

## Job shortage taking its toll

By Michelle Ceballos

Have you ever noticed the "Now Open" sign at Melrose that has been up for about a year now? This is a perfect example of how, since businesses seem to struggle in Nogales anyway, the economic crisis has only made it more difficult on them. What stores are actually closing? When businesses close down people, like our parents and ourselves, lose jobs and getting jobs here in Nogales is very difficult.

"In these times when the economy is so bad it is really hard to find a job," said Hector Miranda. Hector was able to find a job but it took a lot of time and perseverance.

Some of the ways President Obama plans to help small businesses is by lowering health care costs, expanding loan programs, supporting innovation and high-tech job creation, investing in women-owned businesses and by supporting small rural businesses. But how long will we have to wait until we can see visible changes?

There is no telling how long we must wait. For those having trouble finding a job, all you can do is keep trying.

A tip from business owners here in Nogales is to take note that first impressions are really important when it comes

to finding a job.

"Just come looking professional and presentable," said Quizno's manager Leo, "It really looks bad when people come for an interview in holey clothes or baggy pants."

They also want fast learners and people with good people skills who are willing to work hard. When looking for a job it is also important to remind yourself that you are the one who needs the job and so you cannot be picky.

"You need to be flexible and open up your availability," said Wal-Mart assistant manager Luis Olivas.

Your efforts show in the resumes you write and how you look at interviews so even if there are not a whole lot of job openings in Nogales right now, if you really do want a job you are bound to get one. Just keep trying.

### Here are a few tips:

- Create a list of places you wish to apply
- Put together a simple resume
- Maintain an acceptable appearance
- Stand up straight and be mature
- Mentally prepare yourself for rejection



## Fernando Parra eager to lead NHS

By Lyanne Lira

After weeks of speculation, the decision has been made: Fernando Parra, current principal of Mary Welty Elementary, will be principal at Nogales High School next year.

"I am glad the process is over. I wish him the very very best and I know that students and faculty will get along with him and that it is all for the best," said current NHS principal Mark Valenzuela.

Mr. Parra is not new to our campus. He himself was an NHS graduate who later went on to become a Spanish teacher here in 1992. Along with teaching, Parra also coached and was the IB Coordinator, earning many awards, including Teacher of the Year in 1995.

Parra got his Masters in Administration from the University of Arizona, and was then hired as the Assistant Principal of NHS, working alongside Mr. Valenzuela. Parra was also the Athletic Director during his tenure as VP.

Over 20 hopefuls from several states applied for the job as principal of NHS. These applicants were narrowed down to three finalists; two were administrators in NUSD and the other, a Middle School Principal in the Sunnyside District.

After a lengthy interview process involving teachers, administrators and one student, Parra was chosen for the position. He expressed gratitude to all those who supported him.

Parra is set on improving the campus in any way he can and looks forward to tackling the challenges that may present themselves. One of his goals is to increase student achievement and improve test scores.



Parra hard at work and highly qualified to reign

## AFJROTC raises funds to hold Military Ball

By Alyssa Burkett

The Nogales High School AFJROTC is working hard to raise money in order to host a ground-breaking event... the first Military Ball held in Nogales. Among other efforts, the students recently held a car wash in front of Wal-Mart on February 22, which netted the group almost \$300.

"We're all enthusiastic and working hard for the privilege of hosting the first ever Military Ball," said Melody Agostini, ROTC Corp. Commander.

Vehicles were in and out of the Wal-Mart parking lot and the students charged 6 dollars to scrub and wash down each one, making sure to give their customers their money's worth so the word of their efforts would spread through town.

The Military Ball will consist of a formal ceremony in recognition of the people participating in the well-known group of young military recruits and then a dance to end the event.

The ball is being held on March 28, here at NHS, and the ROTC students are allowed to bring along two guests. The car wash money will help pay for the total event, including the DJ and decorations. Everyone who participated in the car wash worked hard to raise the money they needed to enjoy the reward of holding the ball by the end of this month.

"This is really good for every student involved because it'll be the first year for the Military Ball and I'm having a lot of fun with all of my friends as well," said Edgar Magana, ROTC member.

By the end of the car wash ROTC had raised \$274, which can actually amount to over \$500 because Wal-Mart matches the money raised with a donation of their own.

"We had a great time at the car wash and it sounds like the ball is going to be a blast," said AFJROTC senior Jackie Medina.



AFJROTC members work hard cleaning cars for some extra money

## News Briefs

By Mariela Jaramillo

### Major killer of Indian women

More than 1,000 women were killed in fires in India in a single year. Most of these deaths were the effect of domestic abuse. Domestic abuse is a serious issue in India. Young women, between the ages 15-34, are the most at risk for the time being. They are three times more likely to be victims than their male companions.

### Guinea-Bissau President killed

Renegade soldiers assassinated the president of Guinea-Bissau in his own palace, two weeks ago, just a few hours after a bomb blast killed his enemy. The military established that absolutely no coup was in process in the poor West African nation.

### Flu strain or most popular drug?

All types of the common flu are circling the country, and now after many years of effective medicine, the flu is resisting the main drug used for treating it. Researchers have said that about 98% of the medications usually taken for the flu are no longer working. So far, four innocent patients have died due to the infection.

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Take a look at the best and worst songs ever



Find out how many musicians made their fame on the internet

Interested in political bands and their messages?



Have you heard of back masking? Find out what songs have hidden messages



# Campus

## Artistic hidden treasure lurks NHS halls

By Stephannie Quijada

Senior Denisse Brito really outdid herself when it came to applying herself towards her senior project. Sure, all seniors must complete a senior project, but Brito's hard work and effort deserves recognition.

Brito did her senior project research paper on "How Contemporary Art Influenced Today's World." For her project, she set up an exhibit in the NHS library on both classical and contemporary art. Brito's exhibit included the four new paintings she



Denisse Brito

worked on for her senior project which included: Revolution, The Door, Twilight, and Grapes on a Table. The other 16 paintings were done by her in pre-

vious years (2000-2004.)

Brito has been painting since she was seven. She took art classes at Hilltop Gallery for three years where she learned to become the painter she is today. Denisse also applies her talent in her art class at NHS where she has built her knowledge in painting. Brito enjoys being behind the easel at home as well as in her art class at school. She has been in art all four years at NHS.

When Brito's artwork was available for viewing in the NHS Library, many teachers and students asked if they could buy one of a kind paintings, but Denisse does not paint for profit, she simply does it because she loves it.

"I like to paint because it's a way in which I can relax and see the world with a different perspective," said Brito.

Denisse is a talented young lady who is an example of one who gets her work done and knows how

to apply herself to the best of her ability when it comes to the Senior Project. Brito plans on attending the University of Arizona where she will major in architecture and minor in either interior designing or art.



Some pieces by Denisse Brito, on display in the NHS library.

## A wild journey through the jungle of YouTube

By Sergio Valdez

Sitting around with nothing to do? Why not check out the latest videos on YouTube. And you don't have to be a video couch-potato, either; maybe you could upload some videos of your own.

Posting videos on YouTube can lead to opportunities and even a little pocket change. You could even become famous, like the new lead singer of old-school band Journey. Who knows, you could also become the next Cris Crocker.

A while back, Journey (you might know them as the "don't stop believing" guys) took a look at some videos on YouTube and discovered the newest member of their band. By uploading a demo of himself singing, young Philip-

pine singer Arnel Pineda got the opportunity of a lifetime. Now he is the lead singer for Journey, touring the world and getting rich. Being discovered by an extremely famous '70's-'80's band is something that doesn't happen often. He may not be an oldie or have the same look as the rest of the crew, but he's got the perfect

voice to spice up the band again.

"I'll take 100 big ones on the big guy and a dollar on the other." Kevin Furgecy, also known as Kimbo Slice, was placed in the Xtreme fighter for the recognition of his pounding on the ghetto tal-

ent. His brutal videos left viewers with an open jaw. This 235 pound beast was contracted to the Xtreme fighter to battle as a professional against the many shaking

opponents that will have to fight him. You didn't see The Rock get discovered on YouTube, did you? No, because being Kimbo Slice takes guts, and he'll

probably take the guts of his competition.

Flip your hair, ring the bell, and "leave Britney alone," cried Cris Crocker in order to make his trip down victory lane. Defending Britney Spears on the internet has

inspired many people to mock this video, but that's only because they're not as creative as good ol' Cris Crocker. We see videos all over YouTube of people sitting in front of white sheets, holding cameras in front of their faces, and flipping their hair like a diva. Thanks to Cris Crocker, we now have many of his videos to choose from to enjoy a good laugh. Can you say "YouTube legend"?

As you can see, even the dumb and the brainless can make themselves rich and famous just by their natural talent. From crazy ninjas, to kangaroo fighting, it's all shared by the one of many sources that helps people on the internet to both earn and show. YouTube, the site for stardom.



## Students of the Month

By Judy Bojorquez

Every month, students who exceed in their classes and work hard to be rewarded receive Student of the Month. Here are the following students for the month of March:

**Fernando Rojas**  
Recognized by:  
Mrs. Katrin Ball  
Department: English

**Abraham F. Hernandez**  
Recognized by:  
Mr. Jose Lopez Garcia  
Department: Math

Department: CTE

**Kevin Romero**  
Recognized by:  
Mrs. Carolyn Hernandez  
Department: P.E.

**Roxanna Doyle**  
Recognized by:  
Mrs. Rebecca Gil  
Department: Science

**Paola Ponce**  
Recognized by:  
Mrs. Judy Ruhlman  
Department: Fine arts

**Josiah Astroga**  
Recognized by:  
Col. Marlon Ruiz  
Department: AFJROTC

**Joseph Agosttini**  
Recognized by:  
Mrs. Yasmin Jerez  
Department: Math  
Recognized by:  
Mr. Armando Romero  
Department: Mod.Languages

**Lynette Balderrama, Leadership**  
Recognized by:  
Mrs. Judy Ruhlman  
Department: Fine arts

**Steve Lopez Leadership**  
Recognized by:  
Vince Villanucci  
Department: P.E./Wrestling

**Lourdes Cervantes**  
Recognized by:  
Mrs. Judith Jimenez  
Department: Math Lab

**Valeria Navarro**  
Recognized by: Mr. James Peters  
Department: Fine arts

**Victoria Haro, Leadership**  
Recognized by:  
Col. Marlon Ruiz  
Department: AFJROTC

**Marvin Portillo**  
Recognized by:  
Mr. Steve Heathman  
Department: Social Studies

**Greta Solinap, Leadership**  
Recognized by: Mr. James Peters  
Department: Fine arts

**Raquel Guillen**  
Recognized by: Mrs. Carol Gomez



## Border Conference highlights teen health issues

By Czarina Nafarrate

This year Student Council has been busy beyond belief and even though the year is almost over, there's no sign of them stopping.

