mr. Block, Mr. Burch, Ms. Longnecker, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Wilson, & Mrs. Johnson

Spring Sports Have Arrived

Winter sports have come to an end. With the weather warming up, that means Spring sports begin. Here at Central we have 5 sports going on in the Spring. Those are baseball, boys volleyball, girls tennis, girls soccer, and track.

By: JJ Espinoza

With warmer temps and Spring approaching, the anticipation for spring sports lingers in the air. Central has five sports going on in the spring and they are baseball, boys volleyball, girls tennis, girls soccer, and track. All these sports will have a longer season than last year, so there will be a lot of events to go to and support your Wildcats. The boys volleyball team will have 17 games this season and their first match will be March 22nd at 4:30pm against Westminster at Westminster High School. Girls tennis on the other hand already had 2 matches against Mountain View and Silver Creek. The tennis team will have 14 matches total and their next match will be March 22nd at 3:30 against Greeley West at Greeley Central High School. Girls soccer has 15 games total. Their first game will be March 11th at 6:00pm against Thompson Valley at District 6 Stadium. Baseball will have 23 games this year. Their first game will be March 18th at 5:00pm against Lamar at Runyon Complex Andenuccio Field. Then track will have ten events this Spring. Their first event will be March 25th at Berthoud High School. The field events will start at 1pm and the running event starts at 2:30pm. You can find the rest of the events/matches/games on the Greeley Central Homepage. Go support your Wildcats!



Spring Break 2022

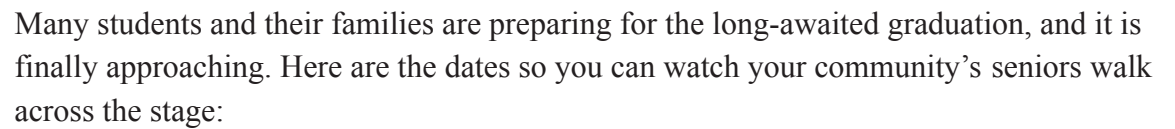
During the month of March, students take a week off of school to enjoy the spring weather.

By: Kaitlyn Romero

On March 12th, students were given a week off of school to enjoy the delightful weather outside and rest from all the assignments and classwork. School can be stressful and a lot to keep up with. Falling behind on work can create a big weight on your shoulders and as more assignments pile up, being successful can be difficult. Spring break is known for stepping back from school work and giving teachers and students a breather. As a student myself, I advocated that students use this time to catch up on work in order to come back on the 21st stronger than ever. It is always important to keep yourself on track and set yourself up for success. Now, if you were all caught up with your responsibilities, I hope you enjoyed the outdoors this break! As Colorado takes a step back from the cold, the beautiful, sunny weather is making its appearance. The GCHS newspaper staff recommends you to go out on a walk, go to the lake with friends or family, play any type of sports with friends, take a hike, or any sort of outside activity to keep you on your feet.



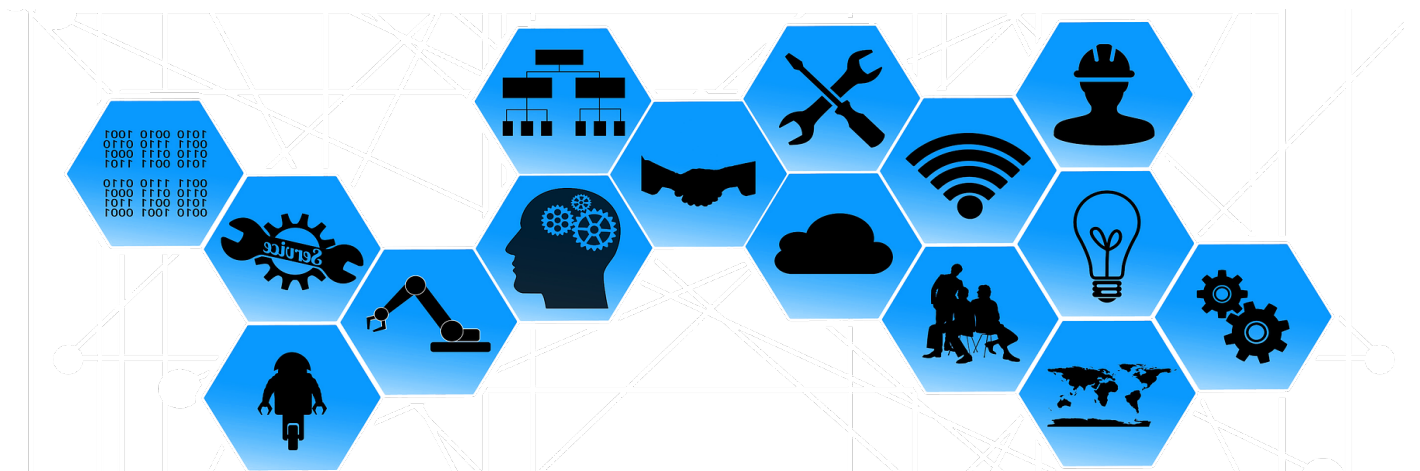
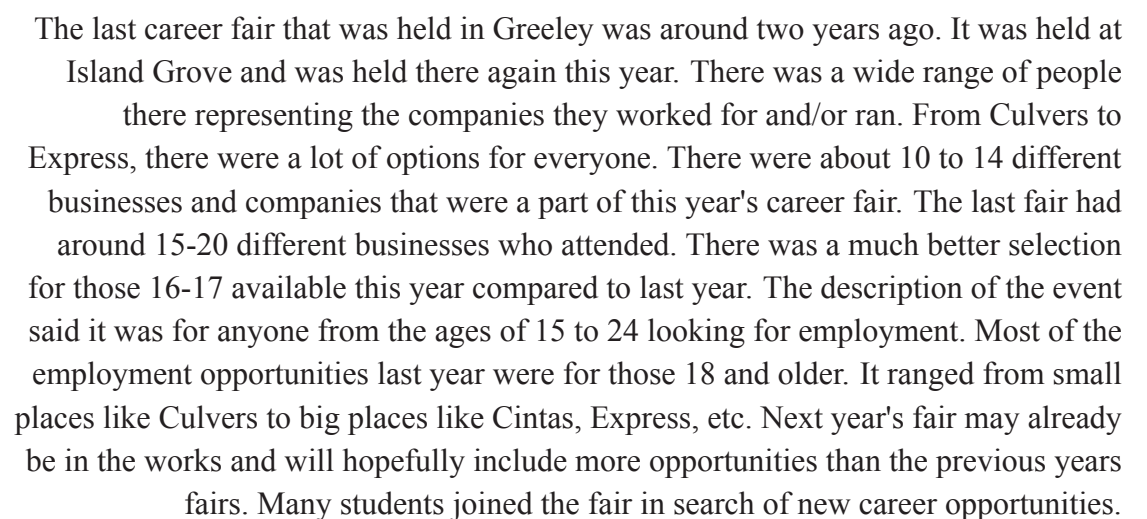
By: JJ Espinoza



