

WINTER 2011

# THE SPARTAN CHRONICLES



BEST OF 2011

# TOP NEWS OF 2011

by Patricia Ramos and Mary Effinger



## Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

March 11, 2011: With a magnitude of 9.0, it was the most powerful known earthquake ever to hit Japan. The earthquake triggered powerful tsunami waves that reached heights of up to 40.5 meters. 15,840 deaths, 5950 injured and 3,642 missing.



## Kardashian Marriage/Break-Up

October 31, 2011: Kim Kardashian divorces Kris Humphries after only 72 days of marriage. Kim says, "The purpose of the divorce was irreconcilable differences." She says it was a hard decision to make because she had hoped the marriage would last forever.



## Royal Wedding

April 29, 2011: Prince William marries Catherine Middleton at Westminster Abbey in London. Prince William proposed October 20, 2010 and their engagement was later announced November 16, 2010.



## Casey Anthony Trial

May to July 2011: Casey Anthony was charged with first degree murder of her two-year-old daughter Caylee Marie Anthony. Caylee was missing for 31 days before she was reported missing by her grandmother, Cindy Anthony. When questioned, Casey Anthony fabricated stories about her daughters whereabouts. On December 11, 2008, Caylee Anthony's body was found in a wooded area near the family's home. After a six month trial, Casey Anthony was not found guilty.



## Death of Osama Bin Laden

May 2, 2011: Osama Bin Laden was shot and killed inside a private residential compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan by the U.S. Navy SEALs and the C.I.A. After the raid, U.S. forces took Bin Laden's body to Afghanistan for identification. After identification, within 24 hours it was dumped and "buried" at sea.



## Death of Ryan Dunn

June 20, 2011: Ryan Dunn was a daredevil known for his membership of the "Jackass" crew. Dunn died when his Porsche crashed into a tree in Pennsylvania. Just hours before the crash, Dunn tweeted a picture of him drinking. He was carrying production assistant, Zachary Hartwell, who died along with Dunn in the accident.



## Muammar Gaddafi

October 20, 2011: Gaddafi, dictator of Libya, died in a crossfire. Libyans were elated and cheered in the streets. President Obama said Gaddafi's death "marks the end of a long and painful chapter for the people of Libya." Libyans can now "determine their own destiny."



## Penn State Scandal

Nov. 5, 2011: Allegations that former Pennsylvania State University football assistant coach, Jerry Sandusky, sexually assaulted or had inappropriate contact with at least eight underage boys surfaced. Several high-level school officials, who discussed covering up the incident or failing to notify authorities, were charged with perjury and suspended.



## NBA Lockout

July 1, 2011: The fourth NBA lockout commenced. The main reason for the lockout was the revenue sharing structure of the salary cap. During the lockout, teams could not trade, sign or contact players. Players couldn't access NBA team faculties, trainers or staff. The lockout ended in early December.

# CORRECTIVE RAPE

by Patricia Ramos

South Africa has been dubbed the rape capital of the world. One in two women will be raped in their lifetime, most of them being between the ages of 16 and 24. It is more likely that these women will be raped than finishing secondary school. In 2007, the South African Police Service reported 36,109 rapes between April and December. The unreported cases are believed to be ten times that.

Not only will nearly half a million South African women be raped this year, but some are victims of an epidemic called "corrective rape."

Corrective rape is defined as a crime committed against a lesbian woman who is raped with the belief that she will be cured of her homosexuality. Men in South Africa are offended that women may be bold enough to take their role in society. The women are told they shouldn't reject men and that if they are raped enough, they will be "normal." During rape, victims are repeatedly told they are women and should be treated as such.

South Africa was actually the first country to outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation in its constitution and the first country in Africa to allow same sex marriage.

Although these laws are written, they are not enforced. Such laws are intended to protect LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) individuals. People believe and trust them- they become open with their sexuality thus putting themselves in extreme danger.

Cape Town is considered to be the "gay capital" of South Africa but has the most reported corrective rapes. This city in South Africa is trusted to be a safe haven for LGBT individuals but proves to be the opposite with 10 new reported cases each week.

Eudy Simelane is a well-known victim as she was one of the first openly gay athletes in Africa. She was a soccer player for South Africa's Women National team. Simelane was gang raped, beaten and stabbed 25 times in the face, chest, and legs.

Corrective rape isn't considered a hate crime- statistics aren't even compiled separately from other rape cases. Officials, mostly male, see no need in taking the time to investigate or separate cases as they feel they will lose masculinity. Many accuse the government of condoning this behavior in their society and are fighting against it each and every day.



# OCCUPY MOVEMENT

by Chloe Caldwell-Shannik

Do you understand what the Occupy Movements really are?

All of this "Occupy" business came about because of the one movement that actually made sense, Occupy Wall Street (OWS).

OWS is an ongoing series of demonstrations in New York City based in Zuccotti Park in the Wall Street financial district. The protests were initiated by the Canadian activist magazine, Adbusters. They are mainly protesting social and economic inequality, corporate greed, corruption and influence over government—particularly from the financial services sector—and lobbyists.

The protesters' slogan, "We are the 99%", refers to the difference in wealth and income growth in the U.S. between the wealthiest 1% and the rest of the population.

