

# UnderAge PAGE

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## HOT TRACKS

TOP SONGS ON  
 BILLBOARD'S MUSIC CHARTS

### THE BILLBOARD 200 (TOP ALBUMS)

1. "Crazy Love," Michael Buble
2. "Sonic Boom," Kiss
3. "American Ride," Toby Keith



AP file photo

### HOT COUNTRY SONGS

1. "Gettin' You Home (The Black Dress Song)," Chris Young
2. "American Ride," Toby Keith
3. "Only You Can Love Me This Way," Keith Urban



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### MAINSTREAM ROCK SONGS

1. "Check My Brain," Alice In Chains
2. "I Will Not Bow," Breaking Benjamin
3. "Jars," Chevelle



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### BILLBOARD HOT 100

1. "3" Britney Spears
2. "Down," Jay Sean feat. Lil Wayne
3. "Party In The U.S.A.," Miley Cyrus



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### TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

1. "American Ride," Toby Keith
2. "Doin' My Thing," Luke Bryan
3. "Fearless," Taylor Swift

SOURCE: Nielsen SoundScan, Inc., Billboard/AP



**NAME:** Dominik Heimgreiter  
**AGE:** 18  
**SCHOOL:** Temple High School  
**GRADE:** 12  
**PARENTS:** Rose Taylor

### SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

**Accomplishments:** Student at the Bioscience Institute and Temple High, focusing on early college credit program. He will have earned 36 college credits upon high school graduation. Learning German at THS. He was born in Germany and is interested in becoming more fluent to communicate with his grandparents, who continue to reside in Germany.

**Goals in Life:** Dominik plans to continue studies at a four-year university. He is very interested in the biotech field and in pursuing a medical degree.

**What's important to Dominik?**

"I am very close to my family and friends as they have been a great support system to me. I value and respect others and appreciate others who take the time to help me live and learn. I believe each of us have opportunities that will broaden our perspectives and prepare us for life. I value others and their impact on my life and I'm learning this is mutual. In maturing, I understand gifts we all possess and how it can create a positive impact for others and ourselves."

# TEEN SEXTING

## Schools, lawmakers scramble to keep teens from exchanging sexually explicit messages

BY CATALINA CRUZ  
 TEMPLE HIGH SCHOOL

In May of 2008, Jessica Logan engaged in sexting — the act of sending sexually explicit texts or pictures via cell phone — with her then boyfriend, MSNBC reported.

After the two split, he sent the pictures to other girls within their high school. Jessica was harassed by the girls at school. Two months later, Jessica was found hanging in her bedroom.

Sexting is a rising epidemic among teenagers that is causing school districts and lawmakers to take action to prevent it.

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy claimed in a recent survey of 1,200 teens that one in every five has been involved in sexting.

Yahoo! News recently reported in that students in Houston returning to schools now have a brand new rule banning sexting. Hans Graff, assistant general counsel at the Houston Independent School District, said, "Any pictures of an underage child could potentially be child pornography and we are really not interested in seeing students punished criminally. We

want to put them on notice that it's just not something that really belongs in school."

Time Online reported in a January article six high school students in Pennsylvania were arrested on charges of child pornography. Three of the students were girls who sent nude pictures, and were charged with the dis-

tribution of child porn. The other three were boys from the same high school who were caught with sexually explicit photos and charged with possession of child porn.

Lawmakers all over the country are making new laws to ban sexting. Colorado's 9News.com reported you can be labeled a sex offender for life in the state of Colorado. The Cincinnati Enquirer declared in the state of Ohio you could be charged with a first-degree misdemeanor up to a felony charge.

*"Once it's on a cell phone, that cell phone can be put on the Internet where everyone in the world can have access to that juvenile picture. You don't realize what you are doing until it's already done."*

Police Capt. George Seranko of Pennsylvania

Anti-sexting activists have created a

Web site called "Sexting is Stupid" where it gives information on sexting and very bluntly states all the ways in which sexting is "stupid."

What may seem as a personal moment between you and your significant other or an easy way of being flirty through text, is really not private. Private images that go unseen every-



Scared silly

Frightful fun that will fill you with the Halloween spirit

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## YOUR THOUGHTS: Sexting



JEANNE-ANN TYE, Temple High School

It is my personal viewpoint that sexting is a perverted, horrible thing to do, and schools should be able to ban it.

