



THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

Happy Valentine’s Day

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Sports



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Girl’s Varsity Basketball Dominates Catalina Island

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The Lady Grizzlies recently attended the Avalon tournament, off the California Coast in Catalina Island, during their winter vacation. The team stayed on the island for three nights and four days in a rental house of six bed-

rooms. While they were there, they played four games. “We thought the first few games were easy but the last one was challenging” replied Aundrea Colunga, junior. They won the first game by 18 points with a score of 48-30. They continued their winning streak, winning the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th games respectively. The girls had a lot of fun

while they were there; they went hiking and boat riding. Annalise Morgan, junior, with a smile said, “The hike was 6 hours long but it was exciting and draining at the same time.” Lilian Lete, junior, contributed that “The hiking was fun but it could be exhausting at the same time.” The whole team had fun enjoying the island’s landscapes. Joanna

Franco, junior mentioned, “It was a great experience and we bonded as a team.” Two of the lady Grizzlies won medals: Lilian Lete, junior and Kikey Ramos, junior. Lilian Lete obtained MVP for the whole tournament and Kikey Ramos received MVP for their last game. This trip was unforgettable for the whole team.



Congratulations to Edgar Najera for being named Scholar Athlete and All Orange Coast League and Terry Williams for being honored All CIF Southern Division. Nice going Grizzlies!



Grizzlies pack the stands for the Varsity Girls Basketball Game Vs. Saddleback. Final Score: 59-29



Journalism Bonding



Congratulations to Pedro Garcia-Tapia, Rudy Castro, Chris Delgado, Alex Moreno, Jose Esparza, Ed Franco, Raymond Alvarado, Walter Estrada, Aaron Moctezuma, Luis Gonzalez, & Not shown in picture, Ernesto Munoz for qualifying for C.I.F. for wrestling.

Athletes of the Month

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Girls’ Basketball: Kikey Ramos	11th Grader Varsity
Boys Basketball: Jaime Manzo	11th Grader Varsity
Boys’ Soccer: Martin Rangel	10th Grader Varsity
Girls’ Soccer: Kenia Vasquez	12th Grader Varsity
Wrestling: Leticia Bernabe	11th Grade Varsity
Girls’ Water Polo: Jocelyn Navarro	11th Grader Varsity

5 Guys Burgers and Fries vs. In-N-Out

East Coast vs. West Coast

FIVE GUYS
BURGERS and FRIES

VS.

IN-N-OUT
BURGER

HATIFAS YOP
STAFF WRITER

Who doesn't like a little friendly
competition?

TERI NGUYEN
STAFF WRITER

There are always competitions between these two sides of the United States. When it comes to hamburgers, it's between popular East Coast chain 5 Guys Burgers and West Coast establishment In-N-Out. According to Zagats, the number one ranked fast food/burger joint is 5 Guys Burgers. Many folks agree with this title even Mrs. Feuerborn, but we, on the other hand, are not part of that crowd that thinks so. These two reporters, Teri Nguyen and Hatefas Yop were sent out to either agree or disagree with their advisor.

For our assignment, Mrs. Feuerborn made us review the nearest 5 Guys Burgers. "I actually think they're better than In-N-Out", said Feuerborn. Surprisingly 5 Guys Burgers was

hard to find, it's not like In-N-Out where you can spot it immediately from the classic red, white, and yellow sign high up in the sky. 5 Guys was pretty hidden and looked just like any other plain jane restaurant. We first went at 2:30pm to the Huntington Beach location where it was not that crowded, and was easy to maneuver and walk around the restaurant. On the other hand, when we returned at 6pm to the Orange location it was unexpectedly crowded.

Seeing the restaurant being so busy sparked our minds and thought, "This place must be good!" Both of us thought the menu was quite confusing, not knowing where to begin. The prices are kind of over the top, surely to make you

go bankrupt if you eat there a lot. We ordered a Little Cheeseburger all the way, and a Regular Hamburger all the way with no sauce condiments.

When I took the first bite of my burger I was quite disappointed. I chose to sacrifice my dislike of ketchup to finish up my burger thinking that it might make it taste better, but I did not enjoy the burger. While eating my burger, all I could think about was In-N-Out. We also ordered the regular fries, which tasted homemade but not the good type of homemade. Not only were our taste buds dissatisfied, our ears were also yearning for some good music to help us enjoy our trip at 5 Guys.

On Teri's visit she couldn't find the res-

taurant the first time around so when she finally made it to the restaurant she was quite annoyed already. She ordered the Regular Hamburger not knowing that it came with two meat patties, and a side of Cajun fries hoping that it would be the most delicious meal she's ever tasted. Once she paid for her food she was definitely surprised by the end price of just a burger and fries, it was a whopping 10 dollars! The burger itself was a little bit too greasy, and the fries a tad too salty. The burger was very hard to hold and eat, so Teri was forced to use a knife and fork to eat it. The placement of the tables and chairs were kind of just placed everywhere, not like the structural tables at In-N-Out with com-

fortable booths.

At the end of the day, both of us can agree that we would rather eat at In-N-Out any day, if we had to choose between the two burger joints. The prices are way more affordable for the average teenager. Whenever you're craving a milkshake, In-N-Out will always be there for you unlike 5 Guys. Even though In-N-Out's topping choices are limited to banana peppers, and ketchup they have their famous secret menu where you can spice up your orders as you wish. While In-N-Out is practically around every corner, 5 Guys has very few locations around the area, which might cost you some money just to get there, but it is growing.