In mid-2011, the Canadian-based Adbusters Foundation, best known

for its advertisement-free anti-consumerist magazine, Adbusters, proposed a peaceful occupation of Wall Street to protest corporate influence on democracy, address a growing disparity in wealth, and the absence of legal repercussions behind the recent global financial crisis.

Micah White, Adbusters' senior editor said via their email list that they had suggested the protest, which White said "was spontaneously taken up by all the people of the world." Adbusters' website said that from their "one simple demand—a presidential commission to separate money from politics—we started setting the agenda for a new America." They promoted the protest with a poster featuring a dancer atop Wall Street's iconic Charging Bull.

The first protest was on September 17, 2011. In its first month, similar demonstrations were either ongoing or had been held in over 70 major cities and over 600 communities in the U.S. and worldwide Occupy protests similar to OWS have occurred in over 900 cities.



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# Who to Trust?

by Courtney Britton

Coaches, principals, pastors, counselors, mentors - just a few people in our lives we as teens are supposed to be able to trust. Merriam-Webster defines trust as an "assured reliance on the character, ability, strength or truth of someone or something." But lately, this hasn't been the case.

It seems like the number of public sexual abuse cases that we have seen in the media has soared. Are more people committing these heinous crimes? Or does the media just have stories like this in constant rotation?

In the past month, a former Penn State assistant coach was accused of molestation. On November 5, Jerry Sandusky, was accused of sexually molesting eight boys in his Second Mile Foundation for At-risk Boys, over a 15-year period. Also involved in the controversy, is former head coach Joe Paterno. Back in 2002, a Penn State employee reported to Paterno that he witnessed Sandusky having sex with a 10-year old boy in the Pen State locker room shower. According to the police, Paterno reported the information to the school's athletic director, Tim Curly and vice



Try talking to trusted teachers like Mr. Jones, Mr. Gagnier and Ms. Kidd

president, Gary Schultz, as a state mandated reporter. Yet, these two administrators didn't report it to the police - instead, valuing the school's football program over the safety of the children. So who was it that finally told on Sandusky? According to authorities, it was the victim's mothers.

Just a few weeks after the Sandusky scandal, Syracuse University assistant basketball coach Bernie Fine was fired as a part of investigations of child molestation allegations against him.

Last fall, Bishop Eddie Long, local Atlanta Pastor was accused of sexually abusing four boys

in his ministry. One young man, Jamal Parris, told Fox 5 that what started off as a father-son relationship turned sexual. In May 2011, Long settled the accusations out of court for an undisclosed amount of money.

When do adult-adolescent relationships cross the line? What signs can kids learn to watch for when a predator is preying on their childish innocence? In each case, these kids were lured in to pre-mature deviant sex by a trusting adult, an adult who knew better. An adult who convinced children to succumb to behavior they might not have known was appropriate.

These are the people we are supposed to turn to for guidance, support, and understanding. These are the people who, in some cases, are like a third parent. If we can't trust them, who can we trust?

O.C.G.A. 19-7-5(C)(1)  
Georgia Law:

The following persons who have reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused must report that abuse:

Physicians licensed to practice medicine, interns, or residents; Hospital or medical personnel; Dentists; Licensed psychologists and persons participating in internships to obtain licensing;

Podiatrists; Registered professional nurses or licensed practical nurses; Professional counselors, social workers, or licensed marriage and family therapists; School teachers; School administrators;

School guidance counselors, visiting teachers, school social workers, or school psychologists;

Child welfare agency personnel; Child-counseling personnel; Child service organization personnel; and Law enforcement

personnel. Reports Made To

Reports shall be made to a child welfare agency providing protective services, as designated by the Department of Human Services, or, in the absence of such agency, to an appropriate police authority or district attorney. If a report of child abuse is made to the child welfare agency or independently discovered by the agency, then the agency shall immediately notify the appropriate police authority or district attorney.

# PETA's Beef with Mario.

by Tayo Akigbogun and Logan Curtis

In their most recent scheme, the animal rights activist group, PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) has made a campaign mocking gaming's greatest hero, Nintendo's very own mascot, Mario, has been made both the victim and villain for PETA's gimmick. The most renowned figure in video game history has been called a killer by PETA. In mid-November, the group launched a campaign titled "Mario Kills Tanooki" in order to make the public more aware of the "fur" issue.

An online flash game has gory depictions of Mario running away from a Tanuki trying to retrieve his fur.

In fact PETA has also posted an unsettling video of a real tanuki being abused. The site also features a gory Mario holding the head of a dead raccoon dog.

According to the organization, "Tanooki may be just a 'suit' in Mario games, but in real life, tanuki are raccoon dogs who are skinned alive for their fur. By wearing Tanooki, Mario is sending the message that it's OK to wear fur."

In Super Mario 3D Land, Nintendo's classic tale of the plumber who goes on an epic quest to save the princess, the game makes use of various power ups, like the classic tanooki suit, in order to save the day. Since 1988, the tanooki suit, commonly know as the raccoon suit, has been implemented in the game play. In Super Mario, Power-ups arise from yellow bricks and the tanooki suit takes the shape of a leaf. Over the years, Mario has taken the shape of many animals-- frogs, balloons, penguins, turtles- just a few of the forms he takes.

