

Mexico declares war on drug lords

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The Mexican president, Felipe Calderon, has decided to officially declare war on drug dealers. The violence that terrorizes Mexico began in 2005 when Joaquin Guzman, Mexico's most wanted drug trafficker, sent his hit men to try and take control of Tijuana's drug trafficking. Since January 2007, Calderon has sent thousands of soldiers and even an elite naval force to Tijuana, but the military presence has failed to stop the violence. Calderon has placed 45,000 troops along with 5,000 federal police in 18 different states throughout Mexico.

The last five years have been bloody, but 2010 has become the bloodiest year so far. Only four days into the year, more than 283 people died due to the war.

Mexico City and Nuevo Laredo have historically shared a fierce rivalry over the benefits of their border location, especially when it comes to drug trade routes.

On January 12, 2010, Mexican police achieved their first victory by capturing a major drug trafficker, Teodoro Garcia Simental. Garcia is known for having tortured the bodies of his Cartel rivals and later dissolving them in acid. This all took place in the northern border city of Tijuana. With the uproar of this drug war, Mexico is expected to face more complications throughout the year.



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Catholics raise \$2,000 for repairs

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On Dec. 31, 2009, the Catholic community of Idaho Falls held a dance at the YMCA Indoor Arena to raise money for the heating boiler at Christ the King Catholic Church. The fee was \$15 for people fifteen and over. People under fifteen got in for free. There were all types of food and entertainment for kids such as funhouses. Entertainment for adults and teens were a band, D.J. and plentiful feast of food featuring tamales, flan (a Mexican custard-like dessert), tacos, gelatina con rompopo (Jell-O with egg nog) and plenty more.

The competition for Miss Senorita Ano Nuevo 2010 (Miss New Year 2010) was also held at the arena. First place winner, Itzel Ochoa, won the competition and was crowned Miss Senorita Ano Nuevo 2010 (Miss New Year 2010). Second place winner was Crystal Ponce. Third place was Jackie Aguiar (10). All the contestants were given gift certificates to restaurants for their hard work. Jackie luckily received a gift certificate to American Eagle. There was about \$2,000 raised and Jackie's mother, Maria Aguiar, won a laptop. "It was pretty awesome," said Aguiar.

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Alex Ramirez

WSS: How do you believe the Hispanic Youth Symposium will help you?

AR: It's a great experience.



Marisca Gonzales

WSS: How do you believe the Hispanic Youth Symposium will help you?

MG: First of all, I will try to get as many scholarships as I can and get to know people and know why they are there.



Leonel Arteaga

WSS: How do you believe the Hispanic Youth Symposium will help you?

LA: First of all, if I get a scholarship it'll help me in the future and it'd be nice to meet other Hispanics that want to do something with their lives.

photos by Rebecka Garcia

Cupid around the world Chicken Taco



Tasia Lathouris

Cupid is one of the most well-known symbols of love throughout history. Known as the little winged child, Cupid is known for flying around and shooting arrows at people making them instantly fall in love. His arrows signify the emotions and desire love brings. Greek mythology states that Eros (Cupid) was the son of Aphrodite, goddess of love and beauty but the legend of Cupid is actually more supported by Roman mythology. Cupid was the son of Venus "The goddess of love."

Cupid was not always the chubby, cute little baby flying around matching people with their true love. He used to be a darker figure in the world of love. Matching odd couples and waiting to see how things turned out. Unknowingly, he fell under his own spell. He fell in love with a mortal woman named Psyche. Originally sent by Venus to punish Psyche for her beauty, Cupid fell in love. Although he had fallen hard for Psyche, she never saw him in the daylight. He kept his true self hidden and only visited her at night. He arranged that she live in his mountain home and without ever seeing him, Psyche still fell in love with him.