Top 10 Places to Take Your
Special Valentine...



MARILYNN MONTANO
STAFF WRITER

- 1. Boardwalk Fresh Burgers & Fries**
Boardwalk will be a satisfying place for you and your valentine date.
901 South Coast Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
- 2. Mimi's Cafe**
If it's for dinner, you simply want to take your Valentine here.
7955 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92841
(714) 898-5042
- 3. Cheesecake Factory**
To save money, split a couple pretzels, then a piece of yummy cheesecake.
¡Que romantico!
321 W. Katella Ave. #100
Anaheim, CA 92802
(714) 533-7500
- 4. Corner Bakery**
If you want to take your Valentine for a nice latte or just to spend some time talking on the patio then this is highly recommended.
2789 North Main Street, Santa Ana
(714) 547-8834
- 5. Pizzeria Ortica**
If it's Italian that you're in the mood for, then try their Neapolitan-style pizza (wood-fired pizza) and their southern Italian pastas and salads.
Suite J (South Coast Plaza)
650 Anton Boulevard, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
(714) 445-4900
- 6. Mrs. Fields Cookies**
Grab a couple of cookies then go catch a \$2 movie at the Mainplace Movie Theatre.
2800 N Main St # 672
Santa Ana, CA 92705(714) 972-1128
- 7. Rainforest Cafe**
If it's food and fun you want, then this Amazon theme place is ideal for your valentine.
3333 Bristol Street #1073
Costa Mesa, CA
(714) 424-9200
- 8. Ruby's Diner**
If its burgers, fries, and milkshakes that suit the occasion for some simple time with that special Valentine, then this is the place to be.
3333 Bear Street, Suite 120,
Costa Mesa, CA
- 9. Swirlz Frozen Yogurt**
If it's for yogurt and sweets, this is where to go.
6312 East Santa Ana Canyon Road
Anaheim, CA
(714) 283-3892
- 10. California Plate**
If it's a nice dinner place where you want to take that special someone, then this is where it's at.
2800 North Main Street, Santa Ana, CA
(714) 550-7731

The Habit

Surely to become a habit

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LIANA LUJAN
STAFF WRITER

Located on Main Street at the Plaza across the street from Mainplace Mall, The Habit is sure to satisfy your cravings. Upon entering the restaurant, Sergio and I were greeted by a long line. As we waited, we gazed at the menu that was simple containing only select hamburgers, house salads, sandwiches, chicken tenders, fries, and an assortment of beverages and desserts. The menu seemed plain but the food was nothing short of rich in flavor.

The theme of the restaurant is a Santa Barbara beach shack with pale yellow walls that bring the customers back to the days of a warm sunny beach shore. Wooden planks line the ceiling resembling a board walk. Beach art also lines the walls. Customers at The Habit, as well as the employees, were in casual attire. The Habit is a family-friendly place, so don't be afraid to invite anybody.

The two of us placed our order with a friendly waitress that made sure we were pleased with our selection. After ordering, we stepped out into the patio area. Large red umbrellas adorn the simple

wooden picnic tables. We returned to the tables to indulge on our meal. Minutes after sitting at our table, our order was called up through a speaker. I ordered the Charburger (\$5.95) that included fries and a regular drink. Sergio ordered a Fresh Albacore Tuna sandwich (\$5.75) with a side of sweet potato fries (\$2.00) and a regular drink (\$1.65). The food was worth every cent with the burgers rivaling those of In-N-Out. Unique dishes like the sweet potato fries brought us away from the norm of plain salted fries.

The burger was neither overwhelmingly large nor too small to leave one hungry. Paper wrapped and served in a plastic

basket, the burger is well put together and does not resemble your typical fast food chain burger which may resemble a Jenga; a mess of condiments stacked on top of each other. The burger was delicious and made fresh to order. The tuna sandwich was a new take on the fish sandwich. While it did taste like fish, it wasn't the typical overpowering flavor of the fish that dominated our taste buds but rather it was the taste of the sauces and the fish that worked together to create the best tasting fish sandwich we've ever had the pleasure to eat. The sweet potato fries were just amazing as well. Alone they stand their ground but when enjoyed with any other of The Habit's dishes, they

make the meal something special and memorable. The sweetness of the fries was great for balancing the salty nature of the burgers and tuna. Throughout our dining experience a waiter would occasionally walk outside to check up on us. Every visit from the waiter was pleasant because he would ensure that we were comfortable by offering us a refill on our beverages, extra condiments, and he would clear our table of empty trays.

After our visit to The Habit we were fully satisfied with our meals and we already started planning our return to have another burger. All in all, we'd rate this burger joint as a "must go."



Local

Iphone 4 & Verizon Unite



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Verizon has announced that the giant of smartphones: the iPhone 4 is coming to its network. The cost for the device will be \$199.99 for the 16gb version, and \$299.99 for 32gb. This announcement has been anxiously awaited by Verizon customers since 2007 when the iPhone was first introduced. But it had not been accomplished until now. Before, AT&T had its monopoly on the iPhone. Now it faces stiff competition with one of the nation’s biggest carriers: Verizon. The carrier has announced that the device will not be on its 4G network but instead it will only be on its 3G network, which is significantly slower. One

of the few disappointments to prospective buyers of the Verizon iPhone was Verizon’s announcement that people will not be able to browse the web and make a phone call simultaneously, something that AT&T supports. However although that isn’t supported, Verizon has made up for it by allowing iPhone owners to use their device as a WiFi hotspot for up to five people. Everyone seems to have a mixed opinion on the best network; some say it’s Verizon other say it’s AT&T. In fact Mrs.Blash said that she would “never change to Verizon because I have an awesome plan.” The competition is getting stiff and only the company with the best coverage will win the iPhone aficionados’ support.