Friday, March 13th the StuCo leadership attended the Youth on the Border Conference to learn more about our community and become more aware of the issues in order to become better leaders. The seminar offered several workshops, presentations, and a chance to speak to stage and film director, Luis Valdez.

This conference was a day-long experience which the attendees had been really looking forward to. Members who attended this event include: Rafael Camacho, Stacy Lopez, Heidi Elizondo, Tasha Harrison, Cris Arroyo, Czarina Nafarrate, Josh Wodka, Alexis Parada, Daisy Vizcarra, Aaron Wodka, Alexis Kramer, Paloma Mayer, and Manny Felix.

"It was very interesting. I enjoyed myself and learned so much in just those few hours. I'm excited to share my experience with the rest of the StuCo members," said Student Body President Rafael Camacho.

This event focused on the youth living in border towns and had activities involving Mexican history and the culture which we live in. Professor Hector F. Moroyoqui spoke about the culture and traditions of the Sonoran tribe, the Mayo. In addition to elaborating on culture, there were drug prevention workshops and anti-violence presentations.

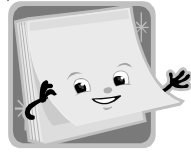
The students got a chance to speak to director Luis Valdez who shared his witty childhood memories and gave a strong speech that resonated with each person in that room. He was very charismatic and down-to-earth which only made it easier for the students to focus.

"I'm glad the conference addressed topics that are vital to the health of our students," said STUCO sponsor, Liz Thomson. "I was pleased by the dialogue this event generated."



# Campus

## Club Notes Science Club



By Angela Gonzalez

In an effort to spread the message of water conservation, the NHS Science club plans to hold a day of fun in the sun for elementary school students, teaching them about water conservation and how important it is, especially in the state of Arizona.

"Water conservation is a very important skill to learn, especially here in Arizona, where it's so hot and dry, and water isn't something that gets here so easily," said sophomore Alexis Valenzuela.

The water day will be at the practice field, with elementary students from across the school district being bussed here. The event will consist of 16 teams, each with two student-teachers and activity stations, teaching some aspect of water conservation to each group.

Science Club hopes that these children take home these facts with them, hopefully spreading it to their friends and family, and thereby helping the earth.

It will be held Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> all day.

## Prom is almost here

By Czarina Nafarrate

Attention all juniors and seniors! Are you ready for a fun and memorable night? Get your dresses and tuxedos because Prom is just around the corner! This year's theme is "A Night in the City".

Hosted by the Junior Class of 2010, this year's prom will be held on April 18 at the Kino Springs Resort. Valet parking will be available as well as discounts for those who would like to dine at the restaurant beforehand. A wide variety of appetizers and desserts will be served along with a selection of mock-drinks such as Red Bull Spritzers.

Tickets will be available two weeks prior to the event; single tickets- \$45 and couples- \$65. If you have any concerns feel free to contact any of the Junior Class officers.



## The big #7710 takes action

By Judy Bojorquez

What can be better than a perfect day in the great outdoors enjoying wilderness? How about hiking with your fellow Girl Scouts sisters? Well that's just what Girl Scouts troop #7710 did. Two weekends ago, on March 8, this daring troop devoted a day to go hiking in Sonoita creek. They were accompanied by Girl Scouts coordinator, Irene Cooper and her assistant, Mr. Thomson, who organized this adventure.

After their encounter with nature, the troop enjoyed a carne asada at Mr. Thomson's house where they had fun mingling after their long day. This trip was a great experience for the girls and it will help teach them teamwork and companionship.

"The trip was so much fun. We got to experience what it's like to be in the wilderness. Being able to go on a hike was a great adventure," said Kisha Ugarte.



These girl scouts are making a move to encourage more outdoorsy adventures.

## The power of music brings students together

By Robert Johnson & Czarina Nafarrate

Music resonated against the walls on March 26 as musicians of all ages gathered in the James K. Clark Auditorium for the Santa Cruz County Music Festival.

Several elementary and middle schools joined the high school in this event which celebrated the talent of band, orchestra, mariachi, and choir. The band portion consisted of jazz and concert bands.

The event lasted the whole school day and was very productive. The musical groups received a rating based on their performance (fair to superior with distinction).

"The festival went pretty smoothly and was very fun. The variety of music was incredible and lively. I really enjoyed being part of it," said Randy Cochran, NHS band director.

## Graffiti is for the greedy; not the needy

By Pablo Valencia

Over the past four weeks, someone has been leaving graffiti around campus and security has taken action to bring the culprit to justice.

"To catch the person responsible, we have set up some surveillance items around the areas the activities are taking place. We are also walking by those places more," said, George Alarcon, head of security.

This is not a new problem for Nogales High School. Alarcon commented that this happens every year.

"What we're dealing with here is what you call a tagger," said Alarcon.

Although security hasn't caught anyone yet, they know that they will catch the person eventually.

"We've dealt with this before. We've confined the vandalism to a certain part of campus and to a certain group of people," said Alarcon. Soon the problem will be dealt with.

## The music with the message: Using fame and fortune for the people

By Angela Gonzalez

For as long as can be remembered, musicians have been revered for their art across the globe. Many bands have used this power to spread their political message, whether it is through their music or charismatic front men.

Since the 1980s, U2 as a band and individuals, have largely campaigned on behalf of such issues such as poverty, social injustices, and human rights. Front man Bono has also organized major campaigns such as the Product Red campaign to raise profit for the Global Fund.

Political bands do not have to fall simply into the realm of human rights but of animal rights as well. Punk rock band Rise Against are strict vegetarians who are active campaigners for PETA. In their video for the song "Ready to Fall," they

address environmental degradation and its effect on animals, along with the cruelty of hunting for sport.

But it's not just rock bands that have a political agenda. Country music stars the Dixie Chicks received major backlash after a comment made by lead singer Natalie Maines, saying "Just so you know, we're on the good side with y'all. We do not want this war, this violence, and we're ashamed that the President of the United States is from Texas." It sparked much controversy, as many Americans believed that Maines should not have criticized the president on foreign shores. After a year of hostility, the Dixie Chicks came back with a new sound, but still keeping their political beliefs.



## They live on and continue to inspire for the sake of music and fanatics

By JC Clark

Whenever someone who has inspired, entertained, or motivated us is lost, even if we didn't directly know the person, it punches a hole in our hearts. It hurts to know that person will no longer be around to sing those songs or tell those stories to the rest of the world. Over the years there have been those unfortunate cases where talent has been unexpectedly taken from us.

Kurt Cobain was the lead singer, guitarist, and songwriter for the band Nirvana. The band released three albums which were all very successful. This success however, proved to be too much for Cobain. He believed that the public had been misinterpreting his lyrics and music. During the final chapter of his life, he struggled with drug addiction to heroin. As indicated in his suicide note, the pressures placed on him by the media and the public were too much for him to handle. On April 8, 1994, Cobain was

found dead in his home in Lake Washington. A self-inflicted fatal shotgun wound to the head was the cause of death.

Tupac Shakur was loved by many devoted fans. He was a best-selling rapper, actor, and activist. Much of his music was written about racial and economic equality, drug and alcohol abuse, and violence. After leaving a boxing match on the night of September 7, 1996, he was murdered by an unknown killer. While stopped at a red light in Las Vegas, a white Cadillac pulled over to the right side of the car and began shooting. Shakur was hit by four bullets, two of which struck vital organs.

John Lennon sang

about peace and love. Some say he was the leader of the Beatles. As a British rock star, he came to America and accumulated one of the largest fan bases in music history. His distinct voice led to even more success during his solo career after the Beatles broke

up. He was also a well known anti-war activist and a songwriter. Upon arrival, Lennon was shot to death at his house in New York on December 8, 1980. The killer was Mark David Chapman. After killing Lennon, Chapman sat on the edge of the sidewalk to read *Catcher in the Rye* with the gun at his side. Lennon was rushed to a hospital but pronounced dead on arrival.



Elvis has left the building. Elvis Presley was the King of Rock N' Roll. He was an American actor and musician. His deep voice allowed him to sing a wide variety of music including blues and ballads. He recorded hundreds of songs with over 30 number one hits, and starred in 31 movies. He died at the age of 42. On August 16, 1977, he was found dead in a bathroom at his home in Graceland. After having severe health problems, he became dependent on drugs. The autopsy discovered ten prescription drugs that were in his system. The cause of death was heart failure.

Although these artists were taken before their time, they still live on through their immortal words. They will never die so long as their spirits continue to entertain and inspire.



# Opinion

## How Long Will You Live?

By Fernando Villa

Not very long if you keep living the way you do, that's for sure. Health is something not everybody thinks or really cares about because, hey, we're fit and lovin' it. We're also lovin' that dollar menu and all that good stuff and, frankly, we don't care if it is greasy and full of fat because we're fit and lovin' it.

You might be unfit (fat) and occasionally watch as fit (not fat) people shovel burger after burger into their mouths which have miraculously stretched to fit so much in them. Think about this, though, we are young and our bodies are functioning at maximum capacity, for the most part, to allow the energy of running all our daily tasks (like eating) and chores (eating some more).

As you get older your body will get tired and your metabolism will slow down dramatically, lessening its ability to burn calories and break down food. What will happen next is that you will get fat (or fatter) and in a few years you will start getting little surprises from your body saying "Hey! What's up?!" These surprises are heart attacks, strokes, cancers, tumors, and a McFlurry of other diseases.

Hm, not good, eh? A lot of the food you eat when you are young has good stuff and bad stuff in it. Fast food will usually have a high amount of fat and cholesterol

that builds up in your arteries. Think about it this way; you are sipping soda through a straw, that soda is your blood, and all of a sudden bits of gum are sticking to the insides of the straw. Slowly but surely the gum will create a wall of sticky deliciousness (if you get hubba bubba) and it won't be so easy to drink soda anymore (or get blood into your heart). Then you die. No, it is not a happy ending because you are not taking care of your body.

It really does not take a doctoral degree to figure out if something is bad for you, just look at the nutrition facts and, more importantly, the ingredients. If there's a word that you can't even pronounce then you better not eat it (or you should learn to read) because a lot of food is stuffed with preservative chemicals such as sodium nitrite, which has been proven to cause cancer over long term consumption (note: sodium nitrite is found in almost every type of meat, soup, or bread you eat... except for when there is a tag that says "CONTAINS NO SODIUM NITRITE", in that case you're safe). Yes, it can be a whopper of a task to know what to eat and what not to eat but if you start living healthy now, you won't be asking yourself "how long will I live?"

