

# The long and short of it all

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The theory of evolution is taught in science class, but not much is said about devolving. There has been a recent change in the size of average high school students. It seems like every year the freshman at Station Camp get smaller and smaller.

As a fellow short person, I know there are advantages to this shrinking of the student body. With such tiny students, administrators do not have to worry about overcrowding because more can fit in class rooms. Also SCHS can save money on cafeteria food because small people eat less. Having too many short students could cause other problems such as a shortage of bottom lockers. A school full of small people would have its benefits but diversity is good,

too.

Although it is great to be tiny, tall people are just as important! Without them, we wouldn't be able to change light bulbs or reach things on top shelves. But regardless of size, students should be comfortable with their bodies.

- John Jenkins (6'4")- "I've always been tall but I wish I was like, 6'8""
- Corey Smith (6'4")- "Being tall helps me out in sports. It sets me apart from other players."
- Lee Haerberle (6'1")- "I like that I can reach high things and make fun of little people."
- Allison Sessions (5'11")- "I used to be self conscience about my height but now I love it and I wear like 5 inch heels!"
- Jake Hadeley (5'3")- "Being short doesn't re-

ally affect me. I think I'll grow."

- Jason Malkiewicz (5'2")- "I love being short! I'm really good at playing leap frog with Coach Walker!"
- Jordan Yates (5')- "It's pretty freaking great to be short. It's good for hide 'n' seek."
- Philip Dodson (4'11")- "There is nothing different about being short, it's just hard finding little shoes."
- Ace Noland (4'6")- "I like that I can hide in small places."

## DID YOU KNOW?

-To be legally considered a midget you have to be 4'9" and under as an adult.

-Most people commonly consider someone a "giant" when they are over 7 feet tall.

## Spring into the new fashion trends

By: Kerri Hesslin  
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Spring weather in Tennessee can be difficult to dress for, but here are a few tips to stay in style this season.

Big polka dots, exotic prints and metallics are all big this season. Baggy jackets, hooded dresses, lace scarf belts, bug eye glasses chandelier earrings, and chunky jewelry will all be making their way into stores this spring.

No matter what season it is, it is important to make sure your color pallet works well with your skin tone.

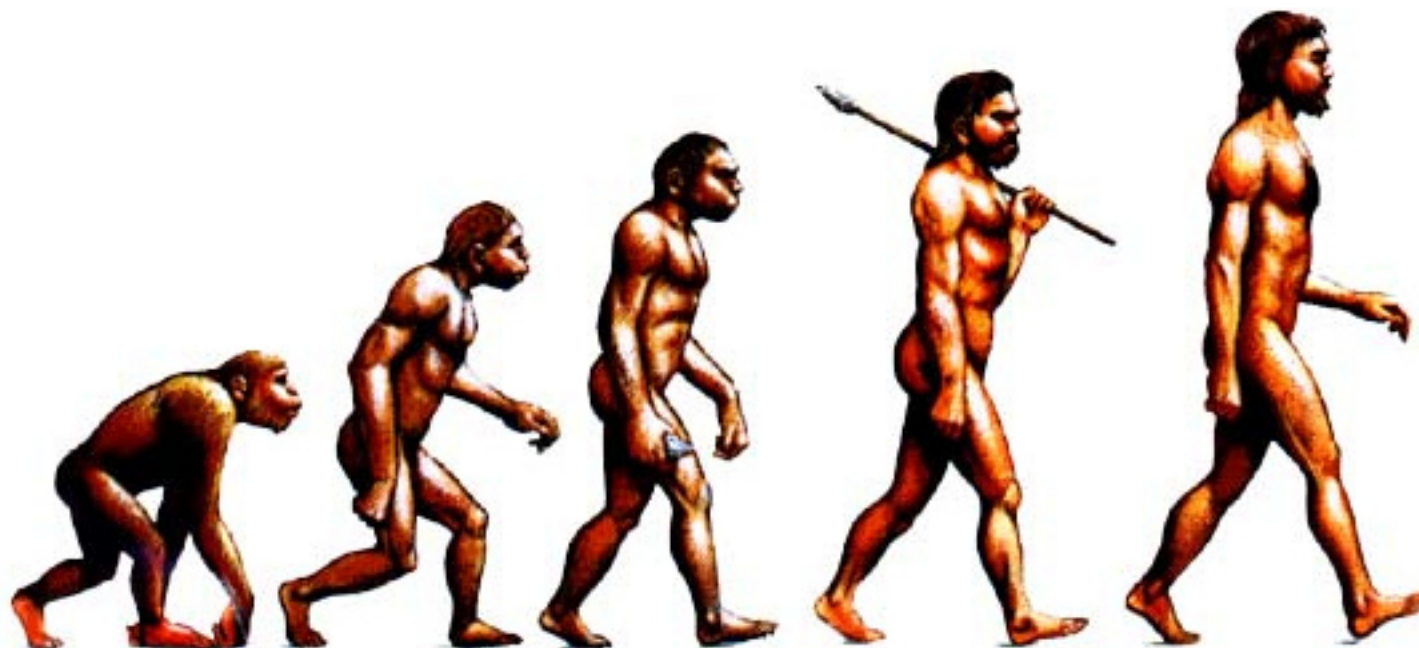
Winters have pale yellowish olive or dark complexions. Whites, blacks, navy blues, reds, and bright pinks are best for these skin tones.