- Jefferson's Graduation: May 18, 2022, 6:30pm at District 6 Field
- Northridge's Graduation: May 20, 2022, 9:00am at District 6 Field
- ECA's Graduation: May 20, 2022, 2:00pm at Aims Welcome Center
- Greeley Central Graduation: May 21, 2022, 8:00am, District 6 Field
- Union Colony Graduation: May 21, 2022, 9:00am at Union Colony Outdoors/Indoors
- Greeley West Graduation: May 21, 2022, 11:00am at UNC Nottingham Field
- University's Graduation: May 28, 2022, 6:00pm at University Field
- Frontier's Graduation: May 29, 2022, 10:00am at Union Colony Civic Center

The newspaper team is excited to see all of our senior classmates walk in honor of all their hard work and dedication throughout their time at GCHS. We hope you all congratulate them on their success.

By: Noah Vasquez



Greeley's Local Farmers Market is up and Running, Once Again!

By: Britain Robbins

The Local Greeley Farmers Market opens in March, and runs to October 31. This particular market features various varieties of food from local farms & plantations. The experience is more than merely shopping for fresh food; each week includes live entertainment by local musicians. During the Spring, Summer and Fall Seasons, the Greeley Local Farmers Market offers a diversity of vendors providing food, such as produce, dairy's, proteins, and other foods up for sale. The Farmers Market is an interesting and common part of many peoples weekly routine. The Greeley Farmers Market is important to our local community because it provides an opportunity for hands-on, direct experience with "Real Food". The Farmers Market provides cost-effective, retail sales opportunities, they provide farmers with the justice their food and crops deserve.

By making farming profitable, farmland is preserved, and farmers have the encouragement to help a new generation take-up farming. A local Farmers Market page explains some of the good things that come from farmers markets, "Farmers selling at markets minimize the amount of waste and pollution they create." When farming, many practices that are used use certified organic practices, chemicals that pollute our soil and water. With farmers market shopping, the shopper can slowly help with reducing the amount of polluted soils made to grow food. As the Greeley Local Farmers Market opens up once again, consider taking a visit to see what goods and entertainment they have running for the season.



New Park Development in Greeley?

By: Lovely Paw

One of Greeley's most productive developers wanted to build a 470-acre park with wetlands, lakes, and a winding path on the east side of the city. The company wants to use something that has never been done in Colorado before. And the Greeley City Council is on board. Richardson has a family that owns a large portion of 8th Avenue in Greeley, downtown. They want to build a park for the district along the Poudre River, east of the Leprino Foods plant and north of Linn Grove Cemetery. If they allow it, the election will take place in June, so they can start planning what they need to do. The person that can allow the park to take place is the landowner of the property to be developed. For this program, if they plan to have a new park for the district, they need to do so with the revenues from those property taxes, and with limited help from the city. From the completed project, the city council must issue a decree on special parks. Also, the decoration districts are drawn up in the next few weeks, and councils will need to pass that to the government or law. It might take a few weeks for the approval and vote. According to city documents, Richmark initially intended to use the metropolitan boundary process to build this development, with more than 250 homes. Metrodistricts are legal guides that allow developers and property owners to cover all costs of development in a given area. Richmark intends a short timeline for completing these operations. According to city documents, the company wants to begin in the June special election round, which must be submitted to Weld County clerks and recorders in May. For this moment, they are just waiting for approval to begin these new projects. Hopefully we will see the developments in our community soon!



