

## McCollough takes helm

By Alfonso Villarreal



Superintendent Shawn McCollough is one of the newest additions to our family here at Nogales Unified School District. Although Mr. McCollough has been with the district for only a short amount of time, he has already adapted well and has made plans for the betterment of NUSD.

McCollough comes to Nogales with a wide variety of experiences in the field of education. He has worked as a school teacher, a basketball coach, an assistant principal, principal, and as a deputy superintendent. He has worked in large and diverse urban

schools in Arizona, Georgia, and South Carolina, but liked coming to a small and family oriented town like Nogales. He is proud to have worked at such a variety of levels at such a young age.

McCollough has enjoyed the short time he has been at NUSD and is looking forward to working here.

"I think that this is the best school district I've worked in. Students are hard working and teachers and principals are very caring. I haven't seen this level of pride amongst the school community anywhere else," said McCollough.

McCollough has a very positive vision for students. He says that every child can achieve excellence. Teachers should set high expectations, expect everyone to work their hardest, and give their students the proper tools for success.

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## News Briefs



By Czarina Nafarrate

### Mice Get the Munchies, Man Gets Reimbursed

A southeast Missouri man is expected to be reimbursed for about \$1,000 in bills that rodents decided to make a meal of.

He left the bills in an unzipped vinyl bag last winter and he eventually found the bag with nothing but shredded dollar bills and droppings. Fortunately, the U.S Mint advised that both sets of serial numbers printed must be complete to get the reimbursement. After reassembling the money, it was sent to Washington, D.C where the mint will write a check for the exact amount of money this man lost.

### Cyber Marriage Does Not Work Out

A 43-year old woman, in Japan, killed her online husband's digital personality or avatar, due to the sudden divorce which she was angry about. She has been arrested on suspicion of hacking, police say.

She has been jailed on accounts of illegally accessing a computer and manipulating electronic data on the interactive game "Maple Story". "I was suddenly divorced, without a word of warning. That made me so angry," she said. Officials believe she used her "husband's" login information and killed the character. Upon discovering this, the man complained to police that his online persona was dead. Luckily, no real-life threats were made and although she hasn't been formally charged, if convicted she could face serving time in prison for up to five years or a fine of \$5,000.

### Scientists Research for New Biofuel

Algae is that slimy material you find in your fish's bowl or gets tangled around your feet after a good swim in the ocean. It is able to grow anywhere water and sunlight are available and under the right conditions it can double its volume within hours.

In a warehouse set in the Netherlands, a bioreactor of clear plastic tubes is producing algae in pressure-cooker style. What for? The manufacturers hope one day that will power jet aircraft and serve as

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## Violence in Son. keeps students in AZ

By Ferny Villa

Click click click. Ding! The shells fall to the floor and the public turns in fear and surprise to the sound of machine gun fire. The only thing wrong here is that there is no handsome actor playing the hero's role, only several men in white and grey camouflage from the Mexican Army attempting to catch a flurry of suspects. To many this news is not news at all, in fact for many citizens of Nogales, Sonora this scenario is all too familiar.

About a week ago there was yet another fatal exchange of gun fire between drug traffickers across the border. Overall, eight drug traffickers were killed, and four onlookers were struck by the flying bullets and were admitted into the hospital along with three others wounded. This recent death toll adds to the already record-high fatality rate in Nogales, Son. this year. So far close to one hundred people have been killed, some in horrific ways. Though these people are mainly involved in the drug trade, others include journalists and innocent bystanders.

This increase in violence has affected people on both sides of the border, including the students here at Nogales High School. According to Student Body President Rafael Camacho, the overall violence has instilled fear in much of the student body.

"From what I've seen, the majority of the students who used to cross frequently have stopped," said Camacho.

So what are all these teenagers doing for fun on the weekends? A variety of activities.

"Some may think that there has been an increase in some parties, but mostly it's just small get-togethers among friends at people's houses," said Camacho. "I think it's actually a pretty good change," he added.

There is definitely a growing reluctance in the people of Nogales, Arizona to cross into what has evidently become drug cartel territory. As stories of manslaughter by the Mafia fill the conversations of our community, a feeling of uneasiness spreads over the two divided cities. These disturbances are spontaneous and pose a great threat to civilians; is it worth the gamble?

## Country First or Hope and Change

By JC Clark

With just four more days until Election Day, it's extremely important that everyone who can vote knows the two main candidates well, one of which will become the next leader of the free world. Anyone who has not been paying attention to the presidential elections this year between Senators Barack Obama-D and John McCain-R has truly missed out on a close and exciting race.

If you are able to vote this November 4th and somehow dodged all the drama of this election, or would just like to know what all the excitement is about between these two candidates, here are two of the most important issues being debated, and where Obama and McCain both stand.

### Economy and Taxes.

With the recent downturn in the stock market, the most heated issue on the campaign trail has been that of the economy and how each candidate's tax plans would affect it.

Obama's most stated claim is that he will provide 95 percent of middle class Americans with tax cuts by taxing

those in the upper 5 percent more. He claims he will also tax corporations and big oil companies more in order to provide better relief and benefits for the average American.

Over the course of the campaign, Obama has stated that McCain's proposals will do nothing for most middle class Americans, but will in fact give more money to the wealthy. Obama has disputed many statements that he is a socialist who wants to punish people's success. Instead he claims he simply wants to make sure that everyone in America has equal opportunities to be successful.

McCain begs to differ and states that Obama's plan is essentially redistributing wealth, which he says is an element of socialism. He claims that simply raising taxes on the rich and corporations won't solve anything.

McCain states that if they are taxed more, they will only increase their prices in order to keep making the same as they did before the new increases. He also states that the wealthy are responsible for creating new jobs and investing in the stock market which will eventually benefit ordinary

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## FBLA ceremony installs new members

By Alfonso Villarreal

As another year dawns, another chapter is inducted, or as FBLA calls it, installed, into Future Business Leaders of America. FBLA is a club in which students can learn helpful skills to aid them in the future with a business and become a respectable and honored leader.

This year's induction ceremony was held on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM, in the cafeteria. The cafeteria was decorated with navy and gold table covers, various balloons, and trophies previously won at FBLA competitions.

The two chapter advisors, Mrs. Marcia Mendoza and Mr. David Jimenez, went up to the podium, looked on as the first candle was lit, and a new chapter began to be installed.

Members stood at the right of the podium, all holding a candle. They then passed the flame to each other to show chapter unity.

After everyone was installed and the pledges were said, the ceremony ended with the loud thud of a gavel. After the ceremony,

various pictures of the chapter were taken, certificates were collected, and refreshments and snacks were offered.

There are seven officers this year, consisting of two, three, and four year members. The officers are as follows: President - Greta Solinap, Vice President - Elizabeth Naff, Secretary - Anastasia Lopez, Treasurer - Pilar Bell, Parliamentarian - Natasha Harrison, Historian - Ashley Gradillas, and Reporter - Daniela Lopez.

This year, there are six members returning for a fourth year. They are Natasha Harrison, Jacqueline Lee-Eng, Anastasia Lopez, Megan Ploss, Jared Rothstein, and Fernando Villa.

In addition to the fourth year members, the third year members are Francisco Corella, Ernesto Diaz, Travis Jones, Czarina Nafarrate, Victoria Robles, Greta Solinap, Michael Soto, Kaitlin Trujillo, and Joshua Wodka.

Second year members feature Rafael Camacho, Valeria Cooper, Alan Cota, Ashley Gradillas, Daniela Lopez, Ambar Luna,

Marysol Luna, Claudia Mavis, Flor Preciado, Raymond Reyes, Kimberly Soto, Diego Valenica, Jocelyn Valencia, Pablo Valencia, and Alfonso Villarreal.

There are also many new faces to FBLA. They include Joseph Agosttini, German Almada, Adriel Arana, Stephanie Borboa, Denise Burruel, Michelle Ceballos, Melissa Cooper, Ivan Cota, Ursula Cota, Jose Duran, Denise Espinoza, Morey Fernandez, Audrey Fuentes, Marco Gallegos, Gerardo Gonzalez, Claudia Gonzalez, Monika Ibarra, Gilberto Jayassi, Laura Leyva, Ashley Madril, Illiana Magallanes, Crystal Maytorena, Victor Mendoza, Nicole Monteverde, Joani Moraga, Maria Morales, Jesus Osete, Roberto Reyes, Roberto Rojas, Anthony Silva, Crystal Soto, Ruby Soto, Joel Stone, Miguel Toralba, Guillermo Vasquez, Pete Vela, David Williams, Aaron Wodka, and Abraham Woods.

FBLA did their first community service activity on October 25<sup>th</sup>. This year, like the last, they went to I 19 for a highway cleanup. FBLA has many more activities, competitions, and fundraisers planned for the future.

### News Briefs continued...

a successful biofuel.

Algae, which is also used as animal feed and for skin treatment, is now being researched in order to find an alternative to gasoline. Experts, however, stated it might be years before, even the simplest of all plants, can be efficiently processed for fuel. Nonetheless, this slimy green substance could go a long way towards relieving the human energy need and responding to global warming.

#### Take Two Sugar Pills and I'll See You Next Week

A new survey shows that nearly half of American doctors regularly prescribe placebos to their patients. And many of these doctors are not honest with their patients about what they are prescribing.

In the survey a placebo was defined as any treatment that wouldn't necessarily help. The placebo effect has been around for a while and it is when patients who are given ineffective treatment improve, simply because they expected to get better.

The American Medical Association recommends doctors use treatments with full knowledge of their patients. But, experts don't think the placebo effect would have the same outcome if a person was explicitly told they were getting a sugar pill.

## Remember remember all of November

By Lyanne Lira

For the month of November there are quite a few things you should know. Here are a couple of important events and their dates, happenin' next month. Hope they come in handy for all you people who are punctual for school events.

**November 1<sup>st</sup>**- SAT @ 7:45 a.m.

**November 4<sup>th</sup>**- ASVAB Results and Election Day Student/Month @ 6:30

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**- Registration Deadline for December SAT

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**- Deadline for Dec. ACT & Varsity @ Desert View

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** - Senior Portraits

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** - Veterans Day No classes

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** - Senior Portraits

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** - PLAN Test 10<sup>th</sup> grade only

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** - Early release @ 12:30

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Senior Portraits

**November 26<sup>th</sup>**- STUCO blood drive

**November 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**- Thanksgiving Break



## Mock Trials Club

By Michelle Ceballos

If you are thinking of studying something in the field of law you are in luck. Here at NHS you have the opportunity to actually participate in a court case and take the part of a witness and a lawyer simultaneously when you join the Mock Trials.