For some gamers, PETA's campaign missed the mark. "Berating and besmirching a pastime is merely ridiculous and disrespectful," said one gamer.

Fortunately, PETA has stated that this was in no way a hostile attack towards Nintendo, but simply a fun and creative way to address a very serious problem in the world.

# Twitter Tragedy

by Chloe Caldwell-Shannik and Leelee Grier

The ones that have the biggest smiles have the biggest problems. Or at least that's what they say. However, it turned out to be true for young teen Ashley Billasano who killed herself after tweeting 144 times over six hours about her troubled past. In her tweets she described the molestation she endured and how later she was forced into prostitution. Having a total 500 followers on Twitter, nobody reached out to help her. Hours later, she tweeted her last tweet "Take two. I hope I get this right." After that, reports said that she proceeded to suffocate herself.

Many have said that 18-year-old Ashley was a good person. However, on Tuesday morning she did not show up at school having killed herself the night before. Many said she was upset about a case against one of her attackers that went unnoticed.

Billasano known abuse began when she was only 7 years old by her stepfather, Allan Leskinen, and another family member. Leskinen was caught, convicted and is approaching the end of an 11-year sentence.

What Tiffany, her mother, did not talk about then, and what Fox 26 news had uncovered, were crimes that happened in Houston TX 11 years ago, was there were multiple aggravated sexual assaults of Ashley by her then stepfather Leskinen, Tiffany has since divorced Leskinen.

Why is her story being treated different than another teen's? Why is she getting less attention than other kids in America? There are many teenagers who have been on every channel, celebrations of their life, and protests for their predicament. Why not her's? Whether it's her mother's choice for privacy or just lack of attention? No one understands.

Her mother's biggest complaint is why her story wasn't investigated. She blames the police for her daughter's suicide.

"It was almost as if (case officials) were treating her like she was the one under investigation instead of her being the victim. She felt like they were really insensitive to what had gone on," Tiffany told CNN.

"They say that they did what they could to protect her, but they let her back into the home where she was abused," she said.

A Facebook page, R.I.P Ashley Marie Billisano, has been set up by her mother. The page has already has obtained 5,000 likes.

Ways you can prevent teen suicide-



Ashley Billasano tweeted her suicidal intent almost 150 times.

-call 1-800-273-8255  
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
Ways to start a conversation about suicide:  
I have been feeling concerned about you lately.  
Recently, I have noticed some differences in you and wondered how you are doing.

I wanted to check in with you because you haven't seemed yourself lately.

Questions you can ask:  
When did you begin feeling like this?  
Did something happen that made you start feeling this way?

How can I best support you right now?  
Have you thought about getting help?  
What you can say that helps:  
You are not alone in this. I'm here for you.

You may not believe it now, but the way you're feeling will change.

I may not be able to understand exactly how you feel, but I care about you and want to help.

When you want to give up, tell yourself you will hold off for just one more day, hour, minute — whatever you can manage. Read more at [http://helpguide.org/mental/suicide\\_prevention.htm](http://helpguide.org/mental/suicide_prevention.htm)

# Summer Reading vs. Students

by Daviear Brewster

Statistics point to the disappointing loss of learning that takes place during the summer when young people are not in school. A student's reading level score goes down after the summer break because they haven't done anything all summer prior to school work. Thus, for all Campbell High School literature classes, it is required that students complete a summer reading assignment that involves reading a book (or more than one) and completing an assessment, essay or activity on the book.

According to Reading is Fundamental.org, all young people experience learning losses when they don't engage in educational activities during the summer.

Junior Zac Grissett was asked how he feels about summer reading. Grissett said, "I don't like doing it and sometimes I don't but its good so students will not lose memory."

Brandon Walker, senior, was asked if summer reading affects students grades. He said, "Yes, because if you don't do the project, then you're already starting the class off with a very low grade."

Tee-ya Carter, senior, was asked about her opinion on summer reading. She said, "I think it's very helpful but at the same time harmful because if students don't do their work over the summer, their grades will be bad."

If students did their summer reading in the beginning of the summer, they wouldn't have to worry about failing.

A few students are coming into the school semester failing because of summer reading. Literature teachers try to prevent students from failing their summer reading projects by giving them the whole summer to do it. Students disagree about summer reading because they feel it's the summer and they should be able to have fun and enjoy it and not be doing work.

If you have an English class this spring, don't forget your summer reading!