Opinion Section

Way to Annoy the Class, Student



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I pride myself in being a calm and collected person. Really, I do. Until I hear someone talking back to a teacher during class.

I’ve long gotten used to the idea that someone is going to talk back to a teacher but that doesn’t mean that it gets anymore tolerable, especially when the teacher is right and the student is just making himself look like a fool in the class.

It isn’t just the talking back.

It’s also the interruptions that they cause because that makes it hard to get through the lesson plan that the teacher had created for the day. Interruptions include making obscene noises, shouting across the room, making “jokes,” throwing things across the room or talking over the teacher. I’ve heard and seen all of that happen at once in many classes.

To this day, I still do not understand what is so funny about making it hard for teachers to continue teaching students who actually want to learn. Sure, the student might not like the teacher but there are some students that do like the teacher and would like to go ahead and do their work.

I constantly have to deal with this in four out of my six classes. The classes in which I have to deal with this the most are some of my favor-

ites. I guess you can understand why my irritation is easily spiked when I hear distracting noises.

The only time I actually welcome the distracting noises is when a student is caught doing something they shouldn’t be doing. It honestly makes me laugh how students try to weasel their way out of punishment only for their efforts to be shot down. Although it does get irritating when the student apparently doesn’t learn their lesson the first time and repeats

the action once again. Oh students, when will they learn?

Look, all I’m asking is to get through my classes without having to deal with any of the pointless white noise because some joker thought he or she was being clever. No, you are far from funny and witty. You’re just extremely annoying and I would appreciate it if you would stay quiet. Close your mouth, lock it and throw away the key.

Elephants at Santa Ana Zoo

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The elephant rides at the Santa Ana Zoo have been the cause for many protests. The Santa Ana Zoo has been hosting elephant rides for some time. Until this past October, there had been a new rule that said, “You cannot ride, pet, or be within 15 feet of an elephant.”

This law was passed, according to Ryan Drabek,

the director of Orange County Animal Care, because people were afraid that the elephants could carry tuberculosis. However, the cause can also be the protests that came from civilians this past year. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals considers the elephant rides as an act of cruelty and say that elephants should not be treated that way. Animal Activists say that elephant rides are very cruel and they are unsafe to riders. Last

November PETA members went as far as contacting the Santa Ana Mayor, Miguel Pulido asking him to ban elephant rides. Other zoos have already banned this activity, like San Diego, Los Angeles and Oakland Zoos. Santa Ana Zoo opened 1952. Protests have not stopped their rides yet. Even though elephant rides are on the edge, the Santa Ana Zoo is not. For the last 25 years children, adults and anyone else have been taking advantage of the rides.

The current season will last from October to May. The rides are available from 11 am to 3 pm every Saturday and Sunday for the price of five dollars. Hard to believe how those five dollars per person pay for all the food of those elephants. The elephants found at Santa Ana Zoo every Sunday and Saturday are not originally there, they are brought all the way from Riverside just so that they can offer this luxury to

people. Zoo Manager Kent Yamaguchi says that they don’t have any problems with the elephant rides. If that includes the protests going on, this reporter doesn’t understand how they are not a problem. For now, the rides will continue to take place, at least until May. However, PETA is acting hard to stop them permanently.

Hope for the DREAM Act

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Last year there was a torrent of support for a piece of legislation called the DREAM Act, short for its original name: Development Relief and Education for Alien Minors. Originally, this piece of legislation was introduced in 2003 with the provisions that illegal minors of age, 15 years or younger and who had lived in the U.S at least 5 years before the bill became law would qualify for permanent residency. They also had to graduate from high school or receive a GED and have good moral character. The bill though, did not pass.

Over recent years, the ongoing dispute about illegal immigration has shone light on the DREAM Act and its benefits. According to the National Immigration Law Center, the benefits of the DREAM Act are not just beneficial to those who are accepted within the limitations of the bill but to the rest of the country. One of the benefits would be a reduction in dropout rates. Giving students an incentive to go to school, especially minorities, would reduce the number of students who leave school. It creates fewer barriers for illegal

students so that they have a greater opportunity of succeeding in school. The more students that stay in school, the better chance they have of living a better life and going to college. This leads to the second benefit of an advanced education at a university or college. By learning a profession, those once illegal immigrants will have the opportunity to go out into the consumer market and perhaps help stimulate the economy.

The opposition argues, though, that more people will want to come to the US to take advantage of the bill and this would snatch away the spots in college from students who are natural born citizens. They feel that the bill is like an amnesty and a reward for entering the United States illegally. Should the DREAM Act eventually pass, illegal immigrant students would have to first apply for the DREAM Act and be approved for Conditional Permanent Residency.

Afterwards, the person would have to be enrolled in college or university or enlist in any branch of the military. Within 6 years, the person must have completed at least 2 years at the place of their choice. Once 5 and a half years of the 6 years have passed, the person may be able to apply for Legal Permanent Residency and then for citizenship. Last year,

there were a few opportunities for the DREAM Act to pass, yet it was shot down by representatives in Congress. People responded strongly, with students, illegal and legal, standing side by side and marching on the streets to have their voices heard in regards to the significance of this bill. The most notable of these many inspirational stories is of four students from Miami who walked all the way to Washington D.C, traveling seventeen miles a day. Unfortunately, the last chance for the bill to pass was struck down once again and it lost some hope of ever passing due to the different political parties in Congress. Without the compromise of the Republican dominated House of Representatives and the Democratic dominated Senate, there will be no chance of the bill passing.