Every year, the state releases an imaginary case, usually a civil or criminal case. Throughout the year you and a group of people will work together to create a defense and a prosecution. Afterwards, you get to go to Bisbee where you will play out your case and compete with others in the state.

"It is very academic and would definitely look good on a college resume," said coach Bunnell.

If you are interested in joining there will be an information meeting Tuesday, November 4th in Mr. Thomson's room(A-3) at 2:15.

## Gear-up field trip

By Pablo Valencia

Engineering isn't always thought of as the ideal job for girls; however, there are plenty of them out there who would more than happily break the trend and Gear-up is acknowledging that by taking female sophomore students to the University of Arizona to learn more.

This trip is going to be hosted by The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) and is for sophomore females interested in engineering and related science fields.

The trip is to demonstrate the importance of Latina women in the field of engineering and also is to show the importance of a college education.

The trip will be on November 7, 2008; the visit will be from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Boys will be able to visit the campus, too, but not until February of next year.

If you are interested or want more information, contact Ms. Baz who is located in the library throughout the day.

## This Student of the Month award says it all

By Robert Johnson

The Student of the Month Award is achieved by getting noticed by staff and faculty. From teamwork, to staying on task, and accomplishing work above the standards, this month's cream of the crop have outshined their classmates. October Student of the Month Awards were given to Mario Mada, Eduardo Preciado, Fernanda Penuelos, Jessica Andrade, Lidia Galvaz, Paola Ponce, Christian Garcia, and Samuel Ojeda.

Along with the award, these eight achievers were given coupons, a Student of the Month shirt, certificates, and other little bonuses for their accomplishments. A raffle was given out awarding students with a lunch to Mr. C's Restaurant with Mark Valenzuela, Principle of NHS. "It is an Honor to be one of the eight students" said Mr. Valenzuela at the morning honorary breakfast for Student of the Month held in the NHS library.

## Nebraska's Safe Haven Laws being questioned

By Angela Gonzalez

Nebraska's legislature is investigating whether or not its new "safe haven" law is being abused after 22 children, 11 of which are teenagers, have been abandoned at various hospitals.

The law allows parents to leave children at state licensed hospitals with no fear of prosecution for abandonment charges, but does not overlook other possible charges, such as abuse or neglect. While originally having a presumed age limitation of 72 hours, the law also does not specify an age limit, leaving it open to the interpretation of the word "child". Other states have similar laws with age

limitations ranging from 72 hours to one year. Nebraska created the law in order to protect an infant in danger.

The recent case, a 14 year old girl from Iowa, is especially worrisome, as the girl's guardians purportedly left her in order to "teach her a lesson."

The girl's grandparents, who are her legal guardians, welcomed her back with open arms. Since there seemed to be no case of abuse, they were not charged with child abandonment. But parents and caregivers planning to use the law in a similar fashion must understand that they may not get the child back.

## Win Cash in Voice of Democracy Contest

It's not too late to turn in your essays for the annual Voice of Democracy Contest and have the chance of winning some cash or a savings bond.

This year's theme is *Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans Benefit Today's Youth* by...

According to NHS counselor Dan Moran, last year was disappointing because only two entries were submitted; one received \$200, and the other \$100.

Usually first place is \$300, second \$200, and third \$100. If a student places at district it is an additional cash award, and if it goes to state there is even more. One student a few years ago took home \$1,100.00 dollars in cash and savings bonds.

The deadline for submissions is November 1. See Mr. Moran in the guidance office for more details.





## Val's Vital Info

By Kennara J. Ramirez

Trick after trick and treat after treat and this year it's on a Friday, wow, fun! What a day. But maybe, just maybe, Halloween isn't that safe today.

Mr. Valenzuela made it clear that he prefers everyone to attend the football game against Cienega today.

"Do something different this Halloween; be safe by attending the game fully loaded with your costumes."

Safety is a big issue right now, and it is preferred that you go to the game rather than party or go candy hunting. Please, if you do go to the game but want to do something after, DON'T CROSS. After last Thursday's shooting spree that went on it would be ludicrous to go.

Parties any one? Yup, they are fun, but not when you drink, drive and have a bad accident.

Surely people running for the elections will try to do something about this. So that brings Mr. Val to his other report ...it's almost general election time.

"Exercise your rights for Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup>. Be aware of what's going on economically. If you can't vote please make your family members think a little about the candidate that will shape the country's economy.

One last thing, "Support your veterans by going to the Veteran's Day parade. We want to see the same enthusiasm as we saw for homecoming."

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Americans. McCain says that raising taxes on anyone could severely impact the economy.

### National Security/Iraq.

Perhaps the biggest difference between the two candidates is their stance on national security. At the moment the main debate is on the situation in Iraq, but other significant differences can be found as to how these candidates would go about keeping the citizens of the United States safe.

Obama takes great pride in his initial stance against the war in Iraq, which he claims was a distraction from the very beginning. Since he believes that Iraq has merely put American resources which could have been used domestically to bad use and taken our eye off the main threat in Afghanistan, Obama has stated that he will withdraw from Iraq as soon as possible in order to focus on the war in Afghanistan and problems at home. Obama states that it is time for the Iraqi people to take responsibility for themselves and their new government.



Obama feels that in the event of an attack or threat, all diplomatic measures should be taken before considering a military option, which would never be taken off the table. He believes that diplomacy is the best and safest way to effectively combat evil.

McCain says that it is essential to remain in Iraq until Al Qaeda is com-

pletely defeated and the Iraqi government can truly take control of itself. He believes that if troops are withdrawn, it would risk a civil war in Iraq which would only destabilize the Middle East further. McCain maintains that Iraq is the central battlefield of the War on Terror and that domestic issues can be dealt with without abandoning a serious problem.

In the event of an attack or threat, McCain states that he will always take circumstances into account before leading to a conclusion, but maintains that force is necessary to keep order in a dangerous world with evil regimes and organizations.

If you would like to find out more about the positions and statements made by both candidates, you can check out each of their self-named websites, or just turn on a television news network. Whether you plan on voting for the McCain/Palin or Obama/Biden ticket, in this election you can be sure that every vote will count.

Up to date there are many polls out there which show a variety of different results. Some well known polls such as the Rasmussen daily tracking poll show Obama with a steady lead of three to five percentage points. Other polls such as the Associated Press show the race a dead even tie. Nov. 4 will no doubt be a day of surprise and dispute no matter which side wins.



## Pride of Nogales at ASU Band Day

By Angela Gonzalez



After a great season on the field, the Pride of Nogales High School Marching Band attended the annual Arizona State University Band Day along with other bands from across the Arizona southwest.

Falling short of their goal to earn a Superior, they received a rating of "Good", but enjoyed the day in Tempe nonetheless. The Pom and Flag squads earned an auxiliary caption for their routine during the program.

"Band Day was fun. I'm glad we didn't get a poor or a fair. At

least we got a good, not a participation," said band member Carolina Diaz, a sophomore.

This year's program, "Groovin' Through the Islands" features a reggae theme, with the songs, "Banana Boat" by Harry Belafonte, "No Woman, No Cry" by Bob Marley and The Wailers, and "Stir It Up/ I Can See Clearly Now," also by Bob Marley and Johnny Nash, respectively.

"I thought it was really great. There were so many big bands there, I really enjoyed watching them perform their shows," said Drum Major Carlos Tavares.

Some band members are using their rating as a learning experience.

"Before our performance, the staff told us we looked and sounded really good. After receiving such a low rating, I've realized their expectations for us are too low. We needed to work harder to push ourselves to do better," said senior Fernando Villa.

Despite earning a rating of Good (with scores ranging from "Participation" to "Superior with distinction"), the band remains positive.

"Watching a video of the performance, it kinda showed us the little things we need to fix in order to improve our rating," said Tavares. "The only way to go is up!"



NHS drum majors won't be satisfied until they earn a Superior

## This November: Change Or Taxes?

By German Almada

The November election day is almost here. No doubt the fate of our country will be in the people's hands. But besides the presidential nominees, candidates for vice president, the many congressmen or congresswomen, there are quite a number of propositions which will be on the ballot and it is extremely important to know what they're about. Perhaps the most impacting which might ultimately affect our county's situation are propositions 400 and 401.

Propositions 400 and 401 are quite similar to each other as far as what are their intentions. Proposition 400 is an amendment to the Santa Cruz County Comprehensive Plan which enables land developers from Tucson and Phoenix to build massive expansion projects in the northwest part of the county, reorganizing 6,076 acres of land for residential, enterprise, and mixed uses. Prop. 401 places the same kind of development north of Chavez Siding Road in Amado.

So hence the decision, vote yes or vote no?

Voting Yes- placing a vote "yes" to propositions 400 and 401 would create many more jobs in the new businesses that will result from this devel-



opment as well as affordable housing projects in the future. This all seems overwhelming but according to Mr. Adam Rodriguez and Mr. Manny Ruiz in a written argument, "by voting for the approval of props. 400 and 401, the public will not get the opportunity to know any of the benefits from these projects" and assures us that "the vote ensures we will have a voice later on" and "nothing will yet be approved or finalized."

Voting No- placing a vote "no" to propositions 400 and 401 will overturn the approval for the amendments and will restore the land use designations that are originally specified in the Comprehensive plan. The denial of these propositions also sends a clear message to the board of supervisors and the developers that people should decide the future of their county, not private businesses. Larry D. McCarty writes in his argument, "voting yes to propositions 400 and 401 will increase our citizens' taxes, damage existing businesses in Nogales and Rio Rico, cause traffic congestion increase air pollution."

The decision ultimately lies in the hands of the people. Come Election Day, consider your votes carefully and practice your 15<sup>th</sup> amendment. Your opinion matters.

## Superintendent

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McCullough also has plans to improve underperforming schools. "We should examine underperforming schools as if they were a clinical environment. No one person causes a school to underperform. It is the responsibility of everyone involved to make the school improve, meaning that we must look at all aspects, starting with teachers, students, parents, and the community," said McCullough.