9th-  
Feed by M.T. Anderson or Impossible by Nancy Werlin.  
9th HONORS: One of the books on the 9th list AND Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater

10th-  
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan or Life of Pi by Yann Martel

10th HONORS:  
One of the titles on the list above AND Q & A by Vikas Swarup

11th-  
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck OR  
The Absolute True Diary of a Part Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

12th-  
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon or The Color of Water by James McBride



# December

by Anahi Luvano

It's that time of the year when everyone has their own tradition and celebrates it in their special way. So what are your special tendencies for this winter break and New Year's? Christmas, Kwanza, Bodhi day, Hanukkah, Las Posadas, New Year's Eve, are few of the holidays celebrated. This winter break I will:

"Watch Eve rock countdown, back home I would shoot fire-works" Mr. Mock, administrator

"Go out of town, shoots guns, hunt deer, and chill with family" Amatai Carter, junior

"New Year's I'll watch the peach in Atlanta" Glen Malec, freshmen

"Spend time with family and eat Mexican food and New Year's eat more for and make a party" Maria Roman, junior

"Visit family in Baltimore" Wallace Charles, sophomore

"Go to Chicago, spend money and have dinner with family" Javier Lane, senior



Manny Rivas (above) shows his holiday spirit.



# November

by Gabrielle Newman and Hayleigh Garrison

No Shave November; Many people think of it as just another fun activity to participate in, but what most people don't think of it as is a global movement to support men's health. "No Shave November" is a movement for wellness, celebrated by not shaving facial hair for the whole month of November. The cause started with a few humble men in Melbourne, Australia who wanted to raise awareness of prostate cancer. The men called the campaign "Movember" and soon the Australians were giving awareness to people around the globe. The foundation has raised over \$174 million dollars and isn't done yet. With social networking being the most effective form of advertising, "Movember" had created a facebook app and a twitter account.

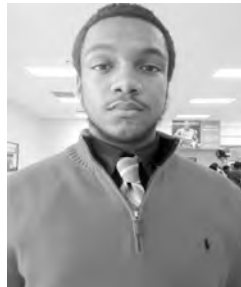
Peter Ellingson, math teacher, said he's participating in No Shave November for Prostate and testicular cancer and because he doesn't want to shave.

Triston Cameron said that he's doing it because "My circle and I decided to do it"

The website [www.movember.com](http://www.movember.com) provides information about the foundation and has products for sale. Anyone can create an account and make a choice of joining a team, creating a team, or staying as an individual. To encourage Campbell High School to support the cause, a team was created for our Campbell students. If you would like to participate in No Shave November next year, join Campbell's team website at <http://mobro.co/campbellhighschool>.



Dameyune Avery, senior (left) and Triston Cameron, junior (middle) proudly show of their facial hair.



David Lawrence, sophomore (right) keeps his beard all year long.





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# Black Friday Gone Wrong

by Mary Effinger and Courtney Britton

Black Friday is usually supposed to help shoppers get the presents they want at discounted prices. But every year, numerous accounts of violent acts flash across our television screens. This year was no different - the 2011 Black Friday will be remembered for a missing tooth, a local death and a pepper spray incident.

While waiting to get her nails done in a Georgia Wal-Mart nail salon, 17-year old Ashley Corbett's teeth were shattered by a large porcelain bowl thrown as a result of a fight in the shop. Monnessia Wright, 35, was said to have gone into the nail salon, complaining about prices.

No one is sure why the fight became physical, but Wright picked up and threw the bowl that nail technicians use to soak nails in and it hit Corbett in the face. Corbett now has a missing tooth, another chipped tooth and other injuries. Wright then fled the scene, but authorities found her at her home. She was charged with affray, fighting two or more people and aggravated battery.

The next day, Cobb County resident, 29-year old George Tabetando, was shot several times at the local Cumberland Mall. Tabetando exited the mall and then was seen running through the parking lot for his life while being pursued by a man with a gun. Tabetando and the gunman had been fighting earlier by the Macy's parking lot. Tabetando was later rushed to Emory Hospital where he died.

Meanwhile, a 32-year old woman in California decided that she wasn't going to take a chance on not getting an Xbox and pepper sprayed anyone in her way. Just after 10 p.m. on Thanksgiving evening, the woman peppered sprayed over a dozen customers at a Wal-Mart in Porter Ranch California, in an attempt

to grab an Xbox before they were gone. Each victim was treated and sent home. However, authorities have sympathy for the woman, stating she may have done it for self defense.

"Essentially, what this is: On these Black Fridays, people can't control themselves, and people get killed. They're crushed," said Michael Fesperman, a homicide detective for the Los Angeles Police Department speaking in the Los Angeles Times. "It appears she may have fired her pepper spray in self-defense, in order to prevent being crushed."

Whether she did it for the Xbox, or in self defense, to think that holiday shopping has gotten so bad that it had to come to harming others just to get a discount is ridiculous. And it's not completely consumers' faults. Mega shopping centers start displaying Christmas shopping specials and decorations as early as the end of October. Even with the economy being as bad as it is, the retail sales over the Thanksgiving holiday reached a record \$52.4 billion, according to the National Retail Federation. Is this what we've come to, harming others in the name of shopping?

