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# Hello Readers

What is your stress reliever? Your break from everyday life? For some its music and fashion. For others it may be family and friends. It is our pleasure to bring to you a brand new magazine from the Valencia Voice Publications. As a magazine dedicated to celebrating creative passion, we want you to take the journey with us as we experience the start of this exciting process. Detour Magazine was created as a way for students here at VCC or anywhere to just take a break from everyday life and take time to enjoy something that they're passionate about.

As a new magazine we want you to know that every reader is in our best interest. So what will Detour magazine cover you may ask? Well we have everything from what happened this awards season, to some of the best local designers found right here on campus. If you're interested in music don't fret; we've got you covered !

We have worked very hard along our great and talented staff to bring you a magazine that will promise to keep interested from start to finish. We thank you so much for taking time to pick up DETOUR magazine.

Sincerely,



**Robert Barrios and Omshante Lee**  
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**Taylor Swift**  
Kaufman Franco  
at the 52nd Annual  
Grammy Awards



**Pink**  
Tony Ward  
at the 52nd Annual  
Grammy Awards



**Miley Cyrus**  
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at the Screen Actors Guild Awards



**Kate Hudson**  
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at the Screen Actors Guild Awards

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PRESENTS 2010'S  
AWARD SEASON



# 2010 Award Show Season

The red carpet has been rolled out, the designer sketches have become reality and a slew of awards have been handed out. This year became by far one of the most talked about award show seasons in quite some time. You had superstar heavy-hitters like Meryl Streep and Sandra Bullock pulling a Britney and Madonna at the Critic's Movie Choice Awards when they shared a steamy kiss; both received the award for Best Actress in a movie. That was only the beginning of everything. By the end of the month, the Grammys strolled around with every artist on their iPods, all in one room. Although the show itself could have been better,

that didn't mean that the show didn't have some great performances. Lady Gaga opened up the show with her grammy winning song "Poker Face" and then made her way down a burying hole to end the show with a magical duet with Sir Elton John himself.

Even though Taylor Swift won for Record of the Year, that didn't bring as much shock as when the late Michael Jackson's kids came out to accept an award on his behalf. The 3-D tribute given to Jackson was by far the most touching moment of the night along with Pink's jaw-dropping performance for her song, "Glitter in the Air."

By February, it was time for the Screen Actors Guild Awards. The expected winners of the night got

their handmade statues. Although this award show wasn't as exciting as some of the others, it still had its moments. Betty White received a Lifetime Achievement Award for her work in the entertainment industry.

By the time the SAG awards were done it had seemed as though time flew and the biggest award show of them all had finally arrived. The 82nd Annual Academy Awards brought only the biggest stars ever to the Kodak Theater for one last time. The three hour show had some high and low moments. Monique, Sandra Bullock, Jeff Bridges and Christoph Waltz all won their expected Oscars, but what might have been the most notable moment of the award show had to

## CRITICS CHOICE AWARDS PEOPLES CHOICE GRAMMY AWARDS ACADEMY





# BEST-DRESSED

# MALE

have been the fact that Farrah Fawcett had been excluded from the memorial segment.

One of the nights touching moments came from Best Actress winner Sandra Bullock as she dedicated her Oscar to her mother for inspiring her to be the woman she is today, as well as the strong mother she portrays in her movie, "The Blind Side." She gave much praise to her mother, also crediting the fact that without her she would have never met her husband, now known for pulling a Tiger Woods. "I thank my mother for giving the opportunity to have that," Bullock said, as

she pointed to her "husband."

This award season has been a great one, with many touching and surprising moments. It's no wonder this has become one of the captivating award seasons in a long time and here's to hoping that next year brings us more laughter, surprises and most of all those unforgettable moments we cherish so much.