There are signs of hope, yet, for the bill. Maryland State Senator Richard Madelano intends to introduce his version of the DREAM Act in late January. On the West Coast, Los Angeles state Assemblyman Gil Cedillo, also wants to introduce his version of the bill. In our community, there is a program called the Orange County Dream Team which offers support and advocates for the rights of illegal students who want a better life. Hope, as we see it, has not died yet

Steve Gomez

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Time can never tell when a loved one will no longer be by our side to laugh with and cheer us up when we feel blue. People who pass away leave joyous memories for those left behind to remember them by. Steve Gomez was a sophomore at Godinez when he was killed in a car accident in November of 2010. In spite of his tragic death, he left behind a life’s worth of cheerful memories which his cousin and a past teacher of his were kind enough to share.

When I asked his cousin, Karla

Lopez, what Steve was like, her face

lit up as she reminisced about his habits and attitude. Steve Gomez was a teen who lived life to its fullest. “He was cheerful... always cheerful and laughing,” recalled Lopez. And he “would never leave without his red hat. He always had it.” His favorite color was red, and he loved to skateboard at the skate park and eat junk food. Steve would spend time with his cousins at the beach and skateboard for fun. By far, his favorite class last year was Art with

Mrs. Helen Siegal. He always brought up his art when talking to Lopez. “Oh! Look at what I drew today! Oh, look at this,



look at that!” was the picture Lopez drew of Steve when he fervently talked about art. “People really loved him,” said art teacher, Mrs. Siegal. She lightly chuckled as she remembered constantly saying “Steve, hat!

Or Steve, hood! So much that it was almost like his last name was hat- or hood!” His beanies and hats seemed

permanently attached to his head as he could never seem to fully take them off; no matter how many times he was told. Ms. Siegal also coordinated a memorial album with writing and drawings for his family and gave it to them the Friday before Christmas break. At the Steve Gomez Memorial that our school hosted on December 2nd, family and friends spoke fondly of

him. They released red balloons and took a moment of silence. That peaceful moment lingered in their hearts with renewed memories of him. We may have lost the company of a great friend but, Steve Gomez lives on in his friends’ and family’s hearts and memories. When someone is lost, it makes you think of your loved ones. So make sure you tell your friends how much you care about them because life is unpredictable- make every day count; live your life to its fullest with no regrets, like Steve.

Are School Fees Legit? School Fees= Broke Students



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ACLU affiliates file a lawsuit against the state of California for illegitimate school fees.

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ing it an extreme financial burden for the student’s family.

However, on December 9th, the ACLU California affiliates announced a settlement with the State of California, which still requires court approval, that will establish a comprehensive monitoring and enforcement system to ensure that school districts do not unlawfully charge fees to students for educational activities. The settlement empowers students and parents to use the Williams Uniform Complaint Process in order to receive reimbursement for unlawful school fees. If auditors find that a district charged illegitimate fees, the district would be required to fully reimburse parents or suffer a financial penalty. Furthermore, parents would be able to challenge these illegal fees immediately within 30 working days.

“I am proud of the settlement we have reached, and assure all California parents and students that the State will do its part to make sure every school district knows it is illegal to charge students a fee for attending public schools,” said former Governor Schwarzenegger.

In addition, the State agreed to send guidance regarding student fees to all county and district superintendents and charter school administrators reminding them that public education will be provided to all students, regardless of families’ ability or willingness to pay fees. The State also agreed on pursuing legislation confirming that districts should not charge fees for educational activities, and spelling out the types of services that must be provided to all students free of any charge.

During these times of financial hardships, students, and predominantly parents, no longer have to worry of not being able to pay the required fees in order to participate or enroll in a certain course or activity. As residents of California, students have the right to freely participate in their desired courses with a guaranteed free education, regardless of their economic status.

From Miracle to Menace: Humanity and Its 6,000 Year Old Addictions

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Since we were children, we were all told that drugs, such as marijuana, are a menace and that they should be avoided at all costs. Yet, not more than 100 years ago, all of these drugs were perfectly legal and were even considered a miraculous breakthrough in medicine.

Some of these drugs were even thought of to be

cures for drug addiction itself.

So, what caused society, who has been hopelessly addicted to these drugs for thousands of years, to suddenly antagonize the very drugs that they once praised? After all, it was once believed that the constitution protected a person’s right to use intoxicants at their own discretion.

The answer lies in the story of how the United States, in its quest to rid the world of alcohol consumption, ended up illegalizing every other intoxicant that we know of. But the root of the drug problem

H.R. 4053 Healthy Kids Act



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In late 2010, President Barack Obama signed into law the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act—H.R. 2053— at Harriet Tubman Elementary School in Washington D.C.. The purpose of such a law is to provide children with healthier school lunches. With childhood obesity on the rise, and the omnipresence of type II diabetes, this new piece of legislation shines light on the health of future America.

Approximately 115,000 more children will have access to a free school lunch in America.

