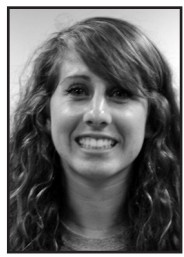


# Word on the Hill

## What is your favorite snack?

By Lea Shores



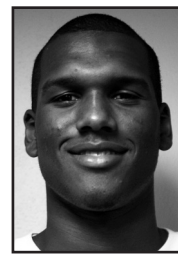
"My favorite snack food is Sweet Tarts."

**Morgan Constantine**  
new media  
junior



"My favorite snack food is definitely Cheetos."

**Kory Costello**  
marine biology  
freshman



"Peanuts."

**Charles Fall**  
communication  
junior



"Gushers."

**Stacy Harkness**  
English  
junior



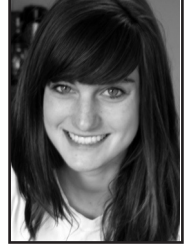
"Quay."

**Jeremy Higgs**  
marine biology  
senior



"My favorite snack food would have to be trail mix."

**Katie McComb**  
undecided  
sophomore



"Green Skittles."

**Katie McNett**  
English  
sophomore



"It's gotta be a mix between like chimichanga frozen burritos, ramen and Cheez-its."

**Hunter Rockhill**  
music  
sophomore



"Cheez-its."

**Ariel Prevett**  
psychology  
junior



"My favorite snack food would be Sourpatch Kids."

**Joey Tran**  
music  
freshman



"I really like chocolate no-bake cookies."

**Tristan Walters**  
bio chemistry  
senior



"Popcorn. Extra buttery popcorn."

**Caitlynn French**  
theatre  
senior

# In power struggle, pickle jar wins every time



**LEA SHORES**

I have a confession to make. I love pickles. I put pickles on sandwiches and hamburgers and get extra on the side. I like them plain or fried. And I especially like whole dill pickles-- those "Big Papa" pickles you buy in individual pouches at the grocery store. Sweet pickles will

not satisfy this need I have.

They have to be sour and tangy and they have to be nice and crunchy.

My love affair with pickles is spontaneous. Weeks and even months will go by and I won't give pickles a second thought, but then one day- BAM! I'm at the refrigerator pulling pickles out of the jar and shamelessly devouring them. I could easily eat a jar by myself. The crisp sound a pickle makes when I take that first bite melts away any will power I had to stop at just one.

However, this on and off romance with is met with a little resistance.

Anyone who knows me very

well knows that I am mostly incapable of opening jars, especially if they are still sealed. My roommates are used to me approaching them with bottles of Gatorade and jars of salsa because my hands can just not seem to grip tight enough to loosen the lid.

One day this summer I was minding my own business, watching tv when I heard the pickles call out to me from the refrigerator. I answered the call and happily took the jar into my hands. As I gripped the lid and began to twist, a sharp pain shot through my hand and up my arm.

Under normal circumstances I would have just asked someone at home to open the jar for me but this time I was alone and left to my own devices.

For my next attempt at opening the jar, I turned on the faucet and waited for the water to heat up. An old classic used by my mother. Run the jar under some hot water and the lid pops off just like that.

Or not. I grabbed a towel to help me grip the wet lid and gave it another twist. Nothing.

I set the jar down on the counter and stared at it, planning my next attack.

I grabbed a metal spoon out of a drawer and picked the jar back up, carefully positioning it so the spoon would not make contact with the glass, only the lid.

My frustrations released and I beat the lid with the spoon hoping that it would loosen enough so that I could open it but the lid didn't budge. The pickles, it seemed, had grown tired of this love affair and simply wanted to tease me.

The pain in my hand and wrist wouldn't allow me to give it one more good try and I tried to come up with alternatives.

I could have ventured outside with the hope that I would run into a neighbor and I could ask them to help me open the jar.

However, this seemed too embarrassing. I had just moved to the area and didn't really want to be known as the pickle girl.

It also may have been possible to just break the jar and catch the pickles in a bowl but the risk of eating glass was not even worth satisfying my craving.

Defeated, I put the pickles back in the refrigerator and returned to the living room empty handed. It was a few days before I felt like asking someone to open the jar for me, being rejected by a jar of pickles is just too humiliating.