Since McCullough has come into the district, he has been observing classrooms and says that all teachers are doing well. He also stated that it may be hard for new teachers to adapt to a new environment, but has seen that they have adjusted well and is seeing great results.

McCullough says that all districts have strengths and weaknesses, and we have areas to improve, but that from what he has seen, every single person is committed to making NUSD better. He said that there is a high level of character and pride in our district that will always be the backbone of improving test scores and athletics.

McCullough wants the district to break barriers and do the best it can.

"We should expect to see NUSD transform from a great school district into an excellent school district. We have so many wonderful things happening, that with a little more focus and increased expectations, NUSD will soon become a flagship for the entire state of Arizona, and eventually, our country," McCullough said.

McCullough thinks that NUSD has a great discipline rate, but would like to see the schools crack down on drug use. He wants it to be very clear to those very few students, who are setting a bad name for the entire school, that drug use will not be tolerated. That is why a 90 day suspension was set as a penalty for first time possession of drugs so a powerful message could be sent.

The new superintendent likes what he is seeing and expects schools to keep doing their best everyday.

## Alphabet Soup Part II

By Nathania Garcia

### Fibs and fabrications

Unable to come up with story ideas, WarCry took a walk around campus hoping to find the flame that would ignite the wicks of our creative candles. Once we reached the vending machines (which, might I add, are actually stocked up now, thank you administration) we crossed paths with a fellow making a transaction with the Gatorade contraption. He admitted to having told his teacher he was going to the restroom and not for a campus cruise. This may be extreme, but what if one day someone asked to go to the restroom and instead went to attach a bomb to the flagpole? This should be no cause for alarm because of its unlikelihood, but the point I am trying to make is that people, when given a hand, take your whole arm.

### Golden Rule no longer applies

While waiting in line to ask for a Halloween costume at Party City, I was rudely interrupted by a middle-aged man thinking his needs take precedence over mine. How arrogant and self-absorbed. You'd think that by the time you have a handful of decades of experience under your belt you'd be aged to perfection.

### High School Musical Hype

Where is all the hype about High School Musical really rooted? Do viewers genuinely believe that spontaneously breaking into catchy musical and dance numbers is the least bit realistic? Maybe it is the mere improbability that keeps kids hooked. Whatever the case, it is flabbergasting how HSM merchandise is flying off shelves—everything from t-shirts, underwear, and Troy nail clippers is being mass-produced and sold by the millions. At the rate this is going, every other logo aside from HSM will be demolished. It is an irritating fad, kind of like how the symbol for peace has turned into a fashion statement (but this will be thoroughly discussed at a later date).

It is just a shame that we fail to find anything other than teen pop sensations (Jo Bros, Hannah Montana, HSM cast) to hold in high regards. Prepubescent mobs screaming their heads off and crying when they come within a hundred foot radius of a "celebrity" brings light to the fact that this nation is overly-commercialized and we really need to find more productive ways to spend our hard-earned cash which is scarce nowadays. Then again, maybe I should just "stick to the stuff I know".



## Please pay your duties when you take a duty

By Cris Arroyo

I'm not the kind of person that complains about many things but this seriously bothers me. Every day I make my visit to the restroom to pay my duties at the urinal, but for some awful reason my time of peace in the restroom is interrupted by a horrible stench coming from behind me. I turn around to look for what is causing this horrible smell. I soon find out that the smell is coming from within the stalls; I look into the stalls and find an enormous brown beauty floating in the toilet. I know disgusting right! So now I'm scared for the rest of the day or maybe even the rest of my life.

So it is now that I ask you, is it really that hard to flush a toilet?

Or is it that you have such a poor sense of humor that you are pleased by disgusting people? The reason people do this may be unknown but I would like to beg or better yet plead to you... PLEASE FLUSH THE TOILET!!

Thank you for your time.



## Beware the moochers!

By Czarina Naffarate

It is too often that I'm eating my lunch, happy to finally have some food in my system, when I hear a loud and irritating "Dame!" Can you relate? You probably can and if you haven't, congratulations. It's amazing how many moochers exist at this school. I mean, I understand, maybe the person hasn't had time to eat and will die of starvation. Who am I to deny a bit of food to a dying classmate? However, I like to eat without someone's hand in my face.

Unfortunately, many of us have encountered moochers...all three kinds. Yes, there are three kinds, people. There's the Snob-Mooch. They never acknowledge your existence until you have food. These mooches are sneaky. They seem to be hanging out with their friends, but they'll creep their way to you and BAM: they extend their arm in front of your face and ask for food with a bogus smile. They may be oblivious to who you are in class, but come lunch you will be their center of attention.

Then there's the I-won't-take-no-for-an-answer-so-I'll-never-shut-up mooch. They beg, they negotiate, they come up with ridiculous sob stories, and will even take it to the extreme by conjuring up what they think looks like a cute puppy-pout. These

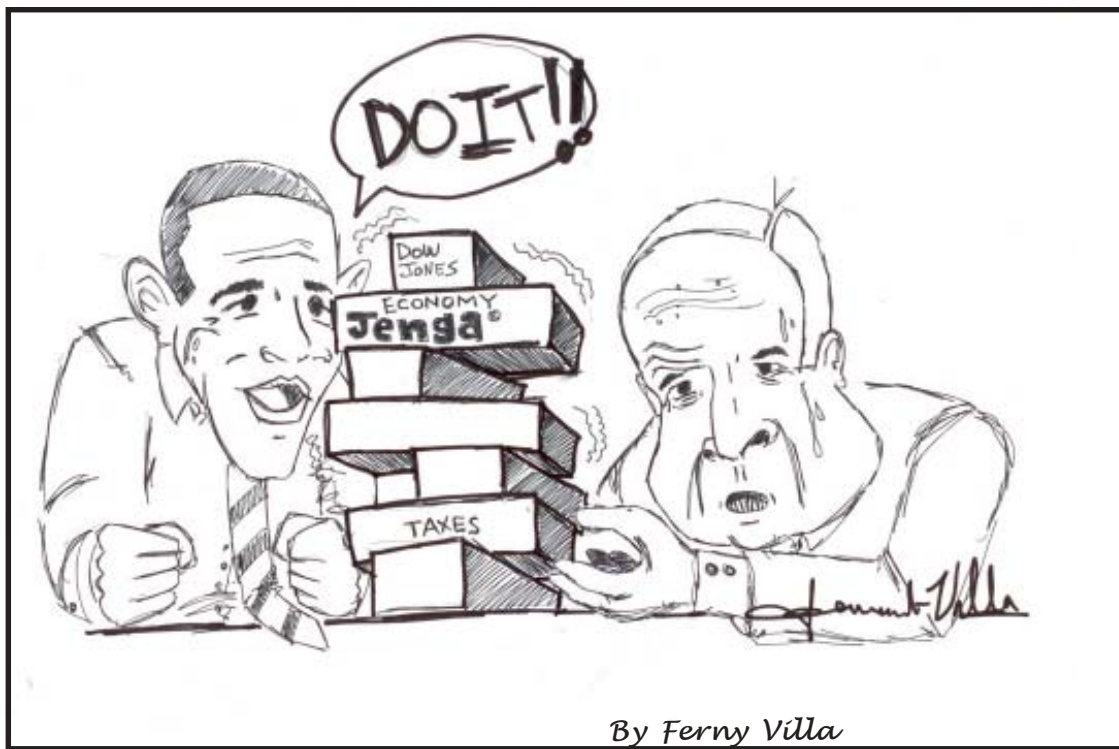


tricks might seem incredibly pathetic, but one thing's for sure, they'll annoy the food out of you. These moochers usually don't ignore you in class, but usually it's because they mooch off your homework or class work as well.

Finally, we have the worst kind of mooch. They are a combination of the first two, but with an extra-irritating characteristic. They ignore you while you don't have food and they can't take no for an answer, but instead of bugging you incessantly they take your food anyway. You can be enjoying a

nice PB&J sandwich and they'll ask you "Hey (insert your name here)! How are you? Could I have a piece?" You look at your delicious treat and shake your head, but the mooch smiles and takes a piece anyway! Can you say rude?

Hey, mooches! Here are some words of advice: If they're not your friends, don't ask! They are people, so don't make them your personal vending machines. Also, no means no! So if you hear a no or see a shake of their head walk away. One of these days they won't stand for your bugging and you'll suffer. And, last but not least, to all those moochers who are just too lazy to get a hold of some food on their own: don't! It's extremely obnoxious!



## America, the beautiful land of the semi-free

By Ferny Villa

Ah America- land of the free, the proud, and the overweight! One of these last three points is wrong- and it's definitely not 'overweight'. Freedom is a word whose meaning has been destroyed by the patriotism in our country. For those of you reading who aren't so sure what freedom means, here's a definition from www.thefreedictionary.com: "The condition of being free of restraints". If that didn't wake you up, then you're either experiencing R.E.M (rapid eye movement) or you need the definition of 'restraint'; well here you go from the same website; restraint: "A limitation". Egad! Something is horribly wrong!

There are laws banning smoking in public surroundings, laws limiting freedom of the internet, even laws prohibiting baggy pants, in Florida. Now, we

may or may not agree with most laws, but they restrict Americans in some way, thus canceling out this 'freedom'. Most of the reason we never look into this is because our teachers nail so much *crap* into our heads about how brave soldiers shed their blood and sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

This never fails to kill the doubt in our minds because it hits us right in the heart and we are obliged to feel compassion, but I assure you, there are scholars out there who are ready to expose the true and cynical political motives of America's past. This is only one of the many ways Americans are kept under control; among the others is fear. Though you may not realize it you are afraid right now, so afraid that you are behaving the way you are because you understand consequences.

Politicians have mastered

this trick and are able to frighten people by taking an isolated event; such as a shooting at an elementary school, and focusing on that to get the public believing that it can happen to us. Right there, we become vulnerable and the great politician will offer his leadership and caring words that we can relate to because, you know, we've got kids with autism and pregnant 17 year-old daughters; who doesn't these days?

Once they assure the voter's safety, bibbity-bobbity-boo- you have yourself a new elected official (liar). Anyway, back to freedom; there is no freedom and there can never be freedom because without rule and order humans are beasts and will tear each other apart; it's not like we're not doing that already but, you know...