First Lady Michelle Obama played an active role in the lobbying of this act and rejoices at the notion that with new regulation of our school lunches and an emphasis on physical activity, the health of children should improve. She fought for this because “We can agree that in the wealthiest nation on earth, all children should have the basic nutrition they need to learn and grow,” she said. With the implementation of this new act, the Obama administration hopes to provide more

meals to more students. An additional six cents will be spent on every child’s meal by allocating \$4.5 billion to school lunch programs over a ten year period.

According to Godinez Fundamental High School’s Food Supervisor, Vera Montejano, the school has adjusted its meal plans by ridding the campus of sugary, fizzy drinks and assures that every meal provided to the students is “approved by the federal government.” To help students make healthier choices, potato chip options have been altered so that “Baked” versions are more abundant on campus, readily available, and every meal has been pre-measured to assure that they comply with FDA recommended portions. The school can expect to see the addition or removal of certain meal items from the lunch rack due to our new Director of Food Services, Jan Monfort. Her past position was in LAUSD as the Director of Food Services. With her presiding over the Food Service Department, we may see an increase in salad options such as more diverse fruit and vegetable choices. Godinez High School, be prepared for small but significant changes in your school meals.

lies beyond people’s addictions, and rests in the cultural ties we have with these drugs.

The plant cannabis, commonly known as Marijuana, grows all over the world as a weed. Its earliest recorded uses were in ancient China and India, where it was traded to Arabs who shipped it to North Africa and Spain. Although Cannabis was also used as an intoxicant, it was also a prized source of fiber for ropes and Canvas in ships.

Napoleon Bonaparte introduced cannabis to Europe after one of his campaigns in North Africa, taking it as a spoil of war because, unlike alcohol, cannabis does not cause a hangover. Queen Victoria of England used cannabis for menstrual pains, and the drug was also used to treat insomnia, and tuberculosis pains, among other pains. Abdu Jamid II, when he traveled to the U.S. in 1876, on the 100th birthday of the Declaration of Independence, introduced Americans to smoking marijuana as a gift.

It wasn’t until prohibition, however, that smoking cannabis became a popular intoxicant in Louisiana and other Southern States. Also attributed to the rise of the popularity of marijuana was the increase of Mexican immigrants during the roaring 20’s. The Federal Bureau of Narcotics, under Harry J. Anslinger, first began using propaganda to antago-

nize cannabis use during the Great Depression as a response to pressure from the Southern States who wanted to get rid of the Mexican community, whom they considered an “excess population.”

The South got the law they wanted in the Marijuana Tax Act, which required people to pay a tax before buying, selling, or transferring Marijuana. The law, however, required people to have the cannabis to buy the tax but if you carried the cannabis to get the tax you were already in violation of the law. The law was therefore overturned in the Supreme Court under Leary v. United States (1969), and decriminalized permanently under the Controlled Substance Act of 1970.

Recently, discussion has opened on re-legalizing marijuana due to its medical and economical benefits. An example of this is the recently shot down Prop 19 of California, which called for legalization of the drug in the state of California. The supporters of the law argued that legalization will help cancer patients, boost the economy by the creation of cannabis-related jobs, and stop Mexican cartels by cutting one of their greatest exports. However, legalization seems unlikely, for many people have come to believe, as Anslinger wanted, that cannabis is a menace and has no place in our world.

Oscar Nominated Movies Worth Watching

With the Academy Awards approaching quickly, no one wants to be left out of the loop. This is why we’ve compiled a list of must see films that have been nominated for awards, saving you the trouble of having to watch each one. Here’s our list of the top five movies to watch that have been nominated for an Oscar:



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1. *The King’s Speech* – A British Historical following the life of King George VI and his efforts to overcome the way he stutters when he speaks. With twelve nominations, this movie is a definite must-watch.
2. *Black Swan* – A wild, passionate, infusing psychological thriller starring Natalie Portman and Mila Kunis. This movie will leave you on the edge of your seat. Enough said.
3. *The Social Network* – A movie revolving the ever popular website

- Facebook and its controversial start, The Social Network is, if anything, impressive. Definitely a top contender.
4. *Inception* – A dream within a dream within a dream, within an amazing film. Starring heavyweights Leonardo DiCaprio and Joseph Gordon-Levitt. This movie must be watched with a bib, for drool is imminent.
 5. *True Grit* – The story of a stubborn woman’s search for her fathers murderer with the aid of a U.S Marshall. This movie definitely does justice to the original True Grit featuring “The Duke”.

P.S – Our Film Club will be watching *The Social Network* March 4th.

“A Day in the Life of...”

ILEANA LARIOS
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When you’re starting your day, so is our staff. Ms. Raquel Serafin spends amounts of time on the phone doing her job. Whether it’s having your absent teacher replaced by a substitute for the day, or calling the school’s printing press, she stays on top of everything. She distributes flyers and paperwork to the rest of the Godinez faculty and handles Mr. Rankin’s conferences and schedule.

When it comes to describing one single day she says, “everyday is different.” And when it comes to the question, “do you feel overwhelmed by your job?” her answer was a capital “YES.” Though her tasks are easier said than done, she’s here for the students and wants to make sure that “if they aren’t getting [attention] at home, they are getting [attention] at school”, because she sees the importance of

a parent’s involvement in a student’s life and academics. She takes her own advice with her two high school daughters. She recognizes the difference and separation between work and family; she says, “I do the best I can at work and meet the timelines” but in the end, “my family needs me.” Ms. Serafin is a productive staff member who is constantly busy, so we must appreciate her always.