## Even celebrities mess up...who cares?

By Laura Leyva

As I stand in line at the supermarket waiting to pay for my groceries I cannot help but skim through some magazines. I'll usually make fun of odd-looking celebrities or maybe even wish I had their clothes, but recently I cannot help but be annoyed by the many pictures of artists Chris Brown and Rihanna.

As many of us know, these two were seen to be the 'perfect' couple by the media and then he hit her leaving many bruises. After hearing about this, I got an intense feeling of not caring. In addition, I keep wondering why it seems as if every single person cares (way too much, by the way) about this couple.

I would usually ignore the trash that annoys me and eventually forget about it, but it seems as if this is out to get me. I turn on the TV and there it is, 'TEXT ONE IF YOU THINK CHRIS BROWN IS SOOO GUILTY'. I turn on the computer and there it is again, even in the web pages that are supposed to post news stories. It's not

that I don't care about relationship abuse, in fact, I think it's horrible. What is even more horrible is how it is happening to so many people around the world but nobody is paying much attention. For a minute I actually thought that by something like this happening to a well-known music icon, people might open their eyes to the real issues... but that hasn't happened and probably won't. I suppose everybody is excessively busy keeping track of everything his or her favorite celebrities say or do. I'm not saying that famous artists are not people too, and that we shouldn't care that they



are victims of many issues going on in the world, but what I am saying is that we should stop caring so much about them just because of their fame.

It's possible for me to rant about this topic for hours, but I won't. Therefore, I will just say one last thing, people care way too much about what happens to celebrities because of their fame and that, in all honesty, is stupid. Enough said.

## The price of justice

By Angela Gonzalez

Many state legislators, such as some in Kansas, are considering overturning the death penalty, saying that the cost of keeping a death row inmate is too high, especially in these times of economic turmoil. Due to the many appeals cases where inmates try to keep themselves alive, they cost millions of dollars in lawyers fees, not to mention their stays at federal prisons.

Can you put a price-tag on justice? Will the guilty be pardoned because of the cost to put them to death?

Many of the states planning to remove the death penalty from the law books would save an average of 2 million dollars per case, claiming that the money saved will be used for state and community service programs. Instead of condemning a murderer, a rapist, someone who chose to break the law, to death, they'll just let him live in order to save money to pay for some program? Why not save money by refusing to pay for the luxuries given to these prisoners, such as hot water, libraries, internet, and just give them the bare necessities to survive? Why not follow the example of Sherriff Joe Arapio and Tent City in Maricopa County?

If one takes another's life, that person deserves to pay. Justice should not have a bargain basement price, justice should be served swiftly and fiercely, whatever the cost.



## War is the answer: diplomacy cannot defeat absolute evil

By JC Clark

Many of you have undoubtedly seen the shirts, coffee mugs and bumper stickers with such slogans as "War is not the answer" or "Violence never solved anything." I would never say that anyone who promotes these slogans is stupid, because peace is a noble ideal. But when they go to the extremes of ruling out the use of military force for even the direst situations, they are naïve. The notion that all the world's problems would simply disappear if our country did nothing but endorse a policy of endless dialog and negotiations is ridiculous.

Throughout history, war has helped solve most, if not all, of the most disturbing violations of human liberty the world has ever known. War ended the tyrannical rule that presided over the United States during the Revolution, it ended slavery, defeated

the Nazis in World War II, forced the unyielding Japanese to surrender in World War II, and is on its way to exterminating terrorism and promoting freedom throughout the Middle East.

Evil cannot be tolerated and allowed to grow into something more dangerous. Unfortunately, peace is not always an option. Does anybody think that if you would just talk to people like Adolf Hitler, ask them nicely to please stop, or give them what they want, they will just back off? Well, leading up to World War II, someone named Neville Chamberlain did. In a time when Hitler had unlimited power and controlled the flow of information in Germany, Chamberlain (British Prime Minister) was so obsessed with not going to war that he gave 11,000 square miles of Czechoslovakia to him.

Hitler promised peace and everyone

applauded Chamberlain for appeasing the Germans. Winston Churchill saw it for what it was; a defeat without war. Hitler could now continue to spread his rule and obtain land when all he had to do was threaten to go to war. Hitler, of course did not keep his promise (didn't see that one coming). The man who didn't hesitate to kill 11 million people in gas chambers did not even give breaking a promise a second thought. Eventually, Britain had to face Nazi Germany as a weaker nation. A nation should have the courage to stand up for what it stands for and to defend itself against evil regimes. Appeasement doesn't work. Evil on this level must be confronted and defeated.

War is hell. It is without a doubt one of the worst things a man can experience. My argument is not that war is good or that the Marines should immediately be sent in for every problem. Far from it, my argument

is that it should always be an option that remains on the table, even if only as a last resort. Diplomacy doesn't always work, and because of that fact, war is sometimes necessary.

In the case of Israel, for example; you cannot simply ask that the Israelis lay on their backs defenseless and allow terrorist groups like Hamas to destroy their cities and kill their people. This is just one situation where diplomacy means nothing. Even the founding fathers of our country realized that force was necessary to sustain liberty and maintain world order. During the American Revolution, in Patrick Henry's famous speech, he asked, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery...give me liberty, or give me death!"



# Opinion

## And now let's introduce... Yoko oh-no!

By **Czarina Nafarrate**

Perhaps it was the musical differences or the death of manager and friend Brian Epstein, but Yoko Ono pointed out these and many other issues, coming between The Beatles. I recently read an article in which the writer blames Paul and Linda McCartney for the band's rupture. He claims Linda was unpopular among the band members and Paul wanted to spend all his time with her, due to her "constant need of attention" and "Paul's obsessive love for her". He also stated Yoko was actually very close to George and Ringo and caused no problems whatsoever, since she was very independent. He has to be kidding! This guy has it all backwards! Lennon himself was quoted in a magazine article complaining that they all hated her. Last time I checked the word "they" is plural, meaning "they" are George, Ringo, and Paul. Maybe she wasn't the only reason the Fab Four went their separate ways, but I'm sure she had a lot to do with it. I don't even know her personally and she annoys me; she took naps under Lennon's piano and would randomly yell out his name interrupting, and ultimately ruining, recording sessions. Can't you see how that would be very annoying? Even non-musicians would agree, I'm sure. Yoko was relentlessly looking for Lennon's approval and attention. She so wanted to be part of the greatest band known at the time. Of course, this would ruin the concept of



the band and really, her vocals aren't that great. Can you imagine the sound of two crows fighting right in the middle of "Hey Jude"? Aren't we lucky she never got in? However, since she didn't get in, she sabotaged the band. She took advantage of the tension between Lennon and McCartney and only fed Lennon more lies and ridiculous ideas. She manipulated his choices and convinced him that McCartney was out to ruin his musical talent by sabotaging Lennon's songs. Yoko, Yoko, Yoko... if only she knew what real music was; then maybe she would have seen that Lennon and McCartney were lyrical geniuses together. She believed she was doing Lennon good and that his career would only bloom after the break-up. Rapper Nas believes she did, but he's a rapper and probably has only heard "Imagine," Lennon's best song as a solo act, and probably his only great song. I guess what they say is true: love is blind.

Lennon proved it to us and unfortunately, this blind love affair tore The Beatles apart. RIP- The greatest band ever. Thanks a lot, Yoko.

## 'I hope Obama fails too'

By **JC Clark**

Recently the vast majority of the mainstream media has gone absolutely crazy over the comment made by talk radio host Rush Limbaugh that he hopes President Obama fails. Even Obama himself, along with his Chief of Staff Rahm Emmanuel, has specifically mentioned Rush Limbaugh as someone whose advice most people should disregard. The problem is that they took his statement out of context and completely misrepresented what he said.

The media played the sound bite "I hope he fails" and condemned Limbaugh for the outrageous statement, saying that to hope that the president fails is the like hoping the country fails. As Limbaugh points out, it's the opposite. He wants the country to succeed, which is why he wants the president's policies (socialism, no guns, universal healthcare, etc.) to fail.

What Obama stands for entirely contradicts everything this country has stood for since our founding fathers fought to make it that way. This is why I, like Rush, want President Obama to fail miserably. There should be nothing wrong with saying this. In a Fox News poll taken in 2006, fifty-one percent of Democrats wanted President Bush to fail. Where was the outcry then?

Obama blames Limbaugh for the lack of bipartisanship that should be taking place in Washington during this economic crisis. He basically says that Republicans are evil because they share this hope for failure and stand up to oppose every bill that Obama proposes. Maybe it's just that some people in the government still have principles worth standing up for.

When there's one party that believes in the free market with no government interference, and another which believes that the government should control the whole economic system, there really isn't any room for compromise. You can't negotiate freedom. Either you have it or you don't. Imagine if our founders had said, "Yes, we believe in freedom of speech, but sometimes it's okay to censor people." That's why these people are elected, to take a side, not to check their beliefs at the door when the president says so.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The tuck in policy has me terribly disturbed. The tuck-in policy is meant for our safety so that people can't conceal weapons, but there are some things that need to be concealed.

We all know that the new fashion statement for anybody is the skinny jean, but when you tuck everything in, you can see EVERYTHING! Won't it be much nicer to walk around with loose jeans than walking around campus, looking at everyone's details? If you do sport the skinny jean, do everyone a favor and leave it un-tucked.

-Eric Palau

Dear Editor,

As in my last letter, I wish to reinforce my notion, that enforcing patriotism is a folly within this campus. The aim of patriotism is to excite the constituents of a nation to a voluntary appreciation of their country, not to ensure that every citizen is waving a flag or chanting a hymn. I don't feel it proper that I'm "politely asked" to stand during the nation anthem under threat of a referral.

-Luis L.

## "Serg Dog was here"... Graffiti becoming a concern on Nogales High campus

By **Sergio Valdez**



Are you sick and tired of being sick and tired? I know the janitors are. The quarter has ended and yet still things haven't changed in our bathrooms. Juan was here, Puro West Side; one thing is writing on school property but another is writing in the bathrooms. I mean does your mom enter the bathroom at home and see "puro class of 2009" written all over the walls? No, I don't think so.

What's the reason behind this immaturity? If that's how people send their message does that mean students should have their backpacks written on? Message from Joe "Tuck it in Sirrr!" Take a moment to think about it. "Hey Danny, you want to go check the news on CNN to check what's up?" "No, I'll just read the bathroom walls." Isn't that what text messaging is for?

Writing you love so-and-so or advertising the gang you plan on joining next month doesn't help people in any way. Soon, we will be writing on homeless people or better yet, on ourselves.