**-Robert Barrios**



**Taylor Lautner**



**Zac Efron**



**Kellan Lutz**



**Mario Lopez**

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POLICE FASHION POLICE FASHION  
**WORST DRESSED**





**Zoe Saldana**  
Givenchy Haute  
Couture  
at the 82nd Annual  
Academy Awards



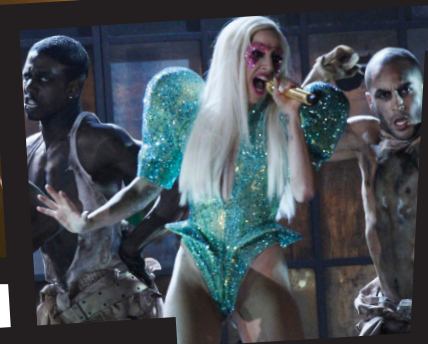
**Camron Diaz**  
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**Gabourey Sidibe**  
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at the 82nd Annual  
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# 2010 Award Show Season



1. The Black Eyed Peas performing at the Grammys.
2. Pink performing at the Grammys.
3. Lady Gaga opening up the Grammys Ceremony.
4. Taylor Swift receiving Record of the Year Award.
5. Beyonce performing "If I were a Boy."
6. Jennifer Hudson, Celine Dion, Smokey Robinson, Usher and Carrie Underwood tribute performance to Michael Jackson during the Grammys.
7. Sandra Bullock and Meryl Streep kissing at the 13th Annual Critics Choice Movie Awards.
8. The 82nd Annual Academy Awards Red Carpet.







# 2010 MOVIES





# THE SEASON





# 2010 Movies and More...

With the anticipation of Summer just around the corner, Detour takes a look at what movies people will be intrested in seeing this year.

**T**he start of the new year has already begun and some of the hottest movies have already hit the silver screens. This movie season promises to be one of the best in a while. Now that "Avatar" has had its take at box office history, it's time for a new set of movies to reach Avatar status.

Although we are almost half way into the year, movies like "Alice in Wonderland," which was a highly anticipated release has had people wanting more, when the summer season hits. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," "Sex and the City 2," and "Toy Story 3," are just some of the big movies getting released this summer.

Even though summer is still more than a month away, when someone even mentions the word summer, one automatically thinks of another big release this year which is "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse."

For twilighters this movie has been expected since the release of New Moon back in November. Nonetheless, the beginning of the year brought movie watchers some great movies sure to be classics. "Peter Jackson and the Olympian" has already been named the next Harry Potter, which could either be a good thing or bad thing depending on how one sees things.

"How to Train Your Dragon" has also proven to be quite successful in theaters. 2010 also seems to be the year of remakes. "Clash of the Titans" came out back in the '80s but has been remade into one of the number one movies of this year.

This year is sure be a big year for the movie industry, and that being said, who knows what movie will be named Best Picture at next years Academy Awards.

**-Robert Barrios**

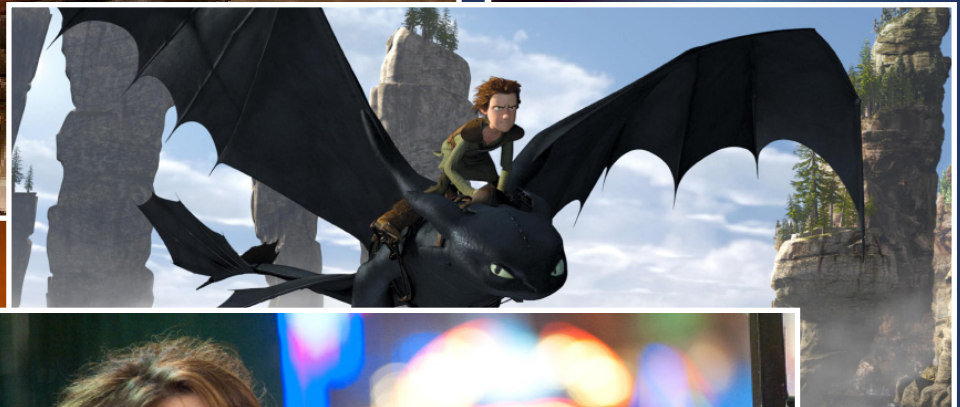




Left: Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief. Bottom Left: She's Out of My League. Bottom Center: A Nightmare On Elm Street. Bottom Right: Date Night. Top Right: How to Train Your Dragon. Center: Clash of the Titans.