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**Best Of 2011**

*Christmas Gift*

*Money*

*iPad*

*Computer*

*A Car*



**Best Album**

**Take Care**

**Carter IV**

**Watch The Throne**

**Ambition**

**F.A.M.E**

Cell Phone

iPhone 4s

Android

HTC

Samsung Galaxy

Blackberry



**College Football**

**LSU**

**Alabama**

**University of Georgia**

**Georgia Tech**

**Oregon**



**Restaurant**

**Moe's**

**McDonald's**

**Shane's**

**Zucca's**

**Us Café**

**Best Of 2011**

**Overused Word**

- Swag
- Bruh
- Ratchet
- Like
- N-word



**Actor**

- Bradley Cooper
- Kevin Hart
- Will Smith
- Johnny Depp
- Ben Stiller

**Movie**

- Transformers 3
- Paranormal Activity
- Fast 5
- Real Steel
- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Pt. 2



**Memory**

- Freshman Kidnapping
- Homecoming
- Neighborhood Watch
- Filming
- Pep Rally
- Football games



**Artist**

- Wale
- Foster the People
- J. Cole
- Drake
- Chris Brown

# Sports

## Raven



## Ray'Anthony Johnson

He may be tall and scrawny but the minute the game starts, Ray'Anthony Johnson becomes another person on the court. He has played for years and is known by majority the of the school. He is influenced by some of the games best players to ever play like Reggie Miller, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, and Spud Webb. When asked what basketball means to him, his response was "Basketball means everything to me, without basketball I probably wouldn't come to school."...



## Kanchi Patel

You can bet that you don't meet a girl like Kanchi Patel everyday. A Campbell High School junior who balances IB classes and sports, she has a wicked 3 point shot on the court. She brings diversity to our Lady Spartans and plays her role as a shooter very well. Basketball is something she loves and it is also something that allows her to escape from stressful things like being an IB student. She definitely isn't the basic girl you will see in the IB program with AP classes. How does she manage being a student with such rigorous academic responsibilities while being on the basketball team?



## Dante Scott

In most cases of most star athletes, their potential s noticeable at a young age. Filled with upperclassmen, Campbell's varsity basketball team is coincidentally led by a freshman. Dante' Scott, 14 years of age, is already the leading scorer on the team with 24 points per game. Scott says he first noticed that he would excel in basketball in the third grade. He has led every team he has played on since. During middle school, he led the McEachern Indians team in scoring. Last year in arguably the most competitive basketball organization, AAU, he was the leading scorer on a team that won seven tournaments ...



## Wildermuth

When you think of basketball you think of a 6'5 man with very long arms and skills of which most people are not even capable. But in this situation, we have a female basketball player who can play better than most dudes on the high school basketball team. Raven Wildermuth is a Campbell player that doesn't have "can't" in her vocabulary and the fact of her being a female doesn't change the game. She has played ball here all four years of her high school career and has become one of the most dedicated and hard working players Campbell has ever seen. She is exactly what you would want on a girl's basketball team. The team is like family according to Raven and by the way they play on the court, you defiantly can tell this is true. They work so well together out there as if they have been together forever.

The lady Spartans are led by Coach Randy McClure, Coca Cola's Teacher of the year 2011 ...

Reporting by Greg Tull and Jeremiah Jones. To finish reading these articles please link to the QR code below.



# Grappling for Success

by Greg Tull

Merriam-Webster defines "team" as a number of persons associated together in work or activity, but the Campbell High Wrestling team defines team as a family; individuals willing to put their all into winning.

They have shown how much of a family they are repeatedly this season at many tournaments and many matches racking up win after win. This team is something Campbell hasn't seen in many years making this year one of the best this decade hands down.

Being lead by senior Morgan Ford, senior Alex Cooke, and junior Jamez Taylor, the team was on a booming undefeated streak until their home match against Hillgrove. Even though the team received their first loss of the season their thirst for winning has not been put on hold. Morgan feels that all they can do is go back to practice and work harder than the next man. Wrestling is a sport of who wants it more and who is willing to put it all on the line when it counts the most. Coach Shawn Slenczka makes sure that his athletes work to their full potential at practice, especially the varsity. Being on varsity is one of the biggest jobs you can have in this sport. Preparing for an upcoming match is one of most stressful things you can go through. It's not just a physical thing either, it's also mental. You have to be willing to drop weight and maintain it for the week and you have to want to work harder than others in order to get stronger than the others.

Morgan revealed what motivates him each week, "Losing. For me, losing a match, it sucks. I lost to a kid that placed first in state and it's understandable, but it's just that you want to win. You want to win and be the best. I think for me, losing motivates me to work out more so I can be unstoppable."

This is a team that's definitely destined for greatness. They have the mindset of champions and the work ethic of winners. This definitely is one squad that can make it all the way and make the community proud.

Photos by Leelee Grier



# The Return of the NBA

by Daviear Brewster and Hershel Moon

With NBA lockout nearing end, pro basketball returns to the forefront. The season resumed on Christmas day with the Miami Heat vs. Dallas Mavericks and the Chicago Bulls vs. Los Angeles Lakers.

Many veteran players may play badly for at least a month due to not working out while the NBA has been in the lockout. Younger players may not be out of shape because they are anxious to get back into the gym and work. They have been working out since mid-summer.

The lockout began July 1, which would have been the opening of free agency. This open period finally arrived in a minimized form last Wednesday morning, when teams were allowed to talk to agents.

An article in [www.espn.com](http://www.espn.com) detailed that the NBA and the re-formed players union will resume negotiations on the remaining terms of their new labor agreement, according to a letter sent to union members in mid-December by National Basketball Players Association executive director Billy Hunter. In the letter, obtained by ESPN.com, Hunter tells players that the owners and NBPA "still must negotiate numerous non-economic matters, including the anti-drug agreement, commissioner, and team discipline and workplace rules, together with relatively smaller economic and other contract issues."