# Opinion

## Blind Date: A night to remember

By Cris Arroyo

My palms were sweaty and the feeling of butterflies overcame my whole body. For the first time in quite a while, I felt nervous and like a child. Thoughts ran through my mind uncontrollably. Who is she? Is she cute? Is she fun? Will she like me?

It was 5:30pm at City Hall when all my questions were answered as I met my blind date. I was greeted by a gorgeous smile coming from a beautiful girl with dark hair, brown eyes, a plaid skirt and dimples that just made my heart melt.

Her name is Karla Bracamonte; she is a unique, funny, artistic and poetic sophomore who currently takes part in the marching band. Though having the appearance of a quiet and shy girl, she is anything but that; she is fun, interesting and full of stories, never leaving an awkward silence throughout our date.

Being that neither of us was hungry

and there was nothing fun to do, we decided to head to the theater and catch a flick. We sat for the two hours and enjoyed the movie, yet for me, her company was what I was truly enjoying. The time flew by as I sat by her side.

As we left the theater, we were both anxious for something exciting. We roamed the streets of Nogales, but like always, there was nothing to do in this boring town. From Meadow Hills to the downtown area and back, we cruised and eventually ended up in Mariposa Hills where we found a good spot to park and just look at the stars

With the moon roof open, we both sat in my car and stared into the twinkling sky. We shared stories of past experiences, made figures out of clouds and even played 21 questions. Unfortunately, the night had to end. The clock struck 11 and it was time for her to go home. I drove up to Vista Del Cielo,

dropped her off and said good night.

The night I met Karla Bracamonte is sure to be a night I will never forget, and her smile is something I will forever remember, but the question remains for what the future holds for Karla and me. What will happen? Will we ever meet up again? This I do not know but I do know that if I were to ever to have the opportunity to go out with her again, I most definitely would.



Chris and Karla...a cute couple

## Proposition 102 unnecessary and discriminatory

By Laura Leyva

Lately, there has been a lot of talk about various propositions on the ballot, many of which I would not really think twice about, since I can't vote. Of the few that managed to get my attention, Proposition 102 stood out the most. As I surfed through the channels on my TV, the words 'Yes for marriage!' popped out and my curiosity kept me from changing the channel.

During the commercial, various people were asked about their opinion on this proposition and, of course, everybody agreed on voting yes. The internet seemed like a good way to find out a bit more, and maybe fully understand what this was about, so I began to do my research.

Proposition 102 proposes that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as marriage in this state. According to the webpage, 20 more simple words managed to explain it. I somehow was still confused, so I read on. Proposition 102, is not a law, but a constitutional amendment, and it is supposedly needed in order for laws not to ever be overturned by a judge.

No one can define marriage but apparently, we can? If this amendment passed, judges will not be able to change any laws in order to ever allow members of the same sex to wed. Some people believe politics should not play a role in defining marriage; however, we are all ok in allowing a judge to be involved in already married couples getting divorced, as long as it's a man and a woman separating.

People disagree with this for two reasons; one, that it is unnecessary since our state already outlaws same sex marriage, or two, because they believe everyone is entitled to same rights. Prop 102 is taking away any chance of future wedding rights from those same sex couples. It simply doesn't allow two members of the same sex to wed.

Last time I checked, we had the right to marry whoever we wanted, as long as we were 18 years old so we could go to the nearest chapel and say I do. This is supposed to not force any religious beliefs on the government or anybody. Honestly, am I supposed to believe that whoever proposed this is not basing their beliefs on religion? Yeah, sure. I keep hearing marriage is sacred, and how 'wrong' it is to disrespect it by changing it. Haven't we changed it enough already? If I had a quarter for every marriage I've seen last, well, I'd be the same as now, broke. Divorce seems to be in style this season and, well, all seasons. These days, no one gets married with the intention of growing old together and staying together forever. We all just enjoy planning weddings, almost like another Friday night party.

So please, don't go around telling me that same sex marriage is going to change how 'sacred' weddings are, it doesn't get any more 'disrespectful' than what I just mentioned. Who are we, the people to decide who can marry who? Who are we to keep anyone from his or her rights? We wouldn't want anybody to tell us who we can fall in love with, and who we decide to spend the rest of our lives with. A woman and woman together, or a man and man together, besides that tiny little difference, we are all equal. Isn't that what we've been told most of our life? If I were old enough, I would vote NO in a heartbeat. Despite what they say, I do not see anything simple or clear about Proposition 102.



## Vote NO on Props 400 and 401

By Michelle Ceballos

"Affordable housing and more jobs" sounds tempting, that is, until you fully understand the negative outcomes that could result if propositions 400 and 401 are passed.

If they pass, it will allow developers to make big bucks destroying our wildlife and in the end, our parents, the taxpayers, will have to pay for it. Supposedly, jobs will be created in Nogales, but the strip malls they build will suck the business right out of all our local stores. In addition, the jobs created by the construction will not be available to Nogalians because the builders will bring their own crews from elsewhere.

Now that we have established that we will actually lose jobs, let us consider what the increase in population will cause. We take advantage of the fact that our highways are not like those of a big city; congested with cars and smog. Our drives along the highways are relatively safe right now. Imagine how much traffic there will be, and in turn, pollution. In addition, bigger cities mean more crime.

Finally, this is Arizona. Can we really supply enough water for the building and then for the thousands of new residents?

Of course we would love to have more jobs in Nogales and more homes, but there is a way we can accomplish this in a more modest and effective way, according to the Comprehensive Plan. Think of the consequences and spread the word. Vote NO for propositions 400 and 401.

## Extend the curfew on Halloween

By Ramon A. Lopez

An 11 o'clock curfew on Halloween? Do you think that's good?

As most of us know, we have a curfew here in Nogales. We also know that most teenagers don't want to be home by that time on a regular weekend, but it is even worse on Halloween. What makes matters worse is that this year's Halloween celebration lands on a Friday. A Friday! And everyone wants to go out and party or trick or treat with friends.

This year's Halloween night curfew should be at least till 12 o'clock midnight. If it were to be at 12 o'clock it would be better for most of us, especially for teenagers in high school or



middle school, because that way we would have more time to have fun without getting into trouble.

We can all have fun without getting into trouble, and most of us just want a later curfew so that we can be with our friends.

Halloween is only once a year and we should all celebrate it by having lots of fun. And think about it, the next time it is

on a Friday won't be until we are 25 years old or so. What a bummer! This year's Halloween curfew should be at least 12 o'clock.

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## Make your visitors relapse to bed-wetting

By Pablo Valencia

The nature of Halloween is to scare others, and, even if it's a little late, what better way to do so than by making a haunted house? However, you can't just throw bones on the floor, turn off the lights and scream to frighten people. Here are some tips for the haunted house you're building:

**Props:** Cobwebs, bones, fake blood and severed limbs are always good props but make sure you organize them and not have some random mess. Making your own props is always fun. They'll work as long as they're not cheap, but who can tell in the dark?

**Play the part:** Make sure everyone who is visible is in a scary costume; try to make everything such as scars, burns, and gashes as realistic as possible. Remember, no matter how much you enjoy children screaming, don't laugh

(unless of course you can pull off an evil cackle).

**Make them worry:** Your victims' minds will eventually play tricks on them if you plan right. Have them think that they're lost or that someone is following them, for these it's best to not let them see what's coming. So if you're in a wide open space, put up something to prevent them from knowing what will happen next.

**Nobody can be trusted:** If someone is guiding these mortals, that person should be unbalanced and ready to turn on the poor souls.

Those guidelines should help you scare a child or two. Now, you malicious terrors, go off and be creative with your haunted houses. Remember; Halloween only happens once a year, and this year it's on a Friday!

By Lilly Padilla

Halloween is a day to disguise yourself as someone you wouldn't want to be made fun of for the rest of the year now.

We all know that as time has evolved, costumes each year the Playboy Mansion and you are not in Hollywood.

The question is: why do they do it? Do girls honestly dress

And for you guys out there, come on, is dressing up like (of course). I mean all you have to do is pull your jeans down a your cool bandana. Either way, thugs were so like ten years a

Whatever the case is, it's not classy or cute. So this year, try and change it up a little. Come up with s

## Now you can enter the mystical world of Wicca

By Michelle Moraila

Whether it's black cats and broomsticks or pointy hats and ugly moles, witches have always been portrayed as evil and mischievous. Times have changed, however, and the 21<sup>st</sup> century calls for the separation between the classical fairytale witch and the modern day one: enter the mystical world of Wicca. In case you didn't know, Wicca is actually a religion, contrary to people's beliefs. It worships nature and sees all natural things as sacred. The "witches" who follow the religion are bound by the Wiccan Rede—a code of conduct that prohibits harm to living things and does not allow anyone to use the spells they practice for manipulation, control, or domination. Evil is frowned upon at all times. So if the Halloween you are thinking about dressing up as a witch and want to add a spell or two, here are two Wiccan spells you may want to try. Be sure to have some toadstool handy, just in case.

**Simple love spell-** Light two candles, a red one and a white one, and place them inside a cauldron filled with sand. On a piece of paper, write down the qualities of the partner you would like to meet. Light the piece of paper with both of the candles and say an incantation such as "I may not know this person's face or name, but I know they are looking for me just the same." Relax, true love will come to you.

**Money, money, money-** For this spell, it is best to use a green or gold candle. Write on a piece of paper with a green pen the amount of money that you need and draw a box around it. As you're drawing recite the words "Money to pay the bills I need, I don't want anything else, I have no greed." Note: use this only in case of a financial emergency or else the evil spirits will come to get you.

## Bad luck doesn't come solely from black cats and ladders

By Pablo Valencia

Bad luck is always around the corner in these spooky times and if you're not careful you may end up angering some spirits. Here are some bad luck myths you may or may not know:

It is a bad omen if a dog howls at night and there is someone sick in the house.

Having a bed facing north or south brings misfortune.

It is bad luck to kill a ladybug.

Place your hand over your mouth when you sneeze or else your soul may escape.

It is bad luck to see an owl in the sunlight.

It is bad luck to walk underneath a ladder.

Wear blue to protect yourself from witches.