Entertainment

Top 5 Must See Cult Films

5. The Warriors

In this film, the New York city gang, The Warriors are framed for a murder and must fight their way through dozens of other gangs in order to get back to their base in Coney island.

4. Army of Darkness

Army of Darkness is the third installment of the Evil Dead series and follows the story of Ash, who finds himself in 13th century England, and is called upon to help them from an army of the dead. With his chainsaw arm, shot gun, and Oldsmobile Delta 88 he must fight off his evil twin with a medieval army behind him. As you may have guessed the plot of this movie is a bit campy, but I found it to be very enjoyable..

3. A Clockwork Orange

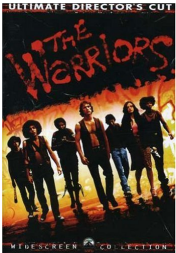
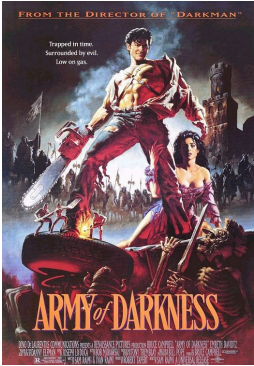
Stanley Kubrick’s A Clockwork Orange follows the life of Alex, a young man living in a futuristic dystopia who spends his days raping, killing and terrorizing the people of his city. This film is said to be one of Stanley Kubrick’s best and most disturbing films of his career.

2. Blade Runner

Blade Runner is a futuristic noir film set in 2019 Los Angels. The story follows retired police officer, Rick Deckard (Harison Ford) in his attempts to eliminate a group of synthetic humanoids that have entered earth illegally. The film is regaurded as one of the best films of all time.

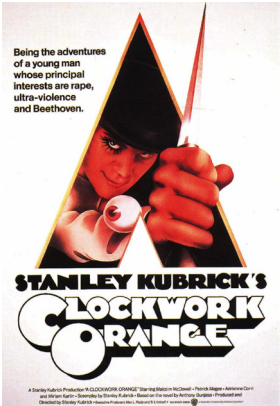
1. The Big Lebowski

The Big Lebowski follows the story of a weed smoking drunken Los Angeles slacker named Jeff (The Dude) Lebowski who is mistaken for a local billionaire with the same name. He is then faced with as–sisting the billionaire pay the ransom for his kidnapped wife.



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Book Reviews

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Bloodsucking Fiends

by
Christopher Moore

Bloodsucking fiends is the first in a trilogy of books written by Christopher Moore, the second being “you suck” and the third and final one being “bite me” all set in the bay area of San Francisco revolving around 2 characters, Tommy and Jody. The Book starts with jody, she never asked to become a vampire, But when she wakes up under an alley dumpster with a burned arm, aching neck, superhuman strength, and an unquenchable “Nosferatuan” thirst, she realizes the decisions been made for her. Transitioning from the 9 to 5 workaholic “grind” to an eternity of nocturnal prowling is going to take some getting used to. all the while a wannabe writer C. Thomas flood (tommy to his friends or anybody of “Kin”)

who also works as a night clerk at a local safeway (and a champion “turkey bowler”) who becomes indubitably in love with this “undead” red-head named Jody who together are determined to figure out what to make of this bizarre situation.

This book is able to get you hooked within the first chapter with its witty banter and its ironically relatable topics. Putting modern day popular vampire books to shame. With hollywood fabricating a cliched view of the way vampires should be with all of the glamorous, fancy beautiful people and “blood sucking.” What these books don’t talk about the everyday struggles a vampire might face like for example; suppose your a vampire ,and your

car’s been towed. How are you supposed to get your car out of the impound lot if they’re only open during daylight hours and you have a tendency to combust out in the sun? Blood–sucking fiends addresses these questions and “Moore.” (pun intended) Bloodsucking Fiends is a book that i personally recommend to anyone that is capable of breathing. It’ll have you laughing from start to finish. So when your not busy don’t be afraid to pick up a copy of Bloodsucking Fiends and a cup of coffee from a nearby starbucks or wherever you’d like and take a load off, it’ll be the best decision you make all day.

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Twisted

by
Laurie Halse Anderson

**"Everybody told me to be a man ...
Nobody told me how."**

The main character, Taylor, in the book Twisted, by Laurie Halse Anderson, chose the wrong way to try to fit in when tagging his school as a prank at the end of his junior year. However, he gets caught and punished with a curfew, and community service, yet manages to gain muscle in the process, morphing from school nerd to one guy you don’t want to mess with. When his senior year starts, everything seems better, he’s not bullied, he’s not ignored, but rather left alone, and he grabs the attention of the school’s prettiest girl, Bethany. But when things go wrong at a party and inappropriate pictures of a less than sober Bethany appear on the web, Taylor gets pinned with the blame because of his reputation, their former non dating relationship, and summer community service. Because the court’s curfew was broken, Taylor is already in trouble, but now the question is how much?

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Skin

by
Adrienne Maria Vrettos

**“I’m telling you this because if I don’t,
I will choke on it. Everybody knows
what happened, but nobody asks.”**

In Skin, by Adrienne Maria Vrettos, Donnie is Karen’s younger brother, and the sibling that always manages to have an ear infection or stomach flu. Life isn’t exactly good, but it’s at least normal, and when the family gets a new neighbor their age, Karen finds a new best friend, and Donnie finds someone who will talk to him outside of school. Karen has always been shelter for Donnie when he needed her, and because Donnie is an outcast, he feels Karen is his only tie to the real world. Karen starts getting skinnier and skinnier, and he soon realizes that there is a problem, but the family doesn’t tell him, neither does Karen, and the family rather falls apart even more so when their father moves away. As Karen slips away, Donnie’s grip on reality does too. How do you ease a person’s suffering when they’re doing it to themselves?