## Inappropriate material on our TV sets, part 3

By **Cris Arroyo**

Crude violence, murder and gunshots; this is what today's television and all sources of media has turned into. The worst case is that we, as teenagers who watch violent scenes, are more likely to display aggressive behavior, thoughts and emotions than those teens who are less exposed to violent programming. The media can be very influential and has the ability of controlling or influencing a person's thoughts, actions and emotions.



Cris Arroyo and Fernando Rosas are depicting what teenagers that are exposed to Violence on TV do.

An experiment revealed that exposure to media violence can cause immediate increases in aggressive thoughts and tolerance for aggression in both children and teenagers. For example, in studies with younger children, youngsters who were shown a brief violent film were slower to call an adult to intervene when they saw two younger children fight than were peers who had watched a neutral film. Apparently, the single violent clip appeared to make the children more

becoming aggressive themselves. The impact of exposure to violent video games has not been studied as extensively as the impact of exposure to TV or movie violence; however, the results reported for video games to date are very similar to those obtained in the investigation of TV and movie violence. Some may debate whether the media increases violent behavior amongst teens, yet what is known for sure is that violence in the media is surely not decreasing it

tolerant of aggression.

Violent programming on TV is not the only source of violence that we have today, Violent video games have recently surpassed violent TV as a matter of concern for parents and policymakers. Why you ask, well there are 3 basic reasons: First, children are spending an increasingly large amount of time playing video games; second, a large portion of these games contain violence; and third, because the children playing these games are active participants rather than observers, they may be at risk of

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## What they do to guys like us in prison

By Kennara J. Ramirez

Inspiring, magical and enlightening. Sometimes the odd balls are the ones you're going to want to be like when you grow up.

From being the odd balls sitting in the back of the class to being on top of the charts. These five fellows, brothers Gerard and Mikey Way, Frank Iero, Ray Toro and Bob Bryar also known as My Chemical Romance (MCR) came to be a band of interest.



Give me a shot to remember

going for him. Working in a comic shop as an artist Gerard battled with alcoholism, prescription drug abuse, an illness in the family and severe depression.

Needing a guitar to round off their music, Pelissier and Way looked back to their hometown of Belleville, New Jersey. They joined forces with lead guitarist Ray Toro who was between bands at the time. He agreed to help them and put some riffs guitar to the words that Way and Pelissier had written. When they needed a bassist, Gerard's brother Mikey Way bought a bass guitar and began learning as MCR began making more songs. All they needed now was a rhythm guitarist to help fill in the background of Ray's solos. The Answer was Frank Iero. Having just quit a band named Pency Prep, Iero dropped out of college to begin playing with his favorite band at the time-- MCR.

The band got a dark punk/emo image, which they like to call violent pop. The band released their debut cd "I Brought You My Bullets, You Brought me Your Love" with MCR's first song ever written "Skylines and Turnstiles". Then their first tour in a van that the Ways grandmother bought them. The band never saw the super stardom this tour brought upon them coming.

Leaving Eyeball Records they signed on to Reprice Records (Warner) to record their greatest album yet "Three Cheers For Sweet Revenge." Their singles "I'm Not Okay," "The Ghost of You and Helena" (written for the Way's grandmother who had just died) seemed to broaden their fan base working with bands such as Thrice, The Used, Alkaline Trio and Taking Back Sunday gaining major success selling 11,000 albums the day of the release.

By 2007 with a sober and better lead singer MCR's 3rd studio album "Welcome to the Black Parade" went platinum. Now the bands grandiose career seems to be sticking around. This is now the band that we will look in 10 years and they will render your heart the same as they did when you first heard them.

My Chemical Romance's lyrics will raise the hair on the back of your neck, make you want to rock out, and make the passion of rock n roll stick in your soul till death.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Gerard Way and former drummer of the band, Matt Pelissier started off the band after Gerard pulled the plug on art, quote in nicer language "the hell with art," by writing "Skylines and Turnstiles" dedicated to the devastating 9/11 attack. The attack was like a loud gunshot for Gerard, making him reevaluate his whole life and pursuing his secret Passion, music. Before making the band Gerard had nothing great

## Jo Bros worthy to sit at same t

### Bands not even comparable

By Pablo Valencia

It's not easy for a band to become legendary and define a generation, unless, of course, the band in question is the Beatles.

This group consisted of the creative geniuses of John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr. Together, they wrote and performed over 200 songs and left their mark on this planet.

Indeed, the Beatles accomplished a lot of things when they were together, while the only thing the Jonas Brothers have managed to do is gather a fan base of easily amused, shrieking girls and write a few mediocre songs. Are they popular? Of course. Does that mean they're particularly talented? No.

The Jonas Brothers are just another boy band that has managed to get girls to gather in large mobs and fight for autographs. They are only famous because they're famous, people like them because that's what they are supposed to like. Of course, being "attractive" also helps them become more popular among these young girls who probably worship them.

The Beatles got the whole world to fall in love with them because they were talented; they received attention because they deserved it. The Beatles helped people see things differently; they made bizarre tunes nobody could understand but were still understood regardless. The Fab Four were able to be a great influence on society that challenged people to go farther and the Jonas Brothers make 13 year-old girls blush, so yeah I guess they're the same.

The Beatles were perhaps the greatest musical group that was ever formed; they still manage to maintain their relevance today despite the tragic death of two of its members. The Jonas Brothers are a big thing now, but in the future they'll probably just be a memory in the minds of women who have finally grown up and faced reality. The two bands shouldn't even be compared because of their vast differences. The Beatles will live forever as legends. As for that other group, well, we'll see.

### Jo Bros deserve m

By Karo Peraza

The, oh so dreamy, Jonas Brothers are a band you know, but in fact, the Jonas Brothers are a band keeping fans up to date with the

The Jonas Brothers began their career in 2006 on Broadway. It's as if this boy was born on Broadway?

Now, of course the Beatles were a band of the second half of the 20th century



Disney Channel. "Kids of the Future" was the first of their contract. Their album "Jonas" included songs such as "S.O.S" and "A Little Bit of You" more recent album, "A Little Bit of You" For the 2009 Grammy's, Kevin Jonas won Best New Artist. Just a few weeks ago, the Jonas Brothers' album "Experience" was released, driving the steps of the Beatles' first major label release. A little thing they do, from writing songs to performing on charts.

People, or shall I say, people who are just idiotic to them, are just idiotic to them. They are beautiful, but they have the potential to be their songs everywhere and you can find them in every magazine known to mankind. It's obvious that most people like the Beatles, but hello, reality check. The Jonas Brothers, but hello, reality check. They have lived their lives to watch them on TV.

You just don't know it, but they have many accomplishments. It's amazing how long it's been. They most definitely

## Back masking [egassem lanimilbus]

By Alfonso Villarreal

"Hit me baby one more time," surely something we've all heard at least once. But some people have found that if the song is played backwards, then you can hear the words, "Sleep with me, I'm not too young." This is an example of back masking.

Back masking is when a message is hidden in a song and can be heard when the track is played backwards. Some researchers also have found that some back masked songs can contain subliminal messages that can potentially affect the listener.

There are also various other examples of back masking. One example is the song *Another One Bites the Dust*, by Queen, which is said to say "It's fun to smoke marijuana" when back masked. Another song that is widely believed to have back masked messages is Led Zeppelin's *Stairway to Heaven*. It is said that when reversed the songs says satanic messages.

Back masking was first made popular by The Beatles in their 1966 album, *Revolver*. They said that they started experimenting by reversing tapes and they liked the sound. Back masking also contributed to the "Paul is Dead" rumor. (See "Don't stop the ocean, I need to feel a tidal wave" on the next page )

Various bands have been accused of back masking; some include Led Zeppelin, The Beatles, Pink Floyd, Queen, Styx, AC/DC, The Eagles, Judas Priest, and The Rolling Stones. These and some other bands have also been accused of inserting subliminal messages in their music, which is said to persuade the subconscious.

There have also been court cases against bands because people state that the music persuaded them to commit insane acts. There was one court case against AC/DC because someone said that their music inspired them to commit murder. Another similar court case was held against Judas Priest because two boys said that their music contained subliminal messages that made them want to kill themselves.

While some people think that back masking exists, others think that it is complete nonsense and extremely hard to hide in a song. People think that having a subliminal message hidden in a back masked song and making the words fit in the song when played forwards is nearly impossible. Whether back masking is used for subliminal purposes or not, if you listen to a back masked song long enough, you're bound to hear something.

## Name That Tune

By Alexis Kramer

1. You should've thought twice before you let it all go  
You should've known that word, bout what you did with her
2. Tonight but I can not baby girl and that's the issue  
Girl you know I miss you
3. Fui, Fuego por ti, Hoy sólo quedan las cenizas  
Fui, todo y sin ti, desaparezco poco y poco  
perdí
4. Some boys romance, some boys slow dance  
That's all right with me
5. The star maker says it ain't so bad  
The dream maker's gonna make you mad

## They made our hearts race and palms sweat

By Mariela Jaramillo

Everyone has an old band that they jam out to once in a while; here are two polls of 100 people around campus who miss the good old days, rock and roll, and the musicians who made rock history.

Individual Artists:	Rock Bands:
Ozzy Osbourne- 10%	Metallica- 13%
Elvis Presley- 7%	Led Zeppelin- 23%
Bob Marley- 28%	AC/DC- 19%
Jimi Hendrix- 13%	The Eagles- 15%
Bob Dylan- 15%	Pink Floyd- 9%
Billy Joel- 12%	Rolling Stones- 15%
Michael Jackson- 15%	Styx- 6%

## Stairway to Heaven

By Jose Rojas

The infamous eight track called Stairway to Heaven is possibly the greatest musical piece ever, but has created one of the largest controversies in the music industry. The debate over what the song really means continues to this day. However if you ask me, Led Zeppelin came up with the best song ever.

The first time you play the song, two things pop into your head. One: This is an awesome song. The dudes who wrote this put the drugs into sex, rock n' roll. The opening tune is what is most known about the song, and it is what sticks in your head after the first few seconds. Then the lyrics go from a lady in gold, to a bird, to a piper. Then, the beat picks up and in a couple seconds goes into a head rocking guitar solo by Jimmy Page. After a while the song dies down as Robert Plant's voice fades away saying, "And she's climbing the way to heaven."