# SUMMER MOVIES OF 2010...

1. Iron Man 2
2. Toy Story 3
3. Twilight Saga: Eclipse
4. Ramona and Beezus
5. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1
6. Sex and the City 2
7. Salt
8. Beastly
9. The A-Team
10. Shrek Forever After
11. The Karate Kid
12. Step it Up 3D
13. MacGruber
14. Predators





# REALITY TV TAKEOVER

Reality television has pretty much taken over people's lives for the past 15 years or so, we take a look to see where "real" television shows came from, and why we like them so much.

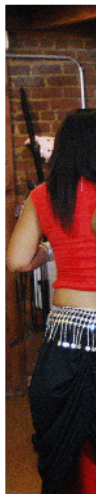
Reality television has been out for some time. Starting in 1992 MTV launched a TV series called *The Real World* where they took seven people from different places, different backgrounds and put them in one house. There, they would live together for months at a time and be taped for reactions during any and everything. Back then, this was known more as a documentary rather than a reality television series because it focused on the lives of everyday people.

Today it's hard to find a channel without a reality series, because they are so common. It wasn't until 2002, with the release of *Survivor* that a show was actually titled a reality TV series. Here, you have a show where a cast of regular people are exiled to a deserted island to survive and sabotage one another to win the grand prize of one million dollars.

Reality programs come in all different genres and each acquire their own types of viewers. MTV began with *The Real World* but now they have many more shows. Two that are very interesting are *True Life* and *16 and Pregnant*. These shows, although very different in tone and style, represent two areas of reality television that have since become incredibly popular. These shows focus on the lives of real people going through many difficulties in life. For example, a *True Life* episode focused on adolescents from ages 18-24 that were addicted to Adderall, a brand-name psycho stimulant medication that has a composition thought to work by increasing the amount of dopamine and norepinephrine in the brain. These people were using a prescription drug that they'd purchased off the streets. One girl was an honor student in high school and had been prescribed the medication for her ADHD habits. Once graduated, she was withdrawn from the drugs and began to feel for them. This caused a major down fall in her life and could have been fatal if she didn't get help. Shows like these are great influences for the younger generation today who want to go out and do stupid things, that could simultaneously

cause them their life. Seeing real people do things that affect them greatly is enlightening to someone going down the wrong path. Reality television has become extremely popular. It went from these shows being absolutely never thought of to being one of the most talked about genres today. Reality shows range in topics from anything about dating and finding love, real life situations, like addiction, celebrities and their lifestyles, to even health and fitness. For example there is a new reality show about Sarah Palin in Alaska. She was offered one million per show, even though she is no longer the governor or a presidential candidate. Reality television today is much more graphic and contains much sexual

content. All four of the nation's largest TV stations have adapted to the trend. A popular ABC reality TV show, the *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette*, help a man or woman look for love. Recently, a newer addition to dating shows is Oxygen's *Love Games: Bad Girls Need Love Too*. Bad girls from a previous season of *The Bad Girls' Club* get a chance at finding love. Reality shows are very influential to modern society. Not only are they entertaining but they are creative, and effective at casting individuals that anybody can relate to.



-Niurka Jorrin



# TOP TV SHOWS SO FAR...

1. American Idol
2. America's Next Top Model
4. The Hills
5. Big Brother
6. Real Housewives of Atlanta
7. America's Best Dance Crew
8. Survivor
9. Amazing Race
10. Project Runway
11. Dancing with the Stars
12. So you think you can dance





# Robert Stio

Not only is he Valencia's Student Government President, but this SGA president is also an esteemed actor. Stio sat down with Detour to tell us all about his journey.



**G**uess what, Valencia? Celebrities are coming our way. One in particular is West Campus' own Student Government Association president, Robert Stio.

Stio has been acting for fifteen years. He is originally from Queens, New York, but his parents moved to Orlando, Florida, when he was young, which is where he found his ambition to act.