Dear Gummy Bear...

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Dear Gummy Bear,
As much as all other Grizzlies, I had an awesome winter break and spent a lot of quality time with my friends and family. For Christmas, my aunt gave me a really bad holiday sweater since she overheard me talking about being so cold at school. Now she expects me to wear it and I feel so embarrassed to tell her, but then again don’t want to hurt her feelings and seem ungrateful. What should I do!?

Sincerely,
Holiday Fashion Victim

Dear Holiday Fashion Victim,

What I would suggest is that you just deal with wearing it just a bit longer. I want to say “talk to her about it,” but then again I feel that it would make you seem ungrateful as well. My best advice would have to be to wear the sweater just a bit longer (even though it pains you so much!) so that your aunt can feel appreciated. Then, you can just toss it into your closet for eternity.

Sincerely,
Gummy Bear

Dear Gummy Bear,

So I have this friend that I really like, and we’ve been friends since meeting during freshman year here at Godinez. However, I can never see myself being with her because I feel that I could never be able to keep her happy. For now, we’ve been staying just friends. I managed to make her aggravated by not trusting her about my secrets, and I feel really bad. Even though I apologized, I still have the feeling that she’s still really mad at me. Please help me Gummy Bear! I don’t want to lose this friendship!

Sincerely,
Desperate Friend

Dear Desperate Friend,

It is not strange at all that she became angry at you for not trusting her. Like you said before, you guys have been friends since freshman year at Godinez. She has taken it as an offense that you decided not to trust her after 3 years of friendship. If you really want to keep the friendship with her, give her some space. Continue to be nice to her, but don’t overdo it such as trying to be around her all the time just to be nice. In time, she will forgive you and you two will regain your friendship again...hopefully. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,
Gummy Bear

Dear Gummy Bear,

I’m obsessed with the movie Friday. I’m constantly quoting that movie and my girlfriend said that if I don’t stop she will break up with me. Do I choose Friday or the girl?

Sincerely,
Big Worm

Dear Big Worm,

My boy, do not fret. If your girlfriend appreciated you she wouldn’t be bothered by this. Don’t change yourself for anyone. If you change for her then, what kind of man are you? Not a very good man. So just be yourself and don’t let things like these bother you. And you know this, man.

Sincerely,
Gummy Bear/Deebo.

Dear Gummy Bear,

I’m broke but my girlfriend wants me to buy her expensive things. She’s never upfront about it but she hints towards it. I feel like the only way we can stay together is if my parents re-mortgage their house. What should I do?

Sincerely,
Gold-Diggin.

Dear Gold-Diggin,

Okay my friend, so your woman is interested in those fancy diamond rings and items with a heavy price tag? Well that is unfortunate for her. You shouldn’t buy her expensive things just so that she’ll stay with you. That’s not what a relationship is about. I mean, it’s fine to get her a thing or two once in a while but if she insists that you buy her things all the time then you’ve made a mistake. You need to give her an ultimatum in which you state that if she does not change her ways you will end this relationship, like a boss. So go confront that gold digger and set things right.

Sincerely,
Gummy Bear/ Kanye West

Desperate Housewives

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ABC’s long–running hit *Desperate Housewives* is attracting many viewers including a 16 year old football player. The comedic drama premiered in September 2004. Now in its 7th season’ the show averages over 20 million viewers per week. This is partly due to its star–studded

cast including Eva Longoria as Gabrielle Solis and Teri Hatcher as Susan Mayer. *Desperate Housewives* is about neighbors that live on Wisteria Lane, it follows them and their families dealing with situations and gossip. In the new season, Vanessa Williams joined the cast as Renee Perry who is one of Lynette’s old college roommates.

The ladies try to handle ordeals such as the return of a neighbor accused of murder, and a baby switched at birth. Some people are probably asking why this guy is watching a chick show and why is he not watching Sunday Night Football, good question? *Desperate Housewives* starts when Sunday Night Football ends, so HAHA! Burn! If you are a person who appreciates a sarcastic funny show with many twists and turns, then tune into

ABC Sunday nights at 9 P.M. My mom and I never miss it.



Words From the Heart

Valentines Day Gifts

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Does seeing that person make your heart beat faster? Does his or her smile make your day? With a simple look do you think you're in LOVE?

Give your special person a gift to remember on Valentine's Day. We are here to give you some ideas to create a memorable gift for your special person.

Bake!



A gift made by you will always show your good intentions. Some things you can consider baking are rice crispy hearts, cupcakes with heart shaped decorations, or heart shaped cookies or chocolates. These treats are easy to make and they show how much you care for your valentine.

Don't have money for Roses?

Pick them from your garden; remember the thought is what matters. Red, pink, and white are the colors to go to when you decide to give flowers. You can have them decorated into heart shaped forms. Flowers always make your special someone smile and feel exceptional.

Teddy Bears



Teddy bears can be given in brown or white to make a long lasting gift. To make them a special gift though, you must find an extraordinary teddy bear, one that you know that someone will love. To give some ideas, the teddy bear can speak, can have a heart with a special message, or can even carry a photo frame.

Chocolates



Heart shaped chocolates sprinkled with love that will sweeten anyone's day would be another perfect valentine goodie. Chocolates may come in different flavors, colors, shapes, and sizes.

