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HOT TRACKS

TOP SONGS ON
BILLBOARD'S MUSIC CHARTS



ALTERNATIVE/ MODERN ROCK TRACKS

1. "Uprising" **Muse**
2. "(If You're Wondering If I Want You To) I Want You To" **Weezer**
3. "Wheels" **Foo Fighters**

THE BILLBOARD 200 (TOP ALBUMS)

1. "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" **Soundtrack**
2. "Southern Voice" **Tim McGraw**
3. "Crazy Love" **Michael Buble**

HOT COUNTRY SONGS

1. "Toes" **Zac Brown Band**
2. "Welcome To The Future" **Brad Paisley**
3. "Only You Can Love Me This Way" **Keith Urban**

HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SONGS

1. "Pretty Wings" **Maxwell**
2. "Forever" **Drake feat. Kanye West, Eminem & Lil Wayne**
3. "Wasted" **Gucci Mane feat. Plies**

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NAME:
Charleston
Daniel Lewis
AGE: 17
SCHOOL:
Belton
High School
GRADE: 12
PARENTS:
Charlie and Ronda Lewis
GRANDPARENTS:
Mamie DeJean, Flossie Lewis

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

Accomplishments:
All-District 12-5A 2008
Academic Award
Top 5 percent 2006-2007 and
2007-2008
National Honor Society 2008-
present
Who's Who Among High School
Students
Excellence in Life Program
2009 award
Student-Athlete of the Week
2008
All-Region 2008 band qualifier
All-Region 2008 track and field
qualifier

Goals in Life: I plan to play college
football and/or track and field. From
my upcoming seasons in football and
track and field, I plan to make some
serious decisions from those out-
comes. Overall, I know that whatever
I do I'll have the Lord on my side.

What's important to Charleston?

My relationship with my Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ, is the most
important thing to me. Then after
that my brothers and sisters in Christ.
Next in line is education and reputa-
tion, because those are the things no
one can take away from me.

Beauty and the Beast

Temple High School
theater students put
on a performance of
the classic tale this
weekend

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¡BIENVENIDOS!

(WELCOME)

Don't miss the Belton language arts fest

BY NOORA AL-AHMADI
BELTON HIGH SCHOOL

Nous vous invitons! Nostros te
envitamos! Ihr seid alle herzlich
eingeladen! We invite you!

Belton High school is hosting its
first ever languages festival on
Nov. 12, from 7 to 9 pm in the
Belton high commons. Multiple
booths will be set up for the differ-
ent languages.

French Club, led by Cynthia
Long, will be serving five different
flavors of crepes. They will also be
selling their famous bombons and
Mardi Gras beads. Their games
will consist of pin the beret on the
donkey and limbo. Face painting
and pétanque booth representing
southern France will also be set up.
German Club, led by Andrea

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Language Festival:
Food, games, and fun with
Belton language clubs
WHEN: November 12,
7-9 p.m.
WHERE: Belton High School
commons
WHO: The festival is open to
the public. Admission is free.
Tickets for games and activi-
ties will be available for pur-
chase at the event.

Hankins, will be selling German
coffee, German bread and various
German dishes. They will also
have live music and a silhouette
cutter.

Spanish Club, led by Norah

Mosnia, will be setting up a
Spanish tapas table consisting of
all types of Spanish appetizers. A
banana hut will also be set up re-
presenting Costa Rica. And balls of
fury (ping pong), and Nerf compe-
titions will be a few of the many
games offered at the festival.

The language clubs got together
and set up a U.N. table for paper
tattoos of flags: German, French,
Spanish, and American. There will
even be a meatball booth represent-
ing Italy.

Admission is not needed. Just
buy as many tickets for as many
games and activities you wish to be
a part of.

So come and show your support
for the Belton High languages
clubs. Eat, laugh and mingle.
Adieu!



Where are you going?

The daunting task
of being a senior

BY SAMANTHA GARZA
TEMPEL HIGH SCHOOL

Senior year: One more year of
high school. Ten months of
high school drama, cafeteria
food and ridiculous public school
regulations. Yay! ... Right?

"Not really," Olivia Ramos said.
"The pleasure of being a senior
hasn't actually hit me yet."

Yes, all of the bleaker points of
high school begin to fade away,
but now the real pressure begins.
The overbearing question, "What
should I do with my life?" looms
overhead, demanding an answer
and refusing to wait.

It's not an easy question to
answer either. Many decisions
must be made this year. What col-
lege do I want to go to? Will I get



WHAT TO DO?

STAY
HOME?

COMMUNITY
COLLEGE?

MAJOR
UNIVERSITY?

STUDY
ABROAD?

TRAVEL?

WORK?

in? What do I want to major in?
Can I afford it? The future is
daunting, and it grows closer to the
present everyday.

The pressure is on, and not only
are there the questions of your pro-
fessional future to answer, but your
personal life as well. For instance,
will your relationship with your
boyfriend/girlfriend last? Will you
keep in touch with your friends, or
ever even see them again?

Not only do seniors have to deal
with the pressures of trying to sort
out their futures, but they have to
do it while managing their high
school career and everything it
entails: making good grades, han-
dling relationships, working and

extracurricular activities. It's time-
consuming, hectic and burden-
some, but it's supposed to be the
last year of the best years (depend-
ing on who you ask) of seniors'
lives.

Senior year is the closing chapter
of adolescence. Graduating and
moving on with your life can be
depressing, bittersweet or even
exciting. According to Ramos, it
won't be too hard to get over. "I
don't think I will miss much
besides the way classes are held.
College course seem to be stricter
and you have to do everything on
your own, but other than that I will
have no problem saying goodbye
to THS."

Patterson's book packs a punch

BY ALECIA N. JARRETT
TEMPEL HIGH SCHOOL

"Congratulations. The fact that
you're reading this means you've
taken one giant step closer to surviv-
ing till your next birthday."

The start of "Maximum Ride"
packs a very tense punch for "a
book that both adults and young
adults (could) turn to," according to
author James Patterson.

Inspired by a preceding publica-
tion, "When the Wind Blows,"
Patterson's new book begins with
"The Angel Experiment," a tale told
through the eyes of a 14-year-old
girl named Maximum Ride.

"I love the idea of getting people
reading. I know that a lot of kids are
going to read this book and go
'books are cool,'" Patterson said.

That's quite the understatement
when referring to this exhilarating
action-packed adventure. Not only is
the Maximum Ride series "cool," it
has the ability to captivate the reader
into the world of Max and her five
friends — Fang, Iggy, Nudge,
Gasman and Angel.

This page-turner begins with a

seemingly ordinary morning in the
Colorado Rockies — as normal as
six avian mutant children, anyway.
That's right — bird-children.

Book Review

"Maximum Ride is about six kids
who can fly. It's kind of a modern-
day Peter Pan. In this book, you will
really feel what it's like to fly,"
Patterson said.

True to the classic, evil adults
called "whitecoats" have spent the
past four years hunting down their
prized mutants whom they geneti-
cally altered at birth. After escaping
the "school" — the lab where the
kids were kept for most of their life
— Jeb, whitecoat turned good, spent
two years at his hideout giving the
kids an education with a curriculum
based around self-defense.

After Jeb's assumed death, the 2-
percent bird mutant family must
 fend for themselves with Max in the
lead. Surviving is no big task since
all six kids (ages 6-14) have wings
running parallel to their spines and
can out-run, out-strength, and out-
smart any normal human.



The flock must face mutant rivals
called Erasers — werewolf-like
creatures who can change from
model-like males into canine mon-
sters of equal strength and speed —
who work for the "school."
For other works by James Patterson
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