# Madness

## As Fab Four?

### More credit than they are given

Brothers against the legendary Beatles you ask? Sounds crazy, I brothers are making their way up to the top with song after song their tour dates.

their musical path to success at the ages of 17, Kevin, 16, Jo, and began singing at the age of seven and began his career working on born to be a star. I suppose you want to tell me Ringo Starr was on

les are among the most influential popular music artists of the y, and sure they've had about 75,000 songs but have you ever stopped to think maybe they are an influence to this gorgeous musical trio made up of Kevin, Joseph, and Nicholas Jonas? That's right. The Jonas Brothers have said that the Beatles are one of their main inspirations and that they want to make people happy with their music, and that's just what they do. From sold out concerts everywhere to screaming fans wherever they go, just a little bit longer, and it won't be long before these brothers go down in history.

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the Jo Bro's released their first album "It's About Time" which included the not-so-famous single, "Mandy". After releasing their song on MTV and not making it quite as big as they hoped to, they signed a contract with "uture" was introduced in the movie *Meet the Robinsons*, as a part Jonas Brothers" pretty much made them who they are today. This and "Hold On", two of their biggest songs yet. They now have a "Longer" which includes more words of love that teens can relate to. n, Jo, and Nick, were up on stage with the one and only, Stevie on February 27, 2009, their movie *Jonas Brothers 3D Concert* ng fans crazy all across the universe. They're simply following in tion picture *A Hard Day's Night*, no harm done, so let it be. Every their own songs to playin' their own music, they are burnin' up the

or unfortunate souls, like to believe that these young lads have no e music world, but they seem to have it good. Not only are they ntial to really make it bigger than what they already have. You hear a see their pictures plastered across the front page of almost every s's not fair that they get so much trash just because they're not the tly 5-12 year old girls have a crazed obsession with the Jonas k, almost every girl out there from the ages of 15-99 are running for or see them in concert.

ut those Jonas Brothers have got me going crazy with their music ing to know that at such a young age, these underdogs are making y are the kids of the future.



- 6. No, we're not gonna make this right
- So I'll give a kiss and say goodbye
- 7. Ratti Ratti Sachi Maine Jaan Gavayi Hai
- Nach Nach Koylo Pe Raat Bitayi Hai
- 8. Someday I'll wish upon a star
- Wake up where the clouds are far behind me

## For a fiery passage to hell?

Heaven as also music in-ns con-ppelin gs will t. Two: drugs, n from e song song-uple of Jimmy Plant's e stair-

However, playing the song backwards creates a completely different song. Forget climbing to heaven, this sounds like a message from the head honcho of evil himself. Suddenly "If there's a bustle in your hedgerow, don't be alarmed now, It's just a clean spring for the May Queen" turns into something similar to sad Satan torturing people in a tool shed. I don't know about you, but that's scary stuff right there. Listen to that segment of the song, and Plant's strange pronunciation makes the back masked message pretty real.

So which is it, ultimate rock song or Señor Satan calling us? Honestly, I really don't think it matters. The song is a pure stroke of genius. Heaven versus hell, forward and backward. It all cancels out and leaves nothing but a classic. Stairway to Heaven is a rock song for the ages.

## Midway was hiding Behind the Label

By Michelle Ceballos

In 2004, Armando (a.k.a. "Mando") Arana never imagined that he would be so musically successful within the span of five short years. Now at the age of eighteen, Mando is a singer, songwriter, devoted musician, and frontman for the local acoustic/pop-punk band Midway.

The band of brothers known as 'Midway' consists of Mando Arana (vocals/guitar), Dino Aguirre (drums), David Gutierrez (bass), and Augie Zepeda (guitar); all of whom are seniors here at Nogales High School. The group is managed by SILO4, an indie music label created by ex-Nogales Apache, Robert Villegas.

Mando began putting his own music and lyrics together along with help from his friend Dino in their previous band, 'Behind The Label'. The group lasted from 2007 to 2008 and gained a decent sized local fan base. However, because of the graduation and departure of two senior members, BTL came to an end in the summer of '08. Afterwards, Mando decided that he wanted to keep playing his music along with Dino still on drums. The two continued to rehearse, write, and perform under their new name, 'The Difference Between Us'.

"We chose that name because we felt that our music sounded really unique when compared to other acts that were in the area," said Mando.

In July 2008, Mando and Dino asked their best friend David Gutierrez if he would be interested in playing bass guitar in their band. David was ecstatic but skeptical because he did not know how to play a single instrument. For the next few months at rehearsals, Mando and Dino would simply teach David where to place his fingers and what strings to hit on the bass.

On Friday October 24<sup>th</sup>, TDBU traveled up to Phoenix to record their first demo. During that weekend their manager, producer, and media director commented that if Mando, Dino, and David wanted to get recognized they would need a new, catchier and shorter name. A couple of short weeks later they decided to rename the band 'Midway,' after a favorite hangout spot of theirs.

In December 2008, the boys' friend Augie Zepeda joined the group to fill the sound and play second guitar. Augie was originally offered the position in September but denied because he was busy working with the drum line at the time. Luckily, since Augie's joining of Midway, the group has gained an immense new sound along with plenty more fans. Midway now plays all around Nogales getting crowds energized with songs such as, "Fairground," "Need More (Time To Party)," and "Green Day".

Midway is currently in the process of submitting their demo to numerous major record labels such as Victory, Fueled By Ramen, Photo Finish, ECA, and Epitaph. Their ultimate goal is to get signed to a professional label, record their first album, tour around the United States, gain thousands of fans, and make a living doing what they love. If you would like to see Midway perform live you can catch them at their next show on April 3, 2009 here at NHS. If you would like to contact the boys of Midway or show support them you can go to <http://www.myspace.com/midwayaz> and add them as a friend.



In ascending order: Armando Arana, David Gutierrez, Augie Zepeda, and Dino Aguirre

## Don't stop the ocean, I need to feel a tidal wave

By Czarina Nafarrate

It happened on a rainy morning. November 9, 1966 to be precise. He stormed out of the studio and drove off. The spotlight changed, he didn't notice and the accident took his life. A crowd began to gather around the body wrapped in flames. His face was disfigured, he looked familiar, but no one could recognize him for sure. No dental records were available, but a name was under the license plate records: Paul McCartney.

The three other members were heart-broken, but the show had to go on. The media was silenced through bribes and pleas; the tragic news never reached the faithful fans. A look-alike contest was held and innocent contestants were thrown into the greatest scheme in the world of music. William Campbell was the winner and many still believe that he has been the Paul McCartney we know and love for the past 43 years.

Fans everywhere have found hidden messages in songs and album covers throughout the years. Whether they're a coincidence or intentional, it's up to you.

Probably the most famous message has to be the Abbey Road album cover. The outfits in this album cover represent much more than just fashion statements. Lennon is in white representing a priest, Ringo as the undertaker, and George as the grave digger. Paul is in fact barefoot in this picture, which is a symbol of death, due to the fact bodies were buried barefoot in the olden days. Also, if you look closely at buggie in the background you can read the license plate which reads: LMW28IF... Linda McCartney Weeps and Paul would have been 28 IF he would have lived.

In the album cover for Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band everyone is looking at a freshly-dug grave. On the drum reads "Lonely Hearts." Using a mirror, you could place it perpendicular to the center of the drum splitting the words "Lonely Hearts" in half, the combined writing reads - 1 ONE 1 X HE DIE. This means that the "1 One 1" equal three, or that Paul is gone, and the "X" is meant to cross out Paul. Between the words "HE" and "DIE" is an arrow that points directly to Paul.

Songs are said to indicate McCartney's death as well. Revolution 9, a "song" with commotion and nonsense, is one of these songs.

If played forward you can hear agonizing screams from a man, a car crash, and sirens all reminders of how Paul allegedly died. Although, throughout the song all you hear is a man repeating "Number 9" over and over again, you could hear "Turn me on, dead man," if played backwards. A line from "A Day in the Life" is too obvious to explain: "He blew his mind out in a car; he didn't notice that the lights had changed. A crowd of people stood and stared, they'd seen his face before..." These

are just a few, but various songs talk about a death at 5 in the morning; the time Paul died.

A clever hoax used for publicity or a cry of guilt from The Beatles? Only time will tell, but in the meantime listen to those songs closely and see for yourself, you might be surprised at what you hear.





## Let your imagination get *Lost*

By Pablo Valencia

Some shows give their audience security; the fans know exactly what's going on. ABC's *Lost*, however, is nothing like that; instead it's an onslaught of confusion and insanity.

The show is about survivors of oceanic flight 815, which crashed on a deserted island located...somewhere. The island is clearly not all as it seems; it is inhabited by natives known as "the others", has a vicious monster, hides research labs left behind by the mysterious

organization called the DHARMA initiative, and, well, it has some-

thing to do with time travel. That all seems overwhelming, and a lack of answers may leave you upset but you can very easily enjoy it. All you have to do is expect the unexpected. Rational thinking will get you nowhere because, as you could tell, nothing going on on this island really makes sense. If you can accept that fact, then might actually start to understand the show and you will look forward to watching more.

*Lost* is on ABC, Wednesday nights at 8 o'clock. Of course, you'll be totally lost (pun intended) if you start watching it midseason so you should catch up by going to abc.com.



## *Left 4 Dead* game is a deadly experience worth playing

By Robert Johnson

How would like to fight and survive a zombie invasion with only 3 friends, and no help? Valve (the company that created "Orange Box" and "Counter-Strike") started the next generation game "*Left 4 Dead*". *Left 4 Dead* for the PC, and Xbox 360, is based on a wide mass infection that has continued on for over 2 weeks... with help at every corner gone and killed. You're the only group left. You're the only ones left for dead.

When you first play the game, it is like a peek a boo game with zombies popping out from each side, roof, and walls. The zombie reactions are accurately real, because shooting a bullet near one, will make them look for you and attack. During the game you will encounter stronger, more mutated zombies such as; the Smoker who can stretch his tongue across and grab and lick you, the boomer which is a big round zombie that vomits you in acid, the hunter which looks for you and beats you down, and the witch who is the strongest heavily mutated



zombie who can trick you into thinking she is a little crying girl in need of help.

Along with the story line playing with the computer, you can get some friends online to help you in Cooperative game play. In co-op you can have more control of who can do what as a team, rather than having the game itself follow along. It offers versus mode which is two teams. One team as Infected and the other as survivors, the game ends at the death of the last survivor.

Overall since Valve's reputation has been known to make interesting and unique multiplayer games, *Left 4 Dead* is beyond the best and more critically awarded game for the end of the Winter Season. If you would ever want a game that has excitement, suspense, and teamwork online, *Left 4 Dead* would be right for you. **Grade: A**

## *Watchmen* hits theaters—did you watch the "Watchmen?"

By Paulina Ibarra

Like July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (the day *The Dark Knight* hit theaters nationwide) March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 is a date many committed to memory. To millions of fans of the acclaimed comic book series, the premiere of *Watchmen* was a big deal. I am familiar with Alan Moore's *Watchmen*, so my expectations for this adaptation were low, knowing at least it wouldn't hold a candle to the original.