The worst part of sexting is that people view it casually and think it is all in good fun.

Schools should crack down on it, because if they do not, this problem will escalate. There cannot be a logical claim of violating the Constitution or specific state laws if schools do ban sexting, as it is inappropriate, immoral and illegal!

The concept of using something so common to do something so revolting makes my skin crawl. I cringe at the thought of someone dishonoring their body — their temple.

This is disrespectful to themselves and their parents. I believe that schools should be able to ban sexting. Whenever the schools can step in and do something that the parents or guardian don't catch or don't care about, I am all for it.



KELSEY NOLEN, Temple High School



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I believe that schools should ban sexting because of how often students will do it.

In my opinion, sexting should not be something you want to do. Sending filthy and unpleasant pictures should be noticed, then banned.

The thing about sexting is that if two people are sending messages with inappropriate material in it, it could cause problems between them later.

Sexting is merely a fad popular between teen couples.

Schools should be able to ban it during school hours, but the student is the parents' responsibility outside of school hours — thus, schools aren't able to ban sexting completely. While sexting can have undelightful consequences, it is ultimately up to the student to decide whether or not to use technology to communicate immoral messages.



ALICIA JARRETT, Temple High School



SOPHIA HERNANDEZ, Temple High School

I do not see anything wrong with sexting when it is between a couple, as long as they know what can happen.

I myself have never sexted, but if you feel the need to send a pic to someone, that's a matter between you and the other person. One thing to remember: that relationship may not last — and the person you send a picture to may get mad at you and forward your picture to others.

## Another crazed-killer movie?

### 'The Stepfather' leaves a lot to be desired

DANIEL COMBS  
 BELTON HIGH SCHOOL

Just because a movie is a remake, doesn't mean you can't add some suspense. "The Stepfather" starring Dylan Walsh (FX's "Nip Tuck") and Penn Badgley (CW's "Gossip Girl"), is predictable to the very end. Walsh plays David Harris, a serial killer whose victims are women and their children, who he charms into believing he is the perfect husband. Badgley plays Michael Harding, his troubled stepson who believes Walsh is not the man he claims to be.

"The Stepfather," released last Friday, is a remake of the

1987 movie, under the same name, that was based on true events. The original spawned several mediocre sequels.

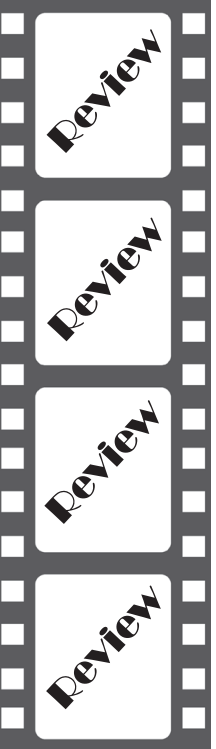
Like other recent thriller-horror hybrid movies, this remake falls flat.

The entire movie is a roller coaster between Harris killing people who begin to suspect he is a serial killer and scenes of Harding sitting beside a pool with his girlfriend, discussing his stepfather's latest slip-up. The latter slows the movie down, since nothing really comes of these scenes.

The crazed-father-who-tries-to-kill-family plot is growing tiresome. "The Shining" accomplished that better than any movie can.

I wish the movie focused more on Harding having to deal with coming home from military school to a new dad, a divorced mother who only wants him to be happy and the trials of balancing his father whom he hates to love and the stepfather whom he loves to hate. Those scenes were the most riveting and heartfelt in the movie. Throw out the murderous rampaging and we have a great movie.

Walsh and Badgley both had fairly good performances that were completely different from their TV roles. "The Stepfather" was not a horrible movie, but left a lot to be desired. The concept has been done before and it was not the best of its genre.



Editor's note: Thanks to the generosity of the Temple Mall, teens who write reviews for the UnderAge Page can get free tickets to the movies. If you are interested, contact Jerry Prickett at [jprickett@temple-telegram.com](mailto:jprickett@temple-telegram.com)