A bride's veil will protect her from evil spirits who are jealous of happiness.

Breaking a mirror means 7 years of bad luck.

If you say goodbye to a friend on a bridge, you will never see each other again.

If a clock that has not been working suddenly chimes, then there will soon be a death in the family.

If a candle apart of a ceremony blows out then there are evil spirits nearby.

Don't knit your boyfriend a pair of socks or he'll walk away from you.



## Pumpkins serve more purposes

By Nathania Garcia

Halloween's over; no more little kids knocking at your door three on fire, no more 'spider webs' hanging off the walls, you've bagged your jack-o-lantern in the closet where it will stay until next time you can't find a better one. This means you get to throw away all those cute little jack-o-lanterns you made when we watch all our hard work go to waste, especially considering in all that pumpkin goop and smelled odd for days. Here are some things you can do with your leftover pumpkins.

-Make pumpkin pie! No worries, the wax will only add texture.

-Add a metal handle to the sides and carry it around as a purse;

-Wear it as a dandy hat. The thickness provides extra insulation

gets

colder.

-Fill it with all the bad leftover candy and make the neighborhood "piñata"

-Annihilate it with a huge hammer. It's good to vent out anger w

-Save it for Thanksgiving and use it as a centerpiece for the table.

-Heck, save it until Christmas and replace that worn out star tha

-Put the smaller leftover pumpkins in the larger ones and make o

-Put it through a paper shredder and make confetti. (Let the littl

When all else fails, throw that sucker away.

## Give your friends a ghoulish scare with something other than your face

By Czarina Nafarrate

In celebration of all Hollows' Eve, conjure up a spooky costume. No ideas? Then try some of the following raise-the-hair-on-the-back-of-your-neck disguises.

\***Little Dead Riding Hood-** what's better than a dead fairy tale?

\* **A stranger-** from the horror movie *The Strangers*

\* **Freddy Krueger-** scare people even in their sleep!

\* **A clown-** need I say more?

\* **Killer mime-** \*pantomimes killing an invisible person\*

\* **Sweeney Todd-** shave and a haircut anyone?

\* **Carrie-** scary book + creepy movie= great costume.

\* **Hannibal Lector-** one of the most terrifying cannibals.

\* **The Exorcist-** that was one scary girl!

\* **A suicide hanging victim-** sends shivers up anyone's spine.

\* **The Burger King-** you have to admit that guy is creepy!

\* **Michael Jackson-** there's no words for how scary this pop singer is...

Boo! Scared you? Well, these costumes are sure to frighten your friends, your fiends, and even the monster under your bed.



## Avoid lame overrated fads

By Michelle Ceballos

It is just plain wrong to go trick-or-treating without a costume. Dressing up is obviously a huge part of Halloween. But don't you think the whole point is completely obliterated when a large portion of the population feels the need to kill originality and wear the same cliché costumes every year?

Here are some of the most overrated, over used costumes of all time:

*Witch*

*Scream*

*Regular clothes with a mask*

*Pirate*

*Vampire*

*Babies/little girls in pj's*

*Ghost*



## Halloween horror novels, short stories

By Paulina Ibarra

The Halloween season is a time when a lot of people find ways to find a spook or two. But if you're looking for a bloodbath playing at a local theater. The best way to find some stories that'll have you sleeping with a nightli

### Novels

*Dracula* by Bram Stoker

*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

*The Exorcist* by William Peter Blatty

*Rosemary's Baby* by Ira Levin

*Pet Sematary* and *The Shining* by Stephen King

*The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson

*I Am Legend* by Richard Matheson

*The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by

Robert Louis Stevenson

*Turn of the Screw* by Henry James

*Something Wicked This Way Comes* by Ray Bradbur

*Dead in the Water* by Nancy Holder

*Hell House* by Richard Matheson

# Halloween



## Your pets can partake in all the Halloween festivities too

By Jeanette Lerma

It happens every year, you get all dressed up for your night out to be whomever you want and then as you are about to leave, Sparky is there, doing his cute puppy-dog face, saying "Please take me with you." He even wags his tail happily; how are you supposed to deny that? Then another problem arises, he doesn't have a costume and you don't want to be walking a plain old dog. Never fear- easy pet costume ideas are here.

Ever thought about dressing your dog up as your awesome side-kick? Well now you can. All you need is to buy matching capes and you can make your masks out of foam paper, puffy paint [the kind that you use to decorate your shirts with] and a little bit of elbow grease.

Another idea can be the whole cowboy and Indian concept. Put a bandana around your dog's collar and a put a cute cowboy hat that's like four bucks at Wal-Mart. For yourself, the Indian, decorate a plain tan-colored shirt; make a headband with feathers and steal some of your mom's lip-stick for the facial tribal marks. Put your own twist on it.

One really cool one is the Men in Black idea and if you own a pug, even better. Dress just like the guys from Men in Black and do the same for your dog. They usually sell costumes online resembling a suit for your dog for 20 bucks. Get some shades for you and your dog. Hey, as props, you can get your dad's tire gauge and tell your friends that you have the power to erase their minds in a millisecond.

There you go-- easy tricks so that you can dress your dog, try these things on your cat if you want. Your imagination's the limit.



## Down with cheesy holiday pencils and expired candy

By Alexis Kramer

Forget the tricks, we want the treats! Halloween only comes once a year and it's a kid's excuse to have an all-you-can-eat candy affair. For the young ones, the fun is missing bedtime and trick or treating with their pumpkin baskets, but something that suits all ages is the continuous tradition of going door to door to get those sweet pleasures we call candy.

Unfortunately, not all candy was created equal. No one likes the 25¢ cheap scraps and who wants the ones that look 25 years old? Giving away one or two pieces doesn't help either; we want the full handful that makes our eyes widen when poured into our pumpkins.

Here's what to avoid when trick or treating:

1. Stay away from the loose candies and ones falling apart, without a wrapper there is no positive outcome.
2. Keep away from the houses who are not in the

Halloween spirit, you might receive coupons, nuts, and batteries.

3. Religious items should stay out of this holiday.

4. We can buy our own toothbrushes, and any pamphlets can't satisfy our sweet craving.

5. Nature objects don't belong in our candy bags. Think about the germs it brings along.

Splurge a little and hand out candy that will make your house one of the top on our candy destination list. Kids go to extreme limits to get what they want and for candy it's no exception. If you don't want your front yard to end up looking like a haunted house, give the kids what they want and feel good about it knowing that you are helping the economy with the demand of dentists after having a sugar filled night.

## "The guests included Wolf Man, Dracula, and his son"

By Jeanette Lerma

Halloween is coming up and I am sure that you're ready to do your thing and go trick-or-treating. You see all the monsters around you and you notice the scary chainsaw massacre dude! EGAD...it's your science teacher? That's pretty scary in itself but just to cool the waters upon your return to class on Monday, here is a list I've conjured up so that you can have a laugh and your teachers can too. Just so you know, they picked the monster, not me.

- Mrs. McAfee- Cookie Monster
- Mr. Bremser- Anxiety Monster "Opus"
- Mr. Vladimirov- Dracula
- Mr. Calderon- Sully
- Mr. Tackett- Creature from the Black Lagoon
- Sgt. Harvey- The Joker



Mrs. McAfee



**Witch Hunt**  
How many witches in flight can you find on this page? 

Mr. Vladimirov



Mr. Bremser



Mr. Calderon



Sgt. Harvey

Do you see the resemblance between your teachers and their monster alter egos?



Mr. Tackett



're not. True, but please- don't overdo it people. You would you?  
get more and more distasteful. Sorry ladies, this isn't  
sire that much attention? Or is it a sign of desperation?  
a "gangsta" that much of a stretch (excluding Weezy  
little lower and wear a Tupac shirt. Oh, and don't forget  
go.

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carved so delicately. Yes, it's very sad  
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n, keeping you cozy while the weather

and kids pay you to smash the "pumpkin

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## ories, and poem must-reads for the literate

ople go out of their way to spook themselves, and there are plenty of  
or a real scare, you won't find it by going out and watching the latest  
o get those goose bumps going is by reading one of these. Here are  
ght (that is, if you ever sleep again.)

### Short Stories/Poems

Collected Stories by H.P. Lovecraft

Twice-Told Tales by Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Collected Ghost Stories of M. R. James by M.R. James

A Collection of Stories by Edgar Allen Poe

Goosebumps series by R.L. Stine

Tales of Horror and the Supernatural by Arthur Machen

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark (and the sequels) by Alvin Schwartz

## Name That Spooky Tune

By Krizia Ahumada

1. It's close to midnight, and something evil's lurking in the dark. Under the moonlight, you see a sight that almost stops your heart.
2. People are strange when you're a stranger, faces look ugly when you're alone.
3. On a dark desert highway, cool wind in my hair, warm smell of colitas, rising up through air.
4. I put a spell on you, cause you're mine, you better stop the things you do I ain't lyin'. I put a spell on you and now you're mine.
5. Bonfires burning bright pumpkin faces in the night, I remember Halloween dead cats hanging from poles, little dead are out in droves, I remember Halloween brown leaved vertigo.
6. From my laboratory in the castle east to the master bedroom where the vampires feast the ghouls all came from their humble abodes to get a jolt from my electrodes.
7. The devil went down to Georgia, he was lookin' for a soul to steal. He was in a bind 'Cause he was way behind And he was willin' to make a deal.
8. If there's something strange, in your neighborhood, who you gonna call? (Ghostbusters) If there's something weird, and it don't look good, who you gonna call? (Ghostbusters)
9. If you decide someday to stop this little game that you are playin', I'm gonna tell you all what my heart's been a-dyin' to be sayin'. Just like a ghost, you've been a-hauntin' my dreams, So I'll propose... on Halloween. Love is kinda crazy with a spooky little girl like you.
10. Womanizer, woman-womanizer, you're a womanizer, oh womanizer, oh you're a womanizer baby, you, you you are, you, you you are, womanizer, womanizer, womanizer.

## Nightfall not so scary after dark

By Paulina Ibarra

Old Tucson Studios used to brag that the screams coming from inside the haunted township of Nightfall could be heard for miles out in the desert, but from what I saw this year, it must have been quiet enough to hear the tumbleweeds roll. The reputation is false, and plenty of visitors (including me) were left wanting a refund.