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## PERSONAL COLUMN

# PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE *How do you feel about the Arizona Immigration Law?*



**MICHELLE VASQUEZ**

To be honest I feel like in some way it's discrimination. Not all illegal immigrants are bad. There are people who want the best for their families and will try to do anything to survive.

Plus, now that Mexico's violence is getting worse (as I do live in Juarez and it's scary to live there), people are trying

to leave because of the fear for their families and themselves. Especially, those who have no ties to any drug-related problems or issues.

There are people who are innocent and are targets because they have money or have businesses. I feel like this bill is just a lame excuse to get immigrants out of this country.



**RUBEN SANCHEZ**

This topic is very sensitive, so I will choose my words carefully. I think this law is very tough, obviously and especially for Mexican-Americans. For someone who was born in Texas and a U.S. citizen, it worries you because of profiling. I obviously match the description of a Mexican person. So it would be very tough not to be upset and hostile if I were to be profiled in this manner, and asked to carry proper identification to prove that I was in fact born in the U.S.

Our country has an immigration issue that needs to be addressed and should be addressed. But, at what cost do you alienate your own citizens in order to carry out this law? I don't know if this is true or if it will in fact happen. I think many U.S. citizens who look Mexican like me will be very offended when a police officer does not believe they are U.S. citizens and arrests them on suspicion of being an illegal immigrant. I think I will leave my opinion at that.

# SB 1070 raises fear for racial profiling

**ALEJANDRA ROJAS**

The Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act, also known as Arizona Senate Bill 1070, is the strictest anti-illegal immigration measure currently in effect. This bill has grabbed enormous national and international attention.

United States federal law requires illegal immigrants who are 14-years-old or older and are in the country for longer than 30 days to register with the U.S. government and to have the proper registration documents in their possession at all times.

Arizona Governor Jan Brewer signed SB1070 on April 23. Under this new bill, it is a state misdemeanor crime for an illegal immigrant to be in Arizona without carrying the required documents. It also addresses people who knowingly hire illegal immigrants or transport them.

The bill also obligates police to make an attempt of questioning a person during a "lawful stop, detention or arrest," to determine a person's immigration status under reasonable suspicion of that person being an illegal immigrant.

Currently, the U.S. is home to 12 million undocumented and illegal immigrants. While measures to minimize the issue have resulted in controversy, no one is for certain what the new bill will bring for this country.

The rise of fear and alarm for the Hispanic community has grown since SB1070 was announced. Many illegal immigrants who come to this country are in search of a better job opportunities and better lives, not only for themselves but for their family too.

On the other hand, residents who are here legally are concerned about job security, identity theft, over population and taxes.

President Barack Obama has an immigration agenda. In the agenda, the president addresses major components, which will help address the larger issue, they are:

- Create secure borders by protecting the integrity of the borders.
- Improve our immigration system by fixing the immigration bureaucracy and increasing the number of legal immigrants in order to keep families together.
- Remove incentives to enter illegally by cracking down on em-

ployers who hire undocumented immigrants.

- Bring people out of the shadows by creating a support a system that allows undocumented immigrants who are in good standing to pay a fine, learn English and go to the back of the line for the opportunity to become citizens.

- Work with Mexico to help promote economic development to decrease illegal immigration.

As a Mexican-American, I can sympathize with both sides of this issue. My father immigrated to this country in search of the "American Dream." After

obtaining the proper documentations, he sent for my mother and me. At the age of three I became a resident of the U.S. This country is my home. I never forget where I came from, but I understand the importance of being legal. When I turned 18, I applied for citizenship.

I have to admit, the moment I became an American I didn't feel any different, other than accomplished. The process is difficult. It's not easy to come into this country to begin with, but trying to become legal can be even harder.

At the same time, my family worked hard to become legal

residents and to have the same rights as other Americans in this country. It's not fair for other illegal immigrants to come into this country and not make an attempt to become legal.

Something I don't agree with is the racial profiling. It's easy to blame someone else because they are illegal, but to point fingers at someone because of their skin color or culture is just wrong. No one has the right to judge anyone.

I stand in the middle. Anyone can say they want world peace, but that wish is beyond impossible. What can be done is being civil. The clear resolution is to come up with a clear plan, look at all possible options and most importantly to let go of any pride. This is a nation of immigrants and I believe it's more than normal to have immigrants here.

This nation should stick to what our founding fathers taught us, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

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