The film ran approximately three hours and has a bastion of a plot. It stays relatively faithful to its precursor, opening with the murder of ex-superhero The Comedian (Jeffery Dean Morgan) and an introduction to Rorschach (Jack Earle Haley), a right-wing, paranoid, wanted vigilante.

What follows is a plot that stretches over four decades, beginning with the era of the Crimebusters (think an extremely grittier version of the Justice League) and ending on the eve of global nuclear war. My only bone to pick is that some points that really make the story were missing

from the movie, which stole dimension from the characters and made the plot that much harder to understand.



It's relieving to see that Zack Snyder has matured as a director. Snyder must have realized that in order for *Watchmen* to succeed, he couldn't rely on his old bag of tricks that got him through *300*. Gaudy slow-mo shots are rare

and the depth of the plot isn't overshadowed by excessive blood and guts. The result is tempered and gorgeous cinematography.

But the film would have withered without Morgan and Haley. They personify these intense characters and exhibit all their strengths and flaws with honesty. Nite Owl II (Patrick Wilson), a retired superhero, is so engaging and pathetic, you'll sympathize with his struggle to call the shots in his life again. Dr. Manhattan (Billy Crudup) was impressive as the only guy with superpowers in the movie. Unfortunately, the performances of Silk Spectre II (Malin Akerman) and Ozymandias (Matthew Goode) become dead weights the other actors have to carry.

Though not Oscar-worthy, Snyder can rest assured that no violent mob of ticked off fans are en route to burn his house down. *Watchmen* will leave the comic book purists sated and first-timers pining for a copy of Moore's graphic novel. **Grade: C+**

## Discover music from every corner of the world

By Laura Leyva

The need for "seeking guitarists" advertisements is over, with internet anything is possible

Indabamusic.com was created as a social networking page website for musicians who wish to share their music and also collaborate with artists from all over the globe.

The site was founded on February 2, 2007 by founders of Veritas Records, Dan Zaccagnino and Matthew Siegel. Indaba offers many tools for aspiring artists to share ideas. By creating a profile, a person is allowed to rate other people's music, comment, post pictures, and blog. By doing so artists are able to make many connections in the music world. Indaba also offers programs known as sessions which are online recording projects. Sessions can either be pri-

vate and only members who have been invited can view it or take part in it, or they can be open to the public and open for auditions. Artists are able to speak with music collaborators, exchange audio files, mix music, and manage legal rights. The page is also able to keep a record of everything that happens during sessions. The site also features a session console. The session console allows members to mix and edit audio in the web browser of any computer. It can also be used to mix down separate audio files made by other members into one mix to be saved as a single file. But in order for music to be uploaded and edited online, users must use their own recording software first.

Indaba is one of many music collaboration sites but it is also one of the of the most popular. The need for a band is over, technology has taken over.

## CD review: "The Lonely Road" not as good as last album

By Alfonso Villarreal

The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus released their third studio album, *Lonely Road*, on February 3, 2009. The first single off the album was "You Better Pray" and landed on number 14 on the Billboard 200. This is also the last album that featured guitarist Elias Reidy, who left after the disc was recorded.

*Lonely Road* has a softer sound than their previous album *Don't You Fake It* and includes less rock songs and more ballads. This album also has a fair share of religious songs like "Believe" and "Godspeed."

My favorite songs on the record are "Pleads and Postcards," "You Better Pray," and "Step Right Up." These songs are appealing to me because they're more upbeat than others on the CD and have enjoyable lyrics. All the songs are based on something different and have a varied sound.

I would recommend this to anyone who likes soft rock and an occasional alternative rock song. This album strays from the path of the last disc, but it is still enjoyable and catchy.



# Entertainment

## Be careful what you wish for: you just might get it

By Alfonso Villarreal

Have you ever encountered something so captivating you can't help but explore it? In the film *Coraline*, which is based on a British novel, Coraline Jones (Dakota Fanning) moves to Oregon with her rather distracted parents. The house she moves into seems to be strange and mystifying, especially when Coraline finds a mysterious door behind a bookshelf. After Coraline follows some mice into the door, she finds that it leads to an alternate universe that is based on her life.

She meets her "Other Parents" (Terry Hatcher and John Hodgman) who do whatever it takes to make Coraline happy. She ends up loving the other universe and en-

ters it whenever her real parents aren't around, but the Other Mother wants Coraline to stay there forever, which is when the problems begin.

*Coraline* is an amazing movie with exceptional animation. The scenes are full of color and life with music that goes along perfectly. The transitions from Coraline's extremely dull life to the fascinating and vivacious alternate world explode with color and demonstrate how creative the minds behind this film are.

This movie is technically a kid's movie, but I wouldn't take a five year old to see it. After I heard little kids screaming to their mothers that they were terrified, I would sug-

gest this movie for older children who aren't scared so easily.

This is a great movie which I recommend to everybody because it tells a great story and the animation is simply remarkable. I give this film an A- and is a thrill to see. Be sure to catch it at a theater near you.



## Johnny Depp: Is there anything this man cannot portray?

By Czarina Nafarrate

He's been a cop, a chocolatier, a pirate, and a demon barber, but who exactly is Johnny Depp? Born on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1963 John Christopher Depp II has wowed audiences with his every performance, but before his acting career, Depp led a difficult life.

After his parents' divorce he began to self-injure at the age of 15. He subsequently dropped out of school to pursue a career in music, his first love. He joined a rock band, The Kids, and was pretty successful; they even opened for Iggy Pop. As his music career took off, so did his relationship with Lori Allison. One night, before playing a gig Johnny drank a little too much, insulted Iggy Pop and proposed to Allison, who of course, said yes.

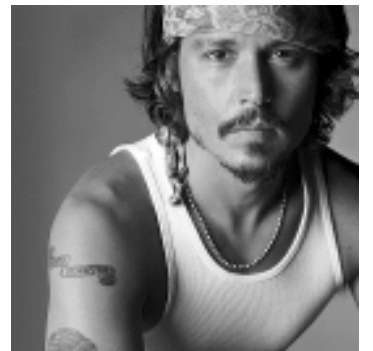
He took a break from The Kids and began his job as

a pen telemarketer. With every call he'd make, he'd have a new character and thus a great actor found his calling. Just before the divorce Allison introduced Johnny to Nicholas Cage. Cage suggested Johnny should take up acting, and being in need of money, Johnny agreed.

He met with Cage's agent, got an audition and got the part automatically. His charisma and sex appeal were perfect for the camera and his acting skills were not so shabby either. He decided to give music up for a while and go on a little "acting adventure". He has, since then, played diverse roles that have gotten him Golden Globe awards and Oscar nominations.

He still plays music now and then and has held benefit concerts and recorded albums with his current band P.

He is the happy father of two and is currently dating French actress and model, Vanessa Paradis. You could see him in his upcoming movies as the Mad Hatter in Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland* and he voices Jack



Kahuna Laguna in the recent *Spongebob* episode "Spongebob VS. the Big One", now available in stores.

## Controversial book receives an A

By Michelle Ceballos

The controversies brought forth by stem cell research and medical emancipation mesh in one of Jodi Picoult's bestsellers, *My Sister's Keeper*.

At first, Picoult's way of describing everything from each character's point of view can feel repetitive, but after the third chapter you become engrossed by Picoult's vivid descriptions and complex yet relatable characters.

After their daughter Kate is diagnosed with leukemia at age two, Brian and Sara begin desperately seeking a cure. They cannot actually cure Kate but can put her into remission by finding someone genetically compatible with her and extracting blood from their umbilical cord. Finding an exact match is difficult, and their eldest son Jesse is not an option, so they decide to "create" a baby, so to speak, so they can

ensure a genetic match. As a result, Sara gives birth to Anna, who ends up having to give lymphocytes and bone marrow and other bodily fluids every time her sister goes into relapse.



After Anna, 13, is told (not asked) she must donate one of her kidneys to Kate, she visits Mr. Campbell, a lawyer, to file for medical emancipation from her parents. It is shocking and somewhat horrific that she would do this even though her sister will surely die, but when you hear her point of view it is difficult to say who is wrong and who is right.

It is a beautiful heart-wrenching story where everything ends

up different than you would have ever suspected. The moral dilemmas presented are so terrible you would prefer to not think about them but this page-turner will keep you thinking and reading.

## Movie soundtracks that score

By JC Clark

A movie without a soundtrack is no movie at all. The music always creates the mood and sets the foundation for the movie. It creates suspense, causes terror, and gives hope. Movie scores have always been an essential element to the quality of a movie. They often make you feel a certain way or even convey messages that cannot be expressed with mere words or even actions on screen. Below are some of the greatest examples of how a movie's soundtrack can make the greatest difference. These movies were all incredible, but it's hard to imagine any of these movies without the memorable songs that accompany them.

**Rocky:** This score definitely deserves its spot on the list of all time greats. The sound of those trumpets when Rocky Balboa is striving to get into shape for the greatest match of his life, or when he actually wins it, is unforgettable. This score was composed by Bill Conti.

**Star Wars:** Just the first of John Williams' many musical masterpieces, the Star Wars theme song is probably the most recognized movie song ever. Anybody chosen at random could probably hum every note. Whether it be the opening credits of every movie in the saga, or during the most pivotal moments throughout the films, this song gives you the feeling that you are truly on an adventure, in a galaxy far, far away.

**Indiana Jones:** Another by John Williams has got to be the *Indiana Jones* theme. The adventurous feel of the score puts you right next to Indy in all the action. After watching the movie, you will be singing it for days. And if you ever hear it again, you'll be directly transported to the world of Indiana Jones. You will think of the giant rolling boulder, the Holy Grail, and most of all, Indy barely saving his hand from a crushing wall only to rescue his hat.

**Titanic:** James Horner does an amazing job with the score of *Titanic*. Other works of his include the incredible music from *Legends of the Fall*. The "Titanic Hymn to the Sea" is the theme song played throughout the most romantic and the most tragic scenes of the movie. The unforgettable score was played during the famous scene where Jack and Rose are together at the point of the ship, and also during the final scene when Rose is reunited with the Titanic.

## Featured Apache of the Month: Rafael Leyva and his love for music production

By Laura Leyva

People often search for something in life that they will be passionate about. Many can continue searching for their entire lives. But for the lucky ones, like Rodolfo Leyva, the journey was and continues to be a success.