Many people look forward to visiting Nightfall in October just for the opportunity to scream their voice boxes sore. There's always been talk that the park delivers scares comparable to a horror flick, and for years that hype was believable and well worth the twenty-odd bucks it cost to get in. However, the latest edition of Dr. Jebediah Hyde's gruesome commune, "Release the Beast," was a frightful disappointment.

The theme this year sounded interesting enough. All the lunatics of "Nightfall's Gouliard Asylum for the Perpetually Insane" have been mutated into freaky humanoid desert creatures by the evil Dr. Hyde. But I could count all the so called "manimals" I encountered that night with one hand.

The biggest letdown had to be the show called *Symposium of Atrocities*. The title is a pretty accurate description of

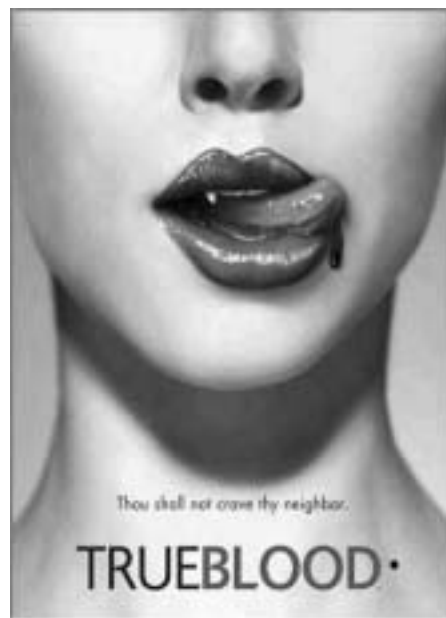
what the show was, and by no stretch of the sober imagination was it enjoyable to watch. The actors onstage were playing 2D one-notes that kept failing at vulgar comedy. The script was uncreative and predictable. It was exactly like being assaulted by your least favorite, completely wasted relative. You know, the one who thinks he's funny?

Admittedly though, it could have been worse. The walk-through houses were mild scares, but were well decorated, and there were some sweet special effects inside the "Iron Door Mine." The "inmates" of Nightfall prowling the park did a good job of staying in character and even spooked me at one point. The choreography for the musical act *Hyde School Musical* was elaborate and impressive, and the main show contained great pyrotechnics and action scenes.

Overall, "Release the Beast" was a skittish puppy with its tail between its legs compared to the Nightfall of years before. It's probably my fondness of the high-quality scares this place used to deliver that keeps me coming back, but I'm thinking twice before I spend another pricey night on the streets of what seems to be becoming a ghost town.

## Want a taste of "true" blood or real blood?

By Kennara J. Ramirez



Sink your teeth into some "true" blood

Blood isn't enough for the blood suckers in the HBO hit series *True Blood*. The blood in the show is a synthetic blood the Japanese made when Vampires awoke two years ago. For small town girl Sukii, the day that she met a vampire didn't seem to come any time soon, but when she did, the problems began. Murder after murder, nobody knows who the killer is and the only culprits the townspeople suspect are vampires.

Even though this might sound a little cheesy and ridiculous, this show actually is about romance and love. It seems to be that dear Mr. Bill (just bill), the vampire Sukii met one night, is falling for her, and vice versa. It also might sound a tad bit unrealistic, but I am a tough critic and it can't get anymore real than this. The vampires are put into realistic situations. The old myths that say they cannot stand before a cross; they are all handsome, seductive, mysterious people that just catch your eye; that they all have a Romanian accent; and that they are pale as snow; do not apply.

This show is very graphic and you might not want to watch this with your little brother or sister; in fact, you might be on the edge of your seat covering your eyes. So hang the garlic outside your doors and don't invite any strangers in.

## Movies, music, TV and more: Get the latest celeb gossip updates here

By Mariela Jaramillo

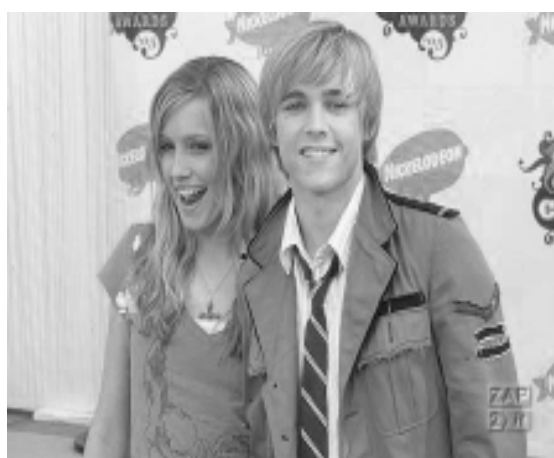
Something is always going on in the fabulous world of Hollywood, and it is hard keep up with the many adventures of celebrities. Here are some updates on recent gossip.

**Britney Spears'** new single "Womanizer," made a record-breaking jump to the top 100 single's charts. This could possibly be her musical comeback after making headlines with many woes for the past couple of years.

**Zac Efron** made *MovieFone's Hottest 25 Stars Under the Age of 25 List*, not to mention he has a new movie that just leaped on to the big screen last Friday,

*High School Musical 3: Senior Year*.

**Rhianna** has released news that she will start her own clothing line. She recently made a trip to Milan, Italy to study the latest fashion trends during fashion



Jesse is in love

week.

Love is in the air for Hollywood's newest couple, **Jesse McCartney** and **Katie Cassidy**. Pictures and sources show they have been dating recently around New York, and rumor is they are even engaged.

**Audrina Patridge** has always played second fiddle to Lauren Conrad on the MTV series, *The Hills*. The show seems to be taking an unexpected turn and Audrina's latest topless seen has taken the show to the top of the rankings.

**Richard Blackwell**, known as Mr. Blackwell to the fashion world, died October 21 of complications from an intestinal infection. The man was best known for his less than kind "Worst Dressed List." After 50 years of publishing it, he left his final trademark last week.

## Would you give love a second chance and risk everything you have?

By Stephanie Quijada

They brought you *The Cotton Club* and *Unfaithful*, and now, Diane Lane and Richard Gere pair up in *Nights in Rodanthe*, the movie based on the novel written by Nicholas Sparks. This movie is like no other in which Lane and Gere have ever been in together as they try to save one another and give love a second chance.

Adrienne (Lane) is a housewife dealing with an uncooperative teenage daughter and a young son. Her husband left her for someone else and he decides he wants her back when things did not work out as planned with his significant other. Being overwhelmed, she decides to put everything behind her and run an inn for a friend in Rodanthe as her children, with their father, go off on a short vacation.

Paul (Gere) is single and stressed. He was the only person staying at the inn despite the fact that there was a hurricane warning. No matter how strong the winds were or how high the waves may have been, he had good reason to be there and no intentions of leaving.

Personal life stories, advice, and wisdom lead to the amazing romance of the two

lovers. Once the hurricane did its damage, Paul had no other choice but to leave the wondrous Rodanthe and reunite with his estranged son (James Franco).

Adrienne and Paul manage to keep their love strong by writing letters to one another and not worrying about how much they missed each other for they knew that they could manage to be apart until the day they meet again.

Unexpected turns and bad weather lead to the sadness this movie causes one to feel while watching it. It may be a tear jerker but is worth it at the end when one comes to a realization that those few days Adrienne and Paul spent together were absolutely necessary in order for them to let the past be the past and move forward to an exciting future.

If you find that Gere and Lane make a great twosome in films, get to the closest showing as soon as you get the chance. You will be nothing more than pleased as these two charmers have the ability to move on and find the meaning of true love once again. Just when they thought they had nothing more to give, they found one another and drank to everything they had lost.



# Entertainment

## Are you ready to tremble in the Overlook Hotel?

By Laura Leyva

"Here's Johnny!" I'm sure most of you have heard that quote once or twice over the years. Yes, I know, this book is not a new release, but most definitely a must read because Stephen King, the infamous fiction writer, created one of the most terrifying and addictive novels of all time.

In *The Shining*, a struggling writer leads his wife and son to a mountain resort, The Overlook Hotel, where his new job awaits him. But a new job is not the only thing the hotel holds for him and his family. As the son acquires new psychic powers which try to warn him of the dangers stirring up, insanity threatens to take over Johnny Torrance. This book will keep you turning page after page wondering what is happening inside of the Overlook Hotel. Stephen King has the ability of immersing the reader into the novel, and *The Shining* is no exception.

If books are not exactly your thing, then maybe the motion picture might interest you. With Jack Nicholson as the protagonist, it's hard not to be a little frightened. Personally, I'd recommend the novel because there is nothing better than your own imagination. Plus, the differences between the book and the film are as plain the eye can see. Classic horror is much better than the gruesome blood-baths lacking any suspense we have today. If Stephen King does not send chills up your spine every now and then while reading this suspenseful thriller I don't know what will.



Jack Nicholson's infamous "axe" scene is sure to give you nightmares

## If you liked the gore, here's more

By Alfonso Villarreal

Haven't had enough gore? Well then, the fifth installment in the *Saw* series will satisfy your hunger for more. The movie started out with one of the goriest traps in the *Saw* series, the pendulum trap. After that, the movie leaves off where *Saw IV* ended, with Agent Peter Strahm (Scott Patterson) locked in a room along with Jigsaw's (Tobin Bell) corpse. Agent Strahm finds a tape player which tells him that he can either live or die in the room and exhorts him to make the right choice. He ignores it and goes into a secret room where he is attacked by someone in a pig mask. He later wakes up and finds himself in a trap that was designed to kill him, but he finds a way to survive.

The movie then shifts to the latest trap, which includes five people. They are all urged to work together to survive, but their egos get involved and people begin to die.

Agent Strahm starts suspecting Detective Mark Hoffman (Costas Mandylor), the detective that has been in charge of the Jigsaw investigation since it started, as the new Jigsaw accomplice. Later in the movie, there is a final standoff between Agent Strahm and Detective Hoffman where only one can survive.