Fans are happy because most people had already bought their season tickets for their favorite team. When the NBA was in a lock out, fans were very upset because season tickets can run from \$1000-\$2500 and customers cannot get their money back.

The 2011 NBA lockout is the fourth lockout in the history of the National Basketball



Houston Rockets players  
[ESPN.com]

Association. The main issue dividing the owners and the players are revenue sharing and the structure of the salary cap. During the lockout, teams cannot trade, sign or contact players and players cannot go to team facilities, work with trainers or contact staff members. All preseason games and the first six weeks of the 2011-12 seasons though December 15 have been canceled. Some players have sign contracts to play in other countries mostly in Europe and in Asia; however, most players have the option to return to the NBA as soon as the lockout ends. On November 26, the players and owners reached a tentative deal including a 66 game season with games starting December 25 on Christmas day. Owners allowed players to have workouts at the team sites starting December 1. The lockout will end when the players ratify a deal with the NBA owners.

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## AN INSIDE LOOK AT TAILGATING

by Jeremiah Jones

For the past 10 years, Willie Whitten has gotten up at 6 a.m. for every Atlanta Falcon home game and made his way down to the Georgia Dome, not returning home sometime until 3 a.m. the following day.

Although a season ticket holder, he rarely goes inside the Dome. Just like thousands of other Falcon fans, Mr. Whitten devotes his Sundays to tailgating.

A growing phenomenon in the parking lots outside of sports events, tailgating is still widely unexplored by sport fans.

As the son of a Falcon fan, for some time now I've been presented with the opportunity to go tailgating, but turned down the request because I was unaware of how exciting it would turn out.

Looking to spend some quality time with my dad I finally agreed to go. We arrived downtown and the once empty parking lots were now flooded with red, white and black. Upon entering the lot where Mr. Whitten's spot was, a small fee had to be paid to get in.

Stepping out of the vehicle, the smell of



NBA players Illustration [ESPN.com]

barbecue gave me an appetite. Southern hospitality, watching football on flat screen TV's, a variety of cookout food, snacks and a cooler full of beverages made me feel right at home.

When I settled in, I enjoyed hearing loud music that made me reminisce about times back in New York, playing catch with my peers, seeing bikers come in on their well polished bikes and talking to fans taking the day off to enjoy themselves and spend time with their families. I appreciated especially the look on everybody's face when someone came by selling the same bootlegged Falcon memorabilia as the person was trying to unload five minutes ago.

"It's good to see people get together without drama and violence just to enjoy [them] selves over sports," said Derrick Anderson, an avid tailgater.

My dad and I going into the Georgia Dome to see the reigning Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers stomp on the Atlanta Falcons capped off a day I would never forget.

The following Sunday I went again looking to relive the same experience as before. This Sunday was different; Atlanta native Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers were coming to town.

Coming off seeing their team lose, combined with this being a division game, Falcon fans were particularly hostile because they knew all too well what a mobile quarterback can do to a team. Newton possessed many of the same attributes former Falcon QB Michael Vick has.

Cam Newton made play after play altering the faces of Falcons fans every second as it seemed as if the Panthers would win. Sadly enough (I'm a Vick fan) a series of turnovers help the Falcons prevail. At least I was able to create memories with my dad that will last a lifetime.



## Upcoming Concerts

THE MASQUERADE- 1/19- August Burns Red, Silverstein, Texas in July, Letlive, I the Breather, 1/24- Falling in Reverse, Oh Sleeper, Skip the Foreplay, 1/19- Attack Attack!, Dream On Dreamer, Chunk! No Captain Chunk!, Sleeping with Sirens, The Ghost Inside  
VERIZON WIRELESS AMPHITHEATER- 6/7- Foster the People, The Kooks

CENTER STAGE THEATRE- 1/25- Anthony Green, The Dear Hunter, 1/28- D.R.U.G.S., Hit the Lights, Like Moths to Flames,

Sparks the Rescue, May 5th- Hot Chelle Rae, Electric Touch

THE TABERNACLE- 1/14- Evanescence, Rival Sons, 3/16- Childish Gambino, 3/18- Mutemath

PHILLIPS ARENA- 3/1- Radiohead, 4/23- Rammstein, 6/13- Roger Waters, 7/2- Coldplay  
FOX THEATRE ATLANTA- 2/23- Kelly Clarkson

THE ARENA AT GWINNETT CENTER-1/27-Blake Shelton, 1/30- Red Hot Chili Peppers, 2/8- Tool, 2/10- George Strait and Martina McBride, 6/22- Lady Antebellum



## The Year in Movies

The year of 2011 in movies will be remembered for familiar characters, thrills and the end of a much-loved franchise. Moviegoers flocked to the theaters to see recognizable people with new settings, conflicts and plots. The top five movies of the year were all sequels or continued adventures. Harry Potter 8, Transformers 3, Twilight 4, the Hangover 2, and Pirates of the Caribbean 4 topped the box office throughout the summer. Sherlock Holmes 2, Puss in Boots and the Muppets (reimaginings of the earlier franchises) and the latest Chipmunk movie will end the year's trend of much-loved character repeats. Often, in a bad economy moviegoers like to leave their troubles behind and go to the movies to escape. Horrible Bosses, Just Go With It, and Bridesmaids all were hilarious takes on common situations. Other examples of this feature are the abundance of superhero/ action adventure blockbusters for 2011- Transformers, Thor, Captain America and the upcoming Mission Impossible 4.