Valentine's cards

Let your special someone know how you feel about them with a nice Valentine's Day card. A few special words goes a long way with letting your sweetie know how much you care. No one likes to receive an empty card. You can always end up being anonymous but make sure to give them a clue who you are.

Other Special Gifts



Make your Valentine a frame to remember, a molding of your hands together, or even create a scrapbook where all your memories will be. You can find all these cheap and thoughtful gifts at your local Michaels store. A frame can be decorated with stickers, wooden letters, etc. The molding of your hands together will be a fun activity for both and it will last until you decide it too. A scrapbook is a good idea because it will only be the beginning of future memories together.

Time Together

Go out to the movies, grab dinner, or take a walk on the beach. A date to the movies is always special, but if you plan a whole day not only movies, but dinner and possibly the beach, you will make that day a day to remember. Maybe start at the movies and after take a walk on the beach for some time together. You can always end your day with dinner at a restaurant with both of your preferences.

Good luck Grizzlies, and hope you find your perfect Valentine.

Existence + Valentine's Day = *Sigh*

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By the time the 14th of February comes 'round, I pretty much find myself wishing I hadn't undergone puberty and I could retreat back to the good ol' days of elementary school where Valentine's Day meant buying cheap little paper Looney Tunes cards with a tootsie roll taped on the inside. No worrying about what's her favorite kind of flower, no dinner reservations, no expensive chocolates...

I'm going to be honest, I don't like February 14th. I know Jasmin will slap me around for saying that, but I feel it needs to be said. No matter what your circumstances are, no matter what relationship status is reflected on your Facebook info, there is always something to hate about that day of omnipresent hearts.

Let's start with what I feel should be the basic complaint, one I'm sure Mr. Paul McCartney would concur with: since when does buying someone a teddy bear mean you love them? You can't buy love ladies and gents, and Valentine's Day is all about commerciality. In fact, it's come to the point where men are no longer buying presents out of love, but more as a way of avoiding conflict. It has become just another day where stores make huge profits, because they know that if men don't buy Dove chocolates, they'll come home to the cold should-

der. But hey, sometimes there are those girls who get tired of getting just flow-ers, who feel like they deserve more than a heart-shaped box. That's where the real problems begin. After around 4 years of being with the same girl, eventually she'll wake up on the 14th expecting something more than a Hallmark card that says your feelings for her. Eventually, she'll wake up expecting you to cook her fettuc-cini alfredo and set up a table on an empty beach and arrange it so that you eat amidst a sun set. If you're as romantic as I am, it starts getting a little hard to keep coming up with original and semi-inexpensive ways to say "I love you."



Let's also consider the possibility of being single on a day where those who aren't, parade around, arms locked, smiles on their faces, and in unending frivolity. Suicide never seemed so desirable, eh? Now, I am lucky to have never yet in my short life had to experience Valentine's Day alone, at least not from the point in life where being with someone actually matters to you. But if I were, boy what a good day that would be to shut myself in doors, take off my pants, crack open that ice cream, and watch any movie with Will Ferrell in it while I eat my feelings. In other, much simpler words, that day would suck; and I get that. So what we have here is a day that has the potential to not only be miserable for those that the holiday is dedicated to, but also those whom

the holiday wistfully shuns. How fun. I just don't get why we have to have a day where our calendar tells us we have to go out and publicly express our feelings for our significant other. Where's the spontaneity in that? I suppose when it all comes down to it, my beef with Valentine's Day is that it is manufactured just to make every man in the world, and every single person in the world moan in unison when their alarm clock goes off that morning. I'm not even sure that the girls enjoy it any more. Do you guys even like getting chocolates? But then again, if you don't get your girl chocolates, you run the risk of having her think that you did it deliberately because you feel she's "too fat" for you. That's where it gets ugly. Why is every girl firmly convinced that their boyfriend isn't content with their physique anyways? I'll stop there before digression kicks in. I just wish Valentine's Day would just... leave. Like, have everyone in the world get flashed by that "Men in Black" memory eraser thing, and have it extirpate any memory of such an excruciating holiday. Sadly, we live in a world where memory eraser things don't exist. Until someone invents such a lovely device, I guess we'll just have to keep on truckin'. It would be at this point that I end this post with a pun, but, frankly, there weren't any good ones on Google. Happy Valentine's Day!...or not...whatever.

Grizzly Couples

Hope you're still together by the time this paper is out!

Happy Valentine's Day, lovebirds.



Max Soria and Carolina Herrera. Senior and Junior. Together since: March 25, 2009



Jose Servin & Marcy Garcia Together since: November 23, 2010



Joseph Pedroza & Jasmin Tran. Seniors. Together since: April 20, 2008



Marco Esquivel & Brenda Sanchez. Senior and Junior Together since: October 22, 2010



Jazmin Hernandez and Vincent Lopez These two seniors got together on 12/26/2010.



Liana Lujan & Christian Rabadan Seniors. Together since: 12.30.2010



Anthony Valle and Yaneli Gonzalez. Seniors. Together since 02/03/2010



Patty Trinidad and Ivan Padilla. Seniors. Together Since: March 31, 2010



Mextli Lopez (Senior) & Jacob Moreno (Junior) Together since: January 8, 2010.



Oscar Cardoba & Jennifer Garcia Two senior together since September 3, 2009.



Efrain Segundo & Elizabeth Delgado. Seniors. Together Since: February 28, 2008

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