*Saw V* has an interesting plot, good acting, and gory cinematography, which fits the film very well. The movie is pretty much a behind-the-scenes look on the past four films, but also has new twist and turns. The only downside is if you haven't seen the previous four motion pictures, it will not make much sense. The traps in *Saw V* are sure to get a shriek out of you. They include the pendulum trap, a neck tie trap that is meant to behead you, a box that needs you to fill a jar with blood by sawing your hand in half, various nail bombs, and other traps that only the sick minds behind *Saw* can come up with. *Saw V* is good overall and what's more fun on Halloween than seeing people being torn to shreds? So don't wait any longer, *Saw V* is playing at a theater near you. I give this movie an **A** because the acting and cinematography are great. Be sure to catch *Saw VI* when it hits theaters next year.



Do you know who's hiding behind the mask?

## What's hiding under your coat?

By Kennara J. Ramirez

"Mommy! Daddy! There's a monster in my closet!"

Sounds familiar right? It seems to be very popular with children, and I bet that it was something you said sometime during your childhood. I also bet when you said that, your parents thought that you were watching way too much TV. That is exactly what happened to Eugene (one of the squad troops) in the 1987 cult classic

film *The Monster Squad*. Little did his dad know that in little Eugene's closet was a mummy that had awakened from the dead.

This is a perfect movie for those who can't take the gruesomeness of a super scary movie, but still like to see monster butt-kicking action. This is one of my favorite 80's movies. It is a heart warming kid-friendly movie, that even if you got stuck with your siblings you wouldn't mind watching.



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## Shwayze concert was "buzzin'"

By Stephannie Quijada

Long lines, hot humid weather, and security guards feeling you up before you enter all sound pretty agitating, but dealing with all these hectic downsides was well worth the wait. On Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, Shwayze performed at the Rialto in downtown Tucson.

The concert was amazing, and yes, I will admit, it was frustrating listening to all the opening wanna-be rappers such as Mike the Super Hero, but Tyga knew how to pump up the crowd as he sang Coconut Juice right before Shwayze took the stage. It was an incredible show but what made the concert was when Shwayze, the final performance, was up.

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## Roses are red, violets are blue, I have a split personality, and I do too!

JC Clark

When watching the previews, it was hard to predict whether I would love or hate the series premiere of *My Own Worst Enemy*. It seemed to me like it would be a show with a significant amount of action but would not have a convincing enough or interesting plot. Fortunately, my initial thoughts on the storyline were wrong.

The show began with a focus on Edward (Christian Slater), a secret agent who can speak 13 languages, hold his breath for five minutes, run a four minute mile and has "insomnia". Edward never really goes to sleep, but instead transitions from one personality to another one that has been created in his brain for whenever Edward is not on assignment.

Henry (Christian Slater) is an ordinary middle class man with a wife and kids whose job requires that he

"travel a lot". The life of Henry is relatively dull when it's compared to Edward's. That is until he wakes up (mysteriously) in Russia with a rifle in his hand being ordered to take out a target.

Plots and subplots emerge as the two alter egos use any means they can to figure out why they become each other when they aren't supposed to. Since the differences between Edward and Henry range far beyond whether or not one of them can play the piano or make a good breakfast, both are also concentrated on making sure that their other self can handle himself in the other's environment.

Christian Slater does an amazing job portraying the characters. As I was watching I almost believed that two different actors were playing the separate personalities. He truly gives them each a different look, voice, gestures and demeanor.

The action in the series was also very well done. It didn't dominate the show but there was definitely enough to keep you on your feet. For the majority of the time the action wasn't over the top in any way and, as did most of the show, was kept within the realm of possibility. The only instance I can think of where this did not apply was when Henry somehow dodged a massive explosion, detonated just feet away, by jumping into a small hole he'd just dug.

Overall this is definitely a show I would recommend to anyone who wants to see a good secret agent type show with just the right amount of guns and explosions. New episodes of *My Own Worst Enemy* can be seen on Mondays at 9 pm on NBC.



## Apache Football Struggles Mid-Season

By Jose J. Rojas

After defeating Sahuaro High School 28-21 in the first game of conference play, Nogales fell to last year's rival, Sabino High School, 35-33. Nogales was leading 20-7 at the half. Both teams scored once in the third quarter. However, the game was decided in the fourth quarter when the Sabercats rallied to score 3 touchdowns and intercepted the game winning pass in the end zone to end the game. This ended the Apaches' undefeated home game winning streak.

Then, the following week, Nogales lost to Flowing Wells. Nogales was heavily favored to win, but throughout the game, the Apaches could not get rolling.

Flowing Wells won 31-21. This Friday Nogales will play Cienega on Halloween. This will also be the last home game of the regular season. The Bobcats are bringing a good team this year. Hopefully the team is back in synch and using homefield advantage to bring this game home and to keep their playoff hopes alive.

### Monday Night Football

By JC Clark

The once undefeated New York Giants are undefeated no more, as a significant loss against the Cleveland Browns destroyed any chance they had for a perfect season. This came as quite a shock for most fans as the Browns had only a single win leading up to the Giants game.

The Giants recovered, however, with a 21-14 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers. At the start of the game, both teams had a 5-1 win-loss ratio. The game was filled with interceptions and sacks, but the stars of the game were really the incredible defenses of both teams. The New York-Pittsburgh game has many wondering if we may see a rematch in February.

The New England Patriots were in a similar scenario as they suffered another terrible loss to the San Diego Chargers but were able to redeem themselves with a win. The big wins against the Denver Broncos and the St. Louis Rams lead many to believe that the Patriots are making a strong comeback.

In Arizona, the Cardinals have proved to be a force to be reckoned with. Their strengthening defense was seen against the Dallas Cowboys which led the game into overtime and the first time ever that a game in overtime was won by a blocked punt (by the Cardinals).

Also being reported, probably more than any other sports story, was the broken finger of Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo. His pinky finger was broken during a pass play in the Cardinals game. The broken fingers could affect Romo's grip on the ball which would affect his passing ability and cause more fumbles. Romo says he will be back by the middle of November.

### Check out the updated school website

By Alexis Kramer

You don't expect the school webpage to be useful as Yahoo or Google but it's getting there. With many updates done to the website this year, it has become an effective tool for teachers, parents, and students.

Power school address too long? The high school page has many links including the website to check your grades. It also gives you information on registration and transcripts, testing and sport schedules, pro-

viding in depth information on clubs and organizations, and up-to-the-minute notifications on what going on at school.

Parents with concerns could use the page to get informed on administration and staff and how they work on campus.

Not only does NHS have an updated page but the district is joining in to have a useful site that could be beneficial, and the first class from Nogales High School to have a webpage is the class of 2012, which is starting off small but gradually adding their achievements to the internet world.



Apaches wait nervously for the results of the 2-point return.

-Photograph courtesy of Robin Turley

### Texas undefeated in NCAA Football

By Jose J. Rojas

Last year's season was simply incredible with some of the most dominating performances ever seen, amazing bowl winning plays, and the most unexpected upsets ever.

This year is pretty much the same song, but a different verse. The ups and downs of the season have made every underdog dangerous, and every week has a change in the national rankings.

Through week nine, Texas has climbed to the number one spot with serious contenders, such as Alabama and Penn State, waiting for a chance to jump in for a shot at the national title. Check it out and see how your team compares:

- 1. Texas
- 2. Alabama
- 3. Penn St.
- 4. Oklahoma
- 5. Florida
- 6. Texas Tech
- 7. USC
- 8. Georgia
- 9. Oklahoma St.
- 10. Utah



- 11. Boise St.
- 12. TCU
- 13. Ohio St.
- 14. Missouri
- 15. LSU

- 16. Florida St.
- 17. BYU
- 18. Ball St.
- 19. Tulsa
- 20. Minnesota
- 21. UNC
- 22. Michigan St.
- 23. Oregon
- 24. South Florida
- 25. Maryland

### Soccer season updates

By German Almada

The intensity of the game matches that of no other sport. The sound of thousands of people screaming their lungs out, waiting on the edge of their seats as your team beats the last defender, finally crossing into the danger area with only the goalkeeper to outwit. The sweat, the blood, and the tears you've shed to get to this moment. The moment you strike the ball and score the late-winner and hear the crowd shout "gooooooal!" so loudly you can't even hear yourself think, cannot compare to anything.

Well, this might not necessarily be the same situation for the Nogales Apaches boy's soccer team. Nonetheless, every major soccer star got their start somewhere, right?

Those who want to be a part of the team should be on the lookout because tryouts are heading your way. Make sure to talk to the head coach, Mr. Luna, about important information you might need to get your new athletic season started. So if your passion is the world's most beautiful game and want to display your talents on the field of an excellent team, this opportunity is for you

#### Girl's Soccer

Ladies, prepare for this year's season by going to open field on Wednesdays. Think ahead and start running to get in shape for next week's tryouts. This year the coaches are Mr. Romero, (varsity coach), and Mr. Gatica for J.V. Kick it into gear and give it your best shot!

### Extreme Sports: Sand Boarding

By Laura Leyva

As the temperature drops and winter approaches, snowboard enthusiasts wax their boards and prepare for the season. Unfortunately, if you live in the southern states, sno-capped mountains are a little hard to find. So what do you do? Try sand boarding, a sport resembling snowboarding but practiced on sand dunes rather than frosty, snowy hills.

Although this sport is not quite as popular as snowboarding, it is considered much more convenient due to its year-round availability. Sand parks with rails add to the skate like style of the sport. Sand boards are in a way, a long board, varying in length from about 100 and 160 centimeters, or more, depending what a rider might be looking for, air, high-speed turns, or doing tricks. A board will most likely be coated in a type of wax used for speed, with different compounds depending on the types of sand the pilot will be riding in.

Popularity of the sport is increasing in the US slowly, but more quickly in places like South America and Australia. As more people opt for this sport, various competitions and events have been held in places around the world. Many of these competitions search for specifically one element of the sport, such as rail sliding, jumping or performing free style tricks. Most of these events contain art and music which attract even more specta-



tors. During the late Spring, one of the most well-known events is held in Florence, Oregon at the first sand park of its kind, Sand Master Park. The park gave people who practice the sport an opportunity to compete in sand dunes that range up to 300 feet. Will sand boarding eventually overcome the popularity of snow boarding? Who knows, but it will always be a different way to experience the sport, or satisfy the yearning for boarding while the snow comes back.