Music had always been part of 17-year old senior Rodolfo Leyva, but it wasn't until about two years ago that music production became his passion.

"I kind of always knew that music would be a big part of my life" said Leyva.

Rodolfo always had a way with technology. He never needed help from anyone in figuring out how to work music

programs in the computer. Following his dream to produce took a lot of effort, mostly because of his inability to afford much of the equipment needed to mix music. Due to it being expensive, for about a year he had to figure out different alternatives to music production equipment and succeeded at doing so. At one point, he was finally able to afford his own piano and began to produce not only covers of different songs, but original pieces, also. He has previously worked with Rafael Leyva under the name RL Productions. They both collaborated on uncountable tracks and still continue to do so but are currently concentrating more on solo

projects. Leyva has made his music known mostly on the page mspace.com. His tracks posted on the page include "Love Lockdown," a remixed "Let It Rock" by Kevin Rudolph, along with many other remixes and originals.

Though he lacks much of the things needed to become a professional producer at the moment, he cannot be classified as an amateur. He is passionate about his dream, and knows that although it will take hard work to become a well-known icon in the music business, he will not give up, and knows that he will somehow get there. Visit his mspace page and let music travel through your head.





## Bangin' From The Baseline

By Fernando Villa

Tennis is a sport that demands not only strength and endurance, but also a keen eye and strong wit. The boy's tennis team headed by Coach Ralph Alonzo proved that they are capable of achieving all of these skills with their first four victories of the season, earning them their undefeated status. A total of 9 matches are played during a tennis match between schools; 6 singles and 3 doubles. The team that wins 5 of those matches or more is declared the winner.

### Nogales vs. Sahuarita Mustangs (8-2)

#### Varsity

Rafael Camacho def. Drew Ortega 7-6 (7-5), 6-3  
Fernando Villa def. Andy Suppes 6-4, 7-6 (7-4)  
Eduardo Preciado def. Carl Olsen 3-6, 6-3, 6-3  
Roberto Rojas loss. Dylan Carpenter 2-6, 2-6  
Ivan Villa def. Matt Kappes 6-4, 6-2  
Johnny Ortiz def. Tim Farris 6-2, 6-1  
Villa/Camacho loss. Suppes/Ortega 4-8  
Joel Stone/Diego Valencia def. Olson/Carpenter 8-6  
Ivan Villa/Roberto Rojas def. Kappes/Farris 8-0

#### Junior Varsity

Manny Felix def. David Park 8-0  
Arnulfo Elias def. Mark Mckeunsa 8-2  
Travis Jones def. Eddie McTeague 8-3  
David Soto def. Dan Shift 8-3

### Nogales vs. Santa Rita (8-1)

#### Varsity

Camacho loss FlynnF. 7-6(7-4), 4-6, (10-7)  
Villa F. def. David W. 6-0, 7-5  
Preciado def. Josh L. 4-6, 6-4, 10-2  
Rojas def. David K. 6-0, 6-0  
Villa I. def. Will S. 6  
4, 6-2De La Fuente def.  
Charles 6-4,6-1Camacho/Villa def  
Flynn/Davi 8-0Stone/Valencia def.  
Josh/Charles 8-5Zarate/Ortiz def. David/Will 8-4

### Nogales vs. CDO (5-4)

#### Varsity

Camacho loss. Andre Smith 2-6, 2-6  
Villa F. def. Brennan Klein 6-2, 7-6(7-3)  
Preciado loss Griffin Thomme 6-7(2-7), 3-6  
Rojas loss Nick Morin 4-6, 1-6  
Villa I. def. Ruben Cnotreras 7-5, 6-3  
Ortiz def. Matt Marchard 6-2, 6-3  
Villa F./Camacho def. Smith/Morin 8-5  
Preciado/Ortiz loss Thomme/Klein 4-8  
Rojas/Villa def. Nieth/Contreras 8-2

#### Junior Varsity

Felix def Noree 8-1  
Elias def. Alan 8-2  
Jones def. Jessie Boone 8-3  
Soto def. Hayden Snell 8-0



Senior Rafael Camacho prepares for his strike

## Lady Apaches Show no Love

By Alexis Kramer

With their season just beginning, the Lady Apaches tennis team have dominated the court with three victories in just one week. Their first big win was over Sahuarita with the score of 7-2. Special recognition goes to freshman varsity player Lucia Suarez, for making it to the front page of the Nogales International sports page over her win against Brinley Suffess of the Sahuarita Mustangs.

"It's pretty cool to be number one as a freshman and now that I have the title, I have to keep it for the next four years," commented Lucia.

Two days later, the girls had another victorious win over Amphi with the final score of 9-0 and within twenty four hours, another win with the score of 9-0 over Santa Rita.

### Final game scores against Sahuarita include:

#### Singles

Lucia Suarez NHS, def. Brinley Suffess, SHS, 6-3; 6-0,  
Fernanda Miller, NHS, def. Jennifer Wandlan, SHS, 6-2;  
6-3  
Clarissa Jimenez SHS, def. Greta Solinap, NHS, 6-7(7-4);  
6-4  
Maiya Block, NHS, def. Carly Bejman, SHS, 6-4; 6-1  
Tasha Harrison, NHS, def. Lisa VanWangen, SHS, 6-2;  
6-2  
Vicky Robles, NHS, def. Taylor Stevens, SHS, 6-0; 6-1

#### Doubles

L. Suarez/M. Block, NHS, def. B. Suffess/C. Bejman,  
SHS, 8-2  
J. Wandlan/ C. Jimenez, SHS, def. F. Miller/T. Harrison,  
NHS, 8-9(3-7)  
Pilar Bell/Yamile Diaz, NHS, def. L. VanWangen/T.  
Stevens, SHS, 8-2

## Nogales Apache Baseball team returns on an upswing

By Sergio Valdez

Yes it was the Apaches who beat Rio Rico on Thursday, March 12, with the score of 6-2 for their 7th win this season. The Apaches currently have a record of 7-2.

On Tuesday, Nogales beat Catalina, 11-9, under the dominant arm of pitcher Keith Zuniga, who is currently 2-0. Pitcher and first base Juan Espiricueta got a home run along with another from Corey Calixtro and Robert Gonzales. Although Catalina had come back in the final innings, the Apaches at the end of the game remained the dominant ones.

Baseball season began with a great start from the preseason tournament. The Apaches won three games and lost two at the Skyline Invitational which was held from February 26 until March 6. With a grand slam from Daniel Zuniga and an outstanding defensive line, Nogales left

Paradise Valley with an 8-1 win.

Varsity coach Oscar Favela was pleased with all the pitching and offensive/defensive that was presented on each and every game.

"Overall it has been going all good for us because the kids have kept their head in the game," said Coach Favela.

"This season we're looking forward to making it to State because of our great hitting and great pitching staff," said Jaycob Romo. It's still a little to early to be thinking about the play-offs with 16 games ahead of them, but the Apaches are certainly on the right track. Be sure to attend their next home game at Memorial Park on March 31 vs. Cholla.



## Extreme Sport. Le Parkour

The skeptics would call this reckless behavior, but to people like David Belle, creator of the acclaimed sport Le Parkour, treating an entire city as a playground is an art form.


Created in the streets of Paris by a teenager David Belle and friend Sebastien Foucan, this activity known as Le Parkour, though already famous around the streets of Paris, gained fame from all over the world when it was featured in a Luc Besson film titled 'Yamakasi' after the gang Belle and Foucan led.

Parkour is a way of using every obstacle in one's path in order to find new and creative ways around the city. It combines speed, originality and not only physical but mental strength, also. With no rules, team work, or competitiveness, it cannot be considered a sport but a discipline that resembles Martial Arts. Although Parkour is



in many ways similar to Free-Running, it involves more precision and emphasis not only moving as fast as possible but also moving in the most efficient manner possible, while Free-running puts concentration more on acrobatics. People who become very skilled at this activity also learn to deal with many physical and mental obstacles. For first time practitioners of this sport it is not recommended that they start by jumping up and down from walls but taking it slow you might get to that point eventually.


Although Belle dropped out of the Yamakasi group fearing that commercialization would threaten the inner spirit of the sport he began a new group named Les Traceurs and continues to inspire many people to practice the sport. Anyone can practice Le Parkour, so long as you're not jumping down a walk on your first attempt.



## ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

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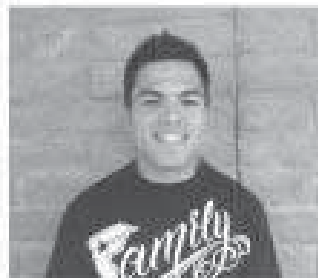
**FERNANDA MILLER**  
for  
**GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS**



**FERNANDA MILLER**

- Grade: Senior
- Weight: 112 lbs.
- Height: 5'2
- Position: Varsity #2 Singles
- Favorite Moment: "When I won in a tie-breaker," said Fernanda.

**COREY CALIXTRO**  
for  
**BOYS' VARSITY BASEBALL**



**COREY CALIXTRO**

- Grade: Senior
- Weight: 165 lbs.
- Height: 5'7
- Position: Center Field
- Has a record of batting 650
- Favorite Moment: "When we played a tournament in Phoenix and it was a great experience," said Corey.



## Track team hurdling past opponents

By Mariela Jaramillo

Get ready, get set, go! The 2009 track season has officially started with high hopes for a victorious season.

Coaches Gatica, Villanucci, Vipond and Hernandez (Short cake), are prepared and confident, expecting full potential out of these rising stars.

The team's first formal meet was Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at Cienega High School in Tucson. It consisted of competition from three other schools, Cienga High School, Empire High School, and Rio Rico High School. The girls' team took first place in the entire event, leaving them with high prospects for the rest of the year.

"The girls' team did very well for the very first meet of the year, and scored 88 points. We did great as it was only our first meet," said Coach Hernandez.



Victor Mendoza Jumps high

As for the boys' team, although they did not do as good as the girls, their efforts showed in their key points, the 4x400, the 100 meter and the



Hannah Milner hurdles with ease

200 meter dash. They took 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the entire event and only lost by eight points.

The boys' and girls' varsity track teams competed in an invitational up in Douglas. After hard practices and a long bus ride up, they did great and showed full potential. The boys ended up winning 6<sup>th</sup> place out of about 15 other schools, and as for the girls, they took 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the entire event.

The next home meet is Wed., April 1 vs. Sabino High School. Meets begin at 3:30, so come out, enjoy the nice weather, and support our Apache athletes.