The year 2011 also brought the end to the mega franchise movie, Harry Potter. The epic ending of this series had many crying and cheering. The ultimate battle between Harry Potter and Lord Voldemort had finally come, and only one could survive. The future of the wizarding world rested on the shoulders of Harry and his allies within Hogwarts. This final movie left fans feeling satisfied in a sad way because the characters they had grown to know and love had come to the end of their journey. "I thought that it was one of the best of the series, and it was easy to see that the characters had grown and matured since their first meeting in "The Sorcerer's Stone." It also had really good visual effects and stayed very true to the book," says Barry Shelton, senior.



## Modern Warfare

Modern Warfare 3, a first person shooter war game, hit the \$1 billion mark in sales, just 16 days after its release according to Activision Blizzard, the game's distributor. It took Modern Warfare 2 more than 60 days to reach the same amount. Compared to movies, it took Avatar 17 days to make \$1 billion. With a captivating storyline, intense online multiplayer, and just all around fun game play, MW3 was destined

to be a fan favorite and it definitely is. New features include an upgrade in sound design, interesting campaigns, and a huge amount of content so frequent players. Although the game has received a favorable game rating and garnered the annual Spike Video Game Award for Best Shooter 2011, the Wii version has had less than stellar reviews regarding poor graphics and poor friend code system. Another issue is a perplexing and forgettable story. But who needs a story when you have a satisfying and thrilling shooter experience.



## Best New Band

The band that deserves the honor of "Best New Band" is definitely D.R.U.G.S. [Destroy Rebuild Until God Shows]. With only one album under their belt, they have made huge waves in the music scene. D.R.U.G.S. is compiled of several talented veterans lead by vocalist Craig Owens. They have a very

catchy, yet heavy sound. From the pounding and in your face "Stop Reading, Start Doing Pushups" to the happy, poppy tone of "I'm Here to Take the Sky". Every song is great and there is sure to be at least one that makes you bob your head.

Craig Owens bared his soul on every track and the honesty of the lyrics made his soaring voice shine. This band is passion incarnate.

# Talent @ CHS

by Bria Willingham

Here at Campbell we have students who are musically and poetically inclined. Isaiah Hunter, senior, is a poet, lyricist, and rapper extraordinaire. The student body found that out when Isaiah performed his poem "To Be Black" at the annual International Festival.

What exactly is it to be Black?

I mean, is it a title that I gain from skin tone alone  
Or...

Is there something more?

Do I need to sell weed and get stacks?

Or, if a teacher corrects me, do I have to talk  
back?

Skip school? Sag my pants? Act cool? Be able to  
dance?

Such a fickle thing is race.

Through whose eyes do we decide what  
constitutes

a Black face,

And what constitutes a White one?

What makes one Asian, and another Hispanic?

It's purely physical right? Yeah.

Well what if I told you that's wrong.

See, I carry on a plausible conversation, ace a test,  
Bring up the differences in human relations;  
Go home, go to sleep, get some rest...

And people accuse me of not being Black!

Well, what exactly is it that you're trying to say  
then?

Go ahead - I'm listening; explain away, man.

I can't be Black and intelligent at the same time?

You call me a traitor? Well, I call you blind.

Can't you see that race is a failed human attempt  
to label what can't be labeled;

to stabilize that which can't be stable?

This life is one that is the same for none of us.

Though behind some of us may be the same past,

In front of us, each is a different future.



Isaiah Hunter

You wanna know what  
Black is?

Black is not a person,  
Black is a culture.

A culture that, with  
others, has helped make me  
who I am today.

See I am not Black, and  
I'm not White; I'm not  
Hispanic, and I'm not Asian.

I'm Angelo Isaiah  
Hunter.

Who are you?

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Maurice Rumph, senior,  
can rap!

Every rapper has some inspirations so, of course,  
the Spartan Chronicles asked.

S.C.: What made you want to start rapping?

Maurice: My mom did it and my dad did it so it  
was always in me, I just love music.

S.C.: How did your mom and dad get started  
rapping?

Maurice: They were brought up around music and  
it was a family thing.

S.C.: What did they rap about?

Maurice: My dad rapped about the streets and  
violence. My mom rapped about her swagg.

S.C.: Who is your favorite rapper?

Maurice: Lil Wayne

S.C.: Why is Lil Wayne your favorite rapper?

Maurice: Because that was my first rapper I was  
brought up around. I use to listen to him when he  
was a Hot Boy.

S.C.: Do you only like rap music?

Maurice: No, I like all kinds of music like hip-  
hop, alternative rock and even country

S.C.: Can we expect a mixed tape to release soon?