International Women's Day

By: Freli Ndayishimiye

International Women's day is a global holiday that falls on March 8th annually. We all have at least one reason to celebrate. Some of mine include - women's rights, the fight against discrimination, the impact women have made on our political and social lives, and last but not least, recognizing the violence women face almost every day. This is a super important holiday that we need to do more to recognize and celebrate. On March 8th, we will celebrate the older generation of women who paved the way for the modern generation who are picking up where they left off fighting for a gender-equal world. Women experience discrimination due to their gender in most environments. This is even worse for women of color. According to journalist Jocelyn Frye, "Black women's labor participation rate is higher than the rate for all others, yet black women remain less likely than their white counterparts to occupy higher-level jobs that offer better benefits, gender mobility, and economic stability." Did you know that globally, an estimated 736 million women-almost one in three- have been subjected to physical and/or sexual initiated partner violence, non-partner sexual violence, or both at least once in their life (30 percent of women aged 15 and older.)? Women face more sexual violence every day. This is just one example of struggles women face. That is why I have decided to find a way to appreciate the women in my life and hopefully help you find a way too. So to all the men and women around the world, please treat women around you how you'd want your mother, daughter, or even sister to be treated.

Indiana Steps Back in Time with their Book Bans

By: Sage Sathe



Imagine a society in which subjects like racism, sexism, and homophobia are not taught in education. Imagine a society where our freedom of speech is taken away and censored so we couldn't learn or talk about what we're interested in. You might say that's unconstitutional, or unfair. Unfortunately, for students of Indiana this may soon be a reality. Indiana lawmakers pushed a Republican-backed bill that would restrict their students from reading "harmful material" in school libraries. This bill would ban books seen as "repugnant" and "offensive." Even though the spotlight is on Indiana, other states follow with book bans. Recently, the book "Maus" by Art Spiegelman, was banned in Tennessee for its use of profane language, nudity, violence, and depiction of suicide. "Maus" is a nonfiction graphic novel made to inform readers about the unfortunate history of the Holocaust. A lot of these bans are gaining notoriety as they're books that have been staples of American education for decades. Books such as "To Kill a Mockingbird," by Harper Lee have been among one of the banned books. Our American history is being erased at the hands of politicians who make the choice for children on what they can and can't read. "Book bans deprive students of the ability to decide for themselves if material shouldn't be read. We need to trust our students with large and difficult subjects. They are capable of handling more than we assume," says Greeley Central Library Manager, Nicole Busson. Why do we take away from our students' education? Why are we censoring information that informs students and positively impacts their learning and life skills? **How do you feel about this?**



The LGBTQ+ Community's Fight for Equality



Texas' new laws against the LGBTQ+ community

By: Chloe Forsyth



Texas officials and investigators are accusing parents across the state of child abuse but not for the reasons you think. These parents are “guilty” of supporting their transgender children through their transitions and Texas officials are calling this abuse. Greg Abbott, the governor of Texas, made a new order that he sent to the Department of Family and Protective Services instructing that parents found putting their children through the gender-affirming treatments are subject to be charged with child abuse. Many families with transgender children are speaking out against this issue and some are considering moving away from Texas to protect their children. Mr. Abbott also states that any doctors who know about this “abuse” are required to speak up and can receive criminal penalties if they don’t.

Abbott’s letter explains that “Texas law imposes reporting requirements upon all licensed professionals who have direct contact with children who may be subject to such abuse, including doctors, nurses, and teachers, and provides criminal penalties for failure to report such child abuse.” Teens, parents, and health experts are outraged about Abbott’s proposal and Texans statewide are protesting against these new regulations.



Boeing's Reputation May Once Again be Damaged

A Boeing 737-800NG crashed in the Guangxi province of China

By: Sage Sathe

On what would have been a normal afternoon flight, turned quickly fatal. China Eastern Airlines Flight 5735 unexpectedly did a nosedive into the Guangxi province of China. At 1pm, Monday afternoon, the Boeing 737-800NG was cruising around 29,000 feet when air traffic controllers noticed it suddenly lost 20,000 feet of altitude in under a minute. It is currently unknown if this was an intentional or unintentional nosedive, however, if this was an unintentional accident, it could have major repercussions for the Boeing organization. Boeing’s track record for airline safety has been tainted due to the 737 Max 8 tragedies in 2018, which crashed due to a sensor failure of the MCAS system; conversely the 737-800NG has a good safety record. In fact, most accidents related to this aircraft are runway-related. The probability of this crash being accidental is 50/50. However, it is very rare for an aircraft to crash during its cruise or initial descent. Unfortunately, the nature of this accident could be unknown for at least months. Aircraft crashes are typically complex and have many different layers to everything that happened but with the way the aircraft dived, and how planes work, it is a fair chance that this was intentional, though the reasons would be unknown for an intentional crash.

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