## March Madness

By Jose Rojas

After tipping off last Thursday, this year's NCAA Men's Basketball tournament has already eliminated 48 teams and only the strongest have made it to the Sweet Sixteen. Top seed Louisville has proved they deserve the top spot by playing solidly in the first two rounds of the tournament. However, the U of A Wildcats have defied all predictions of an early elimination and will be playing the Cardinals for a chance to play in the regional finals. Last year's champion, the Kansas Jayhawks will be playing the Michigan State Spartans in search of another title.



In the West Region, the UConn Huskies will be looking to defeat the Purdue Boilermakers and make it to Final Four. However the red-hot Memphis Tigers will be looking to shut the door on the Huskies after taking care of the Missouri Tigers, however if Mizzou continues to play hard, it'll be a tough game to predict.

Possibly the toughest bracket in the Sweet Sixteen, the East Region will be pitting four top teams against each other. Pittsburgh will be tipping off against Xavier University and the Duke Blue Devils will square off with Villanova. The two teams that move on will have a tough game to win the region title.



And last but not least, the South bracket has the dominating Tyler Hansbrough and the UNC Tarheels playing against the Gonzaga Bulldogs and the seemingly unstoppable Oklahoma Sooners, under the lead of Blake Griffin, against the Syracuse Orangemen.



**\*\*Make sure you tune in tonight when the Arizona Wildcats take on top-seeded Louisville. Go Cats!**

## Lady Apaches Striking Balls out of the Park

By Robert Johnson

The Nogales High School girls' softball team has begun to turn things around, winning their most recent game against Rio Rico 16-2 last week, and defeating Catalina 13-12 on March 10<sup>th</sup>

"We're doing good, they have a good attitude, and are having fun during the game and in practice," said coach Dober.

Their recent loss against Canyon Del Oro and Douglas started them off hard, but their recent game with Catalina got them on the right track.

"I feel that our team really worked hard and did their best against the other teams we played against," said sophomore, Victoria Carrillo "We never give up and keep trying our best."

As their wins keep climbing, the team has started playing more as a team, leading to better games and even more victories.

The NHS softball team has been working hard in practices with their solid infield and good outfield.

"We're not there, but the girls are trying to work extra in being the best," said Dober.

Players such as Karla Bracamonte, and Victoria Carrillo have been practicing their pitching, having pitched an amazing 100 balls in the past week.

The JV team is also on the offense, evident by their domination over Rio Rico last week with a final score of 25-16. The team also beat Catalina by one run on March 10.

Don't miss the next game March 31 vs. Cholla.

## Wrestler Steve Lopez Takes State

By Stephannie Quijada

NHS senior Steven Lopez won the State Wrestling Championship in Glendale on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, the first state championship for Nogales in 25 years. Lopez went to regionals with the NHS Wrestling team a week prior to state where six teams competed. Lopez took state as he took on four wrestlers.

Steven has been wrestling since the age of five. His uncle was a state champion at Desert View High School in Tucson which inspired him to wrestle as well. He wrestled Freestyle in Tucson and had tournaments every Saturday. Later on, he wrestled at Calabasas Middle School in Rio Rico from 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and then wrestled freshmen through junior year at Rio Rico High School.

Lopez may be an excellent wrestler but he is more than just a beautiful 135 pound guy with toned muscles. He maintains good grades and had a 4.0 GPA the first semester of this school year. Lopez is undecided about where his education will carry on after high school. He said he is scared about what career he is going to want and whether or not he is going to wrestle at which ever school he chooses to attend. But he does know he is



staying in state in order to be here to support his younger brother throughout his four years of high school.

Steven enjoys spending as much time possible with his younger brother and paint balling. He snacks before his mother's meals and eats several small meals a day. During the week, he cuts off junk food and eats whatever he wants over the weekend. Lopez works out everyday in his weights class to keep his muscular physique in shape.

Steven chose wrestling as the only sport to take part in after he suffered a concussion his freshmen year during a football game while he attended Rio Rico high school. After sophomore year, he focused solely on wrestling and is proud of his accomplishments this year.

"I was blessed to have the best teammates and coaches this year," said Lopez as he attempted to throw a piece of his shoe in the trash can and missed: "that's why I wrestle," said Steven.

All in all, Steven is a friendly guy with a wonderful future ahead of him. Wrestling is just one of the many characteristics that make him the

great person that he is. Steve Lopez is an example of how a person can excel both academically and athletically.

## Sports Briefs

By Jose Rojas

**NFL:** The search for Marquis Cooper from the Raiders and Corey Smith from the Lions was called off after several days of being reported missing near Florida. Two others accompanied them and were reported missing over the weekend. One of the men was found clinging to the boat with a life preserver.

Matt Cassel from the New England Patriots was traded along with veteran linebacker Mike Vrabel to Kansas City. The two players were traded to the Chiefs for the 34<sup>th</sup> pick of the draft. Some like what Belichick was doing, others are fuming over who they traded and for what.

**NBA:** Dwayne Wade of the Miami Heat scored 48 points for a double overtime win, including several buzzer beaters and the decisive 3 pointer, over the Chicago Bulls.

After being carried off on a stretcher during the Lakers-Blazers game, Rudy Fernandez was released from the hospital on Tuesday with a bruised chest and a right hip pointer.

**NCAA Basketball:** Experts have already picked what teams will be seeded in this year's tournament. Many predict UNC, Pitt, and UConn to be the top teams. Kansas, Oklahoma, and Louisville could take the other number one seed if they perform well in their conference tournaments.

**NCAA Football:** U of A quarterback Willie Tuitama was arrested for DUI on Sunday night. Tuitama's position in this year's draft could be greatly affected by the incident.

New top pick for the draft, OL Eugene Monroe from Virginia, has shown that he has the ability to help establish a running game to the left side and has also displayed good hands and feet for great pass protection.



## Horoscopes

By Judith Bojorquez

### Aries

Luck is on your side! Keep your cool, no matter how moody you might be feeling on the 13th and 14th. You'll make better decisions if you don't give in to melancholy

### Taurus

You may not know why everything is going so darned well, but it is — and it feels great. Take time to enjoy it, you're in for lots of goodies as spring arrives.

### Gemini

You're feeling well rested and ready to embark on something brand new on the 13th and 14th. Chances are, whatever you start now will grow into a major part of your life.

### Cancer

You're at the height of your energetic powers on the 15th and 16th. You look good, you feel good and it seems like everybody likes you!

### Leo

You're ready to explore and begin some long-term savings strategies — it won't hurt to be more economical and, right now, it could help a lot.

### Virgo

If you don't want to get what you want, keep your mouth shut until the 25<sup>th</sup>. If you want to get what you want, though, by all means say something!

### Libra

You are ready to splurge a little, on the 20<sup>th</sup> and if you don't go totally overboard, a little sinfulness will do you good.

### Scorpio

Go ahead and revel in your strength and sense of accomplishment, but don't run over any innocent bystanders. By the 16<sup>th</sup> slow down and proceed with more caution.

### Sagittarius

A junky diet makes you feel junky, and that makes it harder for you to let romance into your life. Change your diet this month and you'll change your life forever.

### Capricorn

You'll really need to focus if you want to get meaningful work done on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Somebody is holding a butter knife behind their backs on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Aquarius

Keep smiling, everything is going very well. It's almost as if all you have to do is open up, breath in deeply, visualize and whatever you want to wish for will come true.. you never know!

### Pisces

If you're feeling low, it's time for you to cancel a few plans and catch up on your beauty sleep or start reading a good book to maximize your relaxation.

## Upcoming Movies

**April 3rd-** Fast and Furious, and Adventureland

**April 8th-** Dragonball Evolution

**April 10th-** Hannah Montana: The Movie, and Observe and Report

**April 17th-** 17 again, Crank High Voltage, and State of Play

## Name that tune answers

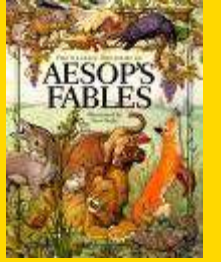
1. Should've Said No by: Taylor Swift
2. Kiss You through the Phone by: Soulja Boy
3. Fui by: Reik
4. Material Girl by: Madonna
5. Spaceman by: The Killers
6. Tonight by: Jonas Brothers
7. Jai Ho by: Rahman f/ Sukhvinder Singh, Tanvi Shah & Mahalaxmi Iyer
8. Over the Rainbow by: Israel Kamakawiwo Ole'

## This day in history

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### Significant Events

- 1484 - William Caxton printed his translation of *Aesop's Fables*.
- 1812 - An earthquake destroys Caracas, Venezuela.
- 1830 - The Book of Mormon is published in Palmyra, New York.
- 1881 - Thessaly is freed and becomes part of Greece again.
- 1934 - Driving test introduced in the United Kingdom.
- 1942 - World War II: In Poland, Auschwitz receives its first female prisoners.
- 1953 - Jonas Salk announces his polio vaccine.
- 1958 - The United States Army launches Explorer 3.
- 1965 - A truck loses control down Moosic Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania, killing the driver. This accident later inspired the 1974 Harry Chapin song, "30,000 Pounds of Bananas."
- 1967 - Ten thousand people gather for the Central Park Be-In.
- 1971 - East Pakistan declares its independence from Pakistan to form People's Republic of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Liberation War begins.
- 1975 - The Biological Weapons Convention enters into force.
- 1976 - Queen Elizabeth II sent out the first royal email, from the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment.
- 1982 - Groundbreaking ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is held in Washington, DC.
- 1997 - Thirty-nine bodies found in the Heaven's Gate cult suicides.
- 1998 - Oued Bouaicha massacre in Algeria; 52 people killed with axes and knives, 32 of them babies under the age of 2.
- 1999 - The "Melissa worm" infects Microsoft word processing and e-mail systems around the world.
- 1999 - A jury in Michigan finds Dr. Jack Kevorkian guilty of second-degree murder for administering a lethal injection to a terminally ill man.
- 2006 - In Scotland, the prohibition of smoking in all substantially enclosed public places comes into force.



### Birthdays

- 1874 - Robert Frost, American poet
- 1904 - Emilio Fernández, Mexican screenwriter and film director, inventor of the Oscar
- 1930 - Sandra Day O'Connor, U.S. Supreme Court Justice
- 1934 - Alan Arkin, American actor
- 1940 - James Caan, American actor
- 1940 - Nancy Pelosi, American politician and 60th Speaker of the House
- 1948 - Steven Tyler, American singer (Aerosmith)
- 1950 - Martin Short, Canadian comedian
- 1968 - James Iha, American musician (The Smashing Pumpkins and A Perfect Circle)
- 1985 - Keira Knightley, English actress.



## Is this a Van Gogh or a Brito?



Read about the talented Apache who painted this replica

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## Uncover the cipher in this cryptogram



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