Summers have pale, pink skin. Lavenders, plums, rosy browns, and soft blues were meant for these people.

Autumns are golden toned and usually have a sun kissed glow, beiges, oranges, gold and dark browns will flatter you.

Last but not least, there are the springs, creamy white or peach colored. Peach, golden honey and golden brown bring out the springs.

Set your own trends and express yourself through your clothes and accessories this spring.



# New cash crop comes to California

By: Alex Wilson

Recently, California law-makers have introduced a new bill into legislation, the legalization of marijuana.

Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, Democrat, presented the bill February 23. Ammiano believes that legalizing pot will pull the state out of its \$65,398 billion budget deficit.

"California has a good idea legalizing pot. Selling it legally, more people will be able to buy it, therefore pulling them out of debt." said junior Caly McCullem.

If marijuana is legalized, it can only be bought, sold, and used by persons over the age of twenty one; and driving while under the influence, just like alcohol, would be illegal.

Annually, pot grosses more than \$14 billion. By legalizing the use of marijuana, the state could pour the gross from pot back into

the budget. "There's gold in them thar hills! We have one of the worst budget situations we've ever had, and it's a \$14 billion industry that's not going away. Everybody knows this and nobody has wanted to go after it. I, frankly, think the time has come."

This proposal, however, has proved to be quite controversial. Though many people agree that this "cash crop" is a well thought out bailout, others find the solution to be absurd. The main concern is the health hazards of weed.

Some of the side affects of marijuana are distorted perception, loss of coordination, daily cough, chronic bronchitis, and anxiety; but there have been no reported deaths from "Mary Jane".

Deaths occurring because of tobacco use, on the other hand, have been reported. In fact, there have been an astonishing 390,000 deaths

reported, and the hazards of smoking and tobacco use are far worse. These hazards range from hearing and vision loss, cancer of the mouth, gum disease, and even wrinkles, yet it is legal for any person 18 or older to use.

Alcohol is also legal for persons to use over the age of 21. Abuse of alcohol can lead to weakened functioning of all major organs, liver cancer, and low blood sugar. The total alcohol related deaths for 2008 was 150,000 people.

Along with alcohol and tobacco use, there have been 106,000 deaths from prescription drug overdose, 400 from heroine, and 200 deaths from cocaine. There has also been a reported 2,000 deaths from the consumption of Tylenol!

Pot has the ability to clear the lungs of many harmful toxins. It might even reduce the risk of lung cancer, bronchitis, and emphysema.

Dr. Donald Tashkin of UCLA commented, "The latest research on the effects of marijuana on lung cancer shows that marijuana smokers actually have lower rates of lung cancer than people who do not smoke pot. It seems to have a protective effect."

The World Health Organization has concluded that marijuana is safer than either alcohol or tobacco by a wide margin, and the legalization of pot will undoubtedly help to relieve California of its \$65 billion budget deficit.

Tennessee is \$600,000 million in debt.