Maurice: Yes it's called "It's About Time." Once  
I finish it, it can be downloaded on Dat Piff,  
livemixtapes and west coast mixtapes.com

S.C.: Have you performed anywhere before?

Maurice: Yes, I'm actually performing for New  
Year's at a college party in Atlanta.

S.C.: What is your rap name?

Maurice: Reese

S.C.: Why is "Reese" your rap name?

Maurice: Because that's my nickname and I grew  
up with that name.

S.C.: Why did you name your mixed tape "It's  
About Time?"

Maurice: Because it took me a while to actually  
finish it and put it out.

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Maurice Rumph

Two Spartan Chronicles reporters' articles were  
recently featured on the American Society of News  
Editors (ASNE) National Edition. Visit the Spartan  
Chronicles online for the complete stories. Here are  
some excerpts-

"Penn State Scandal" by Jeremiah Jones

Joe Paterno once said "The minute you think  
you've got it made; disaster is just around the  
corner." How ironic.

Penn State, a football program envied that rests in  
a city seemingly perfect to raise a family in, boasted  
a head football coach who's a living legend and a  
defensive coordinator who was just as responsible  
for the success as the head coach. The program, the  
coaching staff and the city itself have been  
decimated by the scandal that shocked the nation.

"If I Were a Poor Black Kid-- EXCUSE ME?" by  
Courtney Britton

If I were a well-off middle aged white man, I  
wouldn't be writing columns about if I were a poor  
black kid.

Recently, Gene Marks, a contributor to Forbes  
magazine wrote an article called "If I Were A Poor  
Black Kid" explaining helpful tips to overcome the  
plague of poverty. Marks writes with explicit detail  
about how he would use internet resources such as  
SparkNotes, CliffsNotes and Google to help him  
understand books providing his fantasized black  
kid's parents could afford a computer and high speed  
internet. Marks "helpfully" includes other websites  
and other tools to help the poor black children  
understand what they are learning.

Excuse me?

The last time I checked, common sense doesn't  
discriminate against races.

# Death of a Legend

by Courtney Britton

The "over-weight lover" is no longer in the house. Dwight Arrington Myers, better known as Heavy D died on November 8, 2011 due to complications breathing while walking up the stairs. According to the staff at his Beverly Hills condo, Myers had just come home from shopping and was having difficulty breathing. While he was being assisted up the stairs, he collapsed. He was still conscious, commutative, and breathing when police arrived. He was transported to Cedars Sinai Medical Center around noon, where he later died at 44 years old.

Myers was born on May 24, 1967 in Jamaica, he moved to Mt. Vernon, New York as a child. It was here that he fronted the group Heavy D & the Boyz (with Heavy D as the rapper and the other three dancers) and were signed to Uptown Records. The group released two albums between then and 1989 that were both commercial successes. It was in 1990 that one of the dancers of the group, Troy "Double T. Roy" Dixon, died after one of their shows when he fell from an exit ramp. The group recorded five albums, three of which platinum. Heavy D gained more fame when he recorded the theme songs for the popular hit television series "In Livin' Color" and "MADtv". He also rapped on Michael Jackson's "Jam" and Janet Jackson's "Alright."

In the mid 1990's he became one of the first rappers to be president of a major record label, Uptown Records, where he helped shape Mary J. Blige's and R&B boy group Soul for Real careers. He also hired Sean "Diddy" Combs as an intern. After a long 15 years of not performing, Heavy D appeared on the 2011 BET Hip Hop Awards on October 11, where he performed hit songs such as "Is It Good to You" and "The Overweight Lover". It was his last performance. One of the most influential rappers of all time, Heavy D leaves behind ageless music, and a young daughter, Xea.



# Int'l Fest Delights

by Courtney Britton and Jessica Leigh-Luke

To celebrate Campbell's diversity, Principal Denise Magee brought back almost twenty-year tradition, the International Festival, to Campbell on Nov 18. This year's festival started with the Parade of Nations featuring students from various countries and clubs waving their nations' flags.

Next, were a tune by the CHS Band and a poem by senior Isaiah Hunter who recited a rousing original composition called "To Be Black." After the roaring from the appreciative crowd, Campbell Spartans were treated to a performance from the Campbell Step Team, led by Campbell staffer, Ian Manfort.

The Spartan crowd then watched Campbell Latina students in their glorious, colorful Quinceañera dresses. The Amigos Latinos club paid homage to Latin cultures with a Spanish love song "Todo" and the club performed three different Latin dances.

Campbell's band played a Russian song about sleigh rides dedicated to Ukrainian-born, Campbell teacher, and emcee, Gene Eyebelman. Senior Matt Eggers sang a French song and accompanied himself on guitar. The ceremony ended with a dance and martial arts demonstration from the Japanese club.

To end the International Festival, Campbell administrator, Richard Tischler, and boys basketball coach James Gwyn, recognized head girls basketball coach and science department chair, Coach Randy McClure, for being selected as the Coca-Cola 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year.

From the poems to the performances, Campbell High School basked in the glow of its diversity. Campbell Spartans were thrilled to have this assembly brought back. By accommodating students who wanted study time in the cafeteria, the lower numbers of attendees in the gym allowed the show to go on.



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