## ¡Nacidos para sufrir!

By German Almada



Apenas dos juegos de visitante y podemos darnos cuenta que en nuestra selección son expertos en drama, que ya quisiera Alfred Hitchcock para una de sus obras. ¿Cómo podemos explicar, que la selección Azteca consigue empatar o ganar a potencias como Brasil, Argentina e Italia etc, y perder contra selecciones de una zona pobre (fútbolicamente hablando) como la Confederación Centroamericana y del Caribe (CONCACAF)? Si queremos asistir a la Copa del Mundo en Sudáfrica 2010, tenemos que enseñarnos a no menospreciar a rivales supuestamente débiles.

Tengo plena confianza que la selección de todos conseguirá el boleto, pues el área a la que pertenece no exige algo del otro mundo para pasar a la siguiente fase. Ojalá, y los críticos que son muchos, tengan paciencia en este proceso, pues sería una locura cortar la cabeza al estratega Sven-Göran Eriksson.

Durante estos últimos dos partidos de visitante, México rescató un solo punto de seis posibles, perdiendo su juego contra Jamaica con un gol circunstancial recibido por el guardameta titular Oswaldo Sánchez Ibarra, en lo que debió de haber sido un empate, pues México no hizo lo suficiente para ganar los tres puntos.

Contra los de la hoja de Maple (Canadá), se sufrió de más porque la defensa estuvo perdida, e irónicamente se anotaron dos goles que hubieran sido suficientes para sacar el resultado, pero tuvieron que conformarse con la paridad.

Señores de la prensa mexicana: por favor, si quieren vender sus periódicos no hagan un escándalo de algo que apenas va comenzando. Sería irresponsable calificar un trabajo sin darle el tiempo requerido para su evaluación.

En el balance del camino recorrido, esta muy claro que México tiene talento.

Lo único que le hace falta, es lo que todo ser humano requiere día con día para triunfar y eso se llama ¡ACTITUD!

## Concert Review


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The shouts and excitement suddenly became louder and the echo of the repetitive word "Shwayze, Shwayze," soon became the only thing you could hear no matter where you happened to be.



Finally, Cisco came on the scene. Every song was as good as the last. There was never a point where you felt like saying, "Ugh, not this song." The crowd was completely satisfied the whole time Shwayze was performing. Cisco's friendly compliments towards several of the ladies happened to be a reason the concert was more exciting.


This outstanding concert was nothing more than pleasing. The twenty-five dollar tickets were definitely worth the price and the drive up to Tucson. Shwayze is definitely a concert that would be extremely fun to be a part of even if they were to sing the same old songs over and over again.



# ATHLETE OF THE MONTH


**ANDY GARCIA**

for  
**FOOTBALL**



**CONNIE ZUNIGA**

for  
**CROSS-COUNTRY**



## Apache Volleyball comes to an end

By Mariela Jaramillo

The end of the first quarter came around sooner than we thought, bringing an end to most fall sports such as volleyball. Here are the updates on how it all went down.

**Varsity.** The team began the season ready and proud. Although it started off with a few losses, it worked its way up and won a few games. They suffered the loss of a coach, but either way tried their hardest and came out strong. They competed in a couple of tournaments throughout the season as well as games. In the end, they won a few games, but their efforts really showed.

**JV.** The girls started off strong and at the top of the ladder. They were undefeated for the first nine games, even though they did lose some games, there were more victories than defeats. The wins brought up their hopes, spirits and points during the games. Teamwork was never an option, but a priority in the minds of this team. Ms. Wright, the



Alexis Olivia and Cassandra prepare for the oncoming ball

coach and also new to the school, showed true compassion and love of her girls as she cheered them on during every game. Each game always ended better than the one before.

**Freshmen.** New to the school, these girls tried their best all season long and put in extra effort to get noticed by the upper classmen. Most of these girls were new to the sport, but showed awesome skills and talent. After struggling the first few weeks of getting in shape, their season really paid off and left them ready for more.

## Surprises in Major League Baseball

By Saul Leyva

In the spirit of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays making it to the World Series during their first winning season in team history, here are a few huge surprises in baseball history.

- 2001- The Arizona Diamondbacks beat the New York Yankees in seven games, in one of the most memorable world series in history.

- 1998- Mark McGuire breaks the single season home run record set by Roger Maris with 73 home runs in one season.

- 2004- The Boston Red Sox win the World Series for the first time in 86 years.

- 1997- The Florida Marlins become the first Wildcard team to win the division series, the championship series, and the World Series.

- 2007- The Colorado Rockies come back from being under five hundred at mid-season to win the National League Pennant and make their first ever appearance in the World Series.



## Sports Updates

By Ramon A. Lopez

### NBA

Kobe Bryant hyper-extended his right knee in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the Laker's preseason game last week. Kobe bumped knees with Josh Powell sending both to the floor.

### NHL

Brodner made 21 saves for his 98<sup>th</sup> NHL shutout, and mostly avoided Avery, his #1 enemy to help the New Jersey Devils beat the stars 5-0 on Wednesday night.

### MLB

Chase Utley hit a 2-run homer and Cole Hamels pitched out of trouble several times, giving the Phillies a 3-2 win over the Tampa Bay Rays after six innings in the world series opener Wednesday night.

### NCAA FOOTBALL

The top 10 quarterbacks are Matthew Stafford from Georgia weighing 236 pounds and about 6 feet tall, Mark Sanchez from USC weighing 225 pounds and 6-3 feet tall, Sam Bradford from Oklahoma weighing 218 pounds and is 6-4, Colt McCoy from Texas weighing 210 and is about 238 pounds, Josh Freeman from Kansas State weighing 250 pounds, Cullen Harper from Llemson, Chase Daniel from Missouri, Rudy Carpenter from ASU, and final Hunter Cantwell from Louisville.

### Lute Olson retirement

As most of us know, Lute Olson retired last week. He will always be remembered for leading the Wildcats to a National Championship and four Final Fours, and 23 straight NCAA tournament bids, the most of any school in history.

Unfortunately, his legacy is marred by his unexpected retirement. He chose instead for his final months to be defined by conjecture, defiance, and also silence. He is a private man who rarely opened up, even to his closest friends. Many of Olson's recruits had been notified from other colleges warning them about Lute's retirement before anyone knew.

The most recent update on Lute Olson might just explain his somewhat erratic behavior this past year. According to his physician, Lute suffered a stroke sometime last year, affecting his frontal lobe where much decision-making takes place.

## Halloween Horrorscopes

By Cynthia Lopez

**Libra** – Tonight will be a night to remember, you will find true love dressed like the great super hero they are.

**Gemini**- The night is full of surprises, you will find an old friend and have a night full of fun and joy remembering the old times.

**Cancer**- Tonight is a night full of mishaps and misfortunes, so be aware of who you encounter or your night could be disastrous.

**Virgo**- Tonight you will be joined by good friends and loved ones for a night full of fun trick-or-treating.

**Leo**-After a long day of eating so much candy follows a long night full of energy and fun.

**Scorpio**- Good luck is in your favor tonight. You will shine like a diamond in the sky with that fabulous costume.

**Sagittarius**- Any feud you had at home will be fixed and forgotten tonight and bring your family closer together.

**Capricorn**- Your social calendar will be packed tonight, so many parties, so little time. Have fun.

**Aries**-Make time for bonding with your family tonight, then you can get back to the plans you had with friends afterwards.

**Aquarius**- Looking good is your goal tonight, but don't worry you don't have to try very hard. Tonight is your night.

**Pisces**- Although diving into the unknown feels daunting, trust that tonight is a good night for taking risk.

**Taurus**- Shake things up tonight, jump out of your normal routine and do something crazy.

## Sudoku

The sudoku grid consists of eighty-one squares in a nine by nine grid. To solve the sudoku, each square in the grid must contain a number between one and nine, with the following conditions: Each row of nine cells must contain each of the numbers from 1 to 9 once and only once. Each column of nine cells must contain each of the numbers from 1 to 9 once and only once. Each of the nine 3 by 3 boxes of nine cells must contain each of the numbers from 1 to 9 once and only once. The sudoku starts with a partially filled grid and you must complete the grid while following the rules above. If you complete the grid, you've solved the sudoku.

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## Name That Tune

### Answers

- 1)"Thriller" by Michael Jackson
- 2)"People are Strange" by The Doors
- 3)"Hotel California" by The Eagles
- 4)"I Put a Spell on You" by Jay Hawkins
- 5)"Halloween" by The Misfits
- 6)"Monster Mash" by Bobby Boris Pickett
- 7)"The Devil Went Down to Georgia" by Charlie Daniels
- 8)"Ghostbusters" by Ray Parker Jr.
- 9)"Spooky" by Classic IV
- 10)"Womanizer" by Britney Spears

## Color me Haunted House

## Twist your noggin in a knot

By Paulina Ibarra

Here are some riddles to keep your brain active

1. "I can run but cannot walk, have a mouth but cannot speak, and have a bed but never sleep. What am I?"
2. "I have hands that wave, but I don't say goodbye. It's cool to be around me, especially when I say 'HI'. What am I?"
3. "Give me food, and I will live; give me water, and I will die. What am I?"
4. I went into the woods and got it. I sat down to seek it. I brought it home with me because I couldn't find it. What is it?
5. Brad stared through the dirty soot-smearred window on the 22nd floor of the office tower. Overcome with depression he slid the window open and jumped through it. It was a sheer drop outside the building to the ground. Miraculously after he landed he was completely unharmed. Since there was nothing to cushion his fall or slow his descent, how could he have survived the fall?
6. They come in the night without being summoned and are gone by morning without being stolen. What are they?
7. A butcher is six feet tall and has a shoe size of 10 1/2. What does he weigh?
8. You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?
9. What goes around the world but stays in a corner?
10. The man who crafted it doesn't want it. The man who bought it doesn't need it. The man who needs it doesn't know it. What is it?

Thoroughly stumped? Find the answers on the side of this page.



## HALLOWEEN WORDSEARCH

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| HAUNTEDHOUSE | TRICKORTREAT | WITCHES  |
| BLACKCATS    | GHOST PARTY  | VAMPIERS |
| SCARY        | MONSTERS     | COSTUMES |
| SPIDERS      |              |          |

Answers: a river; an electric fan; a fire; a splinter; Brad was so sick and tired of window washing; he opened the window and jumped inside; the stars; he weighs meat; an ear of corn; a postage stamp; a coffin.