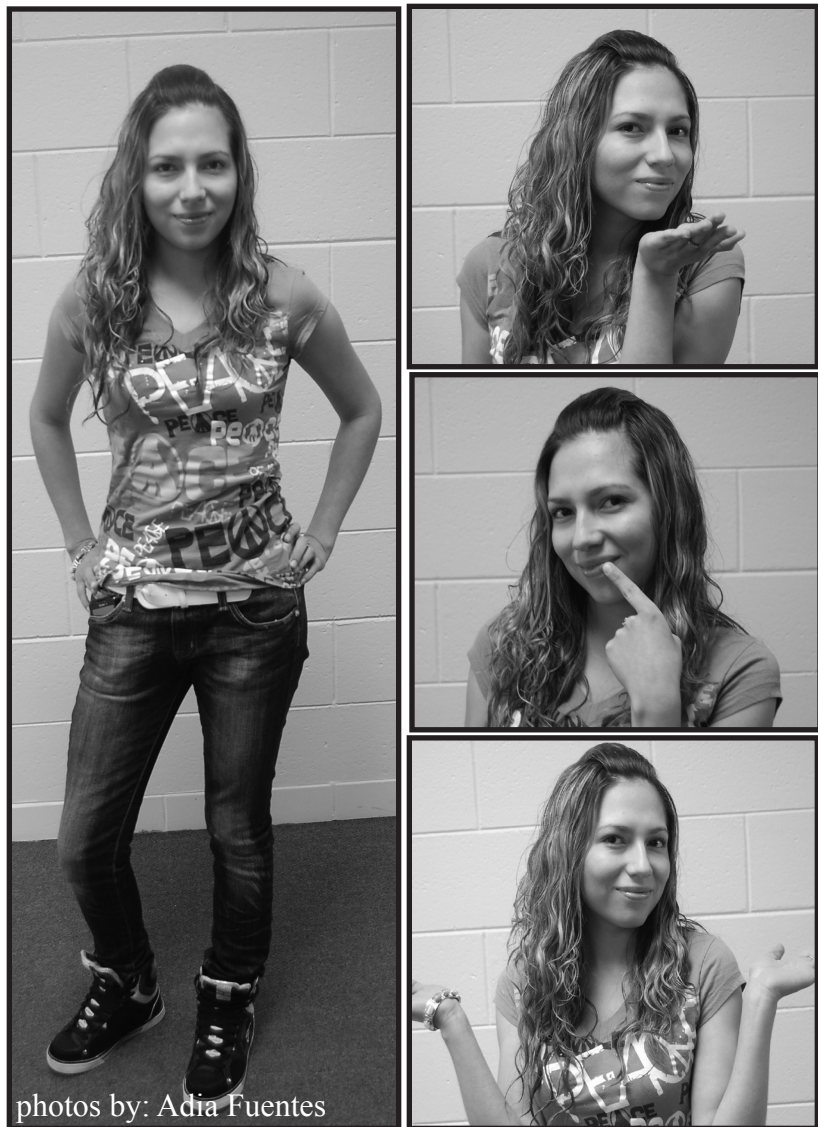
“I inflict no other punishment on you than to leave you forever. Love cannot dwell with suspicion.”

-Cupid

Unfortunately, her jealous sisters convinced Psyche that Cupid's true form was a monster. They also convinced her to sneak upon him one night armed with a knife. He awoke to the sight of her with knife in hand and sadly said, "I inflict no other punishment on you than to leave you forever. Love cannot dwell with suspicion." Psyche realized the mistake she had made and went to Venus to beg for forgiveness. Venus put Psyche through a number of tasks, each task harder than the last. A new god helped her with each new task. Finally, she earned her forgiveness and was allowed to marry Cupid. They had a child who was named "Pleasure" to help



Senior Spotlight: Diana Garcia



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WSS: What's your favorite subject and why?

DG: Drawing because I love to draw and it's really relaxing.

WSS: What's your favorite fast food place?

DG: McDonalds.

WSS: What's your dream car? Why?

DG: A Mustang because it's really cool and not too expensive.

WSS: What career do you want to take in your future and why?

DG: Attorney or lawyer because I like to defend all people.

WSS: What's your favorite thing about Skyline? Why?

DG: The teachers because they are really nice to you.

WSS: What type of music do you listen to and what are some of your favorite artists?

DG: Electronic, hip-hop, Reggaeton, and Mexican music. David Guetta and Kanye West.

WSS: Who is your role model? Why?

DG: My mom, because she is really strong mentally and has taught me a lot of things and how to get through this hard life.

WSS: Where is your hometown?

DG: Romita, Guanajuato.

WSS: If you had one wish what would you wish for?

DG: To be a model.

WSS: How would you describe yourself?

DG: Easy to get along with, outgoing, fun, shy.

WSS: Would you like to add anything else?

DG: I love to dance as well.

Mystery surrounds shooting of athlete



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Martha Ramirez
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On Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, soccer fanatics of Mexico's Primera Division found themselves waiting news regarding the health of soccer player, Salvador Cabañas, 29. Club America's athlete who was shot in the head inside the restroom of Mexico City's popular night spot "Big Bar." Authorities said that the attack did not appear to be a robbery.

Surgery lasted seven hours, and the doctor who performed the surgery, Ernesto Martinez, was unable to extract the bullet from Cabañas's brain, but Cabañas's was being stabilized.

Two suspects were seen on the night club's surveillance cameras exiting the bathroom, and later leaving the club in a car with no license plates.

Miguel Angel Mancera, Mexico City's Attorney General, officially indicated the two main suspects are, José J. Balderas Garza, AKA "El Modelo," and his bodyguard.

Balderas is a frequent visitor of the night club which is frequented by other soccer players and celebrities from around Mexico.

The videos released to the press show no attempt from anyone inside the club to prevent these two suspects from leaving the bar or paying their 16,000 peso bill from that night.

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