"I started when I was in school," he began, "just doing theater and stuff and then when I graduated high school, I started working at the studios, used to be MGM studios, now it's the Hollywood studios and I worked in entertainment there so that kind of made me realize that I might be able to do it professionally. Here in Orlando I started taking classes and trying to get agents and stuff like that."

It definitely worked. He acted in the Nickelodeon hit, 'The Secret Files of Shelby Woo,' which is what he calls his "claim to fame." Stio moved to Los

Angeles for seven years to pursue his acting and did many productions there. Following that, he returned to his hometown in New York where he lived for another three years. Now, he's back in Orlando, with a similar motive; he is majoring in international relations while positioned as SGA president. "It's kind of like acting in a sense," he describes. "I mean I wanna possibly be a diplomat, not so much a politician. I'm thinking of doing speeches and standing in front of people and demanding an audience." Although he has somewhat put acting on hold to concentrate on school, he still has an agent. "Here in town I did a national commercial for Coors Light. Those are my big ones right there."

Stio acted as standing SGA president for the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 semesters. For more information on his acting visit The International Movie Database, [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com), which provides information on nearly every film and actor.

**-Nikki Namdar**



# Lauren Conrad

From the shores of Laguna Beach to The Hills of California, this young star has made herself known and is now a New York Best seller.

**A**s Lauren Conrad continued her book tour across the United States, she made a quick stop in Central Florida and had a book signing at a Borders in Winter Park. The room filled with fans that had followed Conrad since her days in Laguna Beach up to her long lived reality television show, *The Hills*, which is what her series of books are loosely based on.

Conrad was able to pack the store with an estimated 800 people. After waiting for about an hour-and-a-half, the fans were finally able to meet

Conrad and get their copies of her book autographed. The only bummer about the whole thing was that the fans weren't allowed to take pictures with the starlett, or get their books personalized. Although that was a major let down, the fans still appreciated that Conrad took time to come down to Orlando and meet with her loyal fans.

## Story and Photos Robert Barrios



As part of her book tour, Lauren Conrad made an appearance at the Borders located in Winter Park.





**ORLANDO WELCOMES**

**ELLEN**

Rain couldn't stop funny lady Ellen Degeneres from bringing her highly watched television show to Orlando. Degeneres taped two shows while here, that aired April 1 and 2. Fans waited hours; with some people arriving at 7:00 in the morning to make sure that they were guaranteed a seat for the show. Once everyone was handed their tickets, they quickly filled in empty spots with standbys. The time had finally come; the filming of the first

two shows had begun. Degeneres entered the venue doing "flips" throughout the entire theme park to eventually land in front of more than 1,000 people. The April Fool's themed show included guest Sharon Osbourne, who is currently on Donald Trump's huge hit show, *Celebrity Apprentice*, as well as grammy award winning superstar Usher. Even though nothing was given away, that was easily forgettable with so much going on.

As soon as the first show ended, the audience was ushered out to bring in the new crowd for show two. This time around, the guests included Extra host Mario Lopez and the grammy award winning, Rascal Flatts. By the time this started filming, our great friend mother nature decided to stop by and shower everyone with rain. Rain or shine,

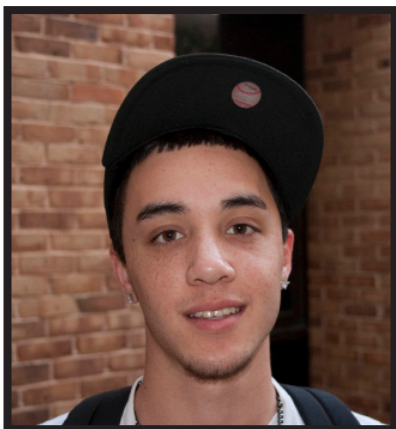
the show had to continue and although guests didn't have much luck staying dry the second time around, Ellen surely did not disappoint, make it possibly one of her greatest visits down to the sunshine state.

**Story and Photos By  
Robert Barrios**



"I really don't watch television, but when I do, I like anything on the Discovery or History channel."

-Jacque Chung



"I like Spongebob and Family Guy."

-Ciro Diavelo



"I like Dragon Ball Z."

-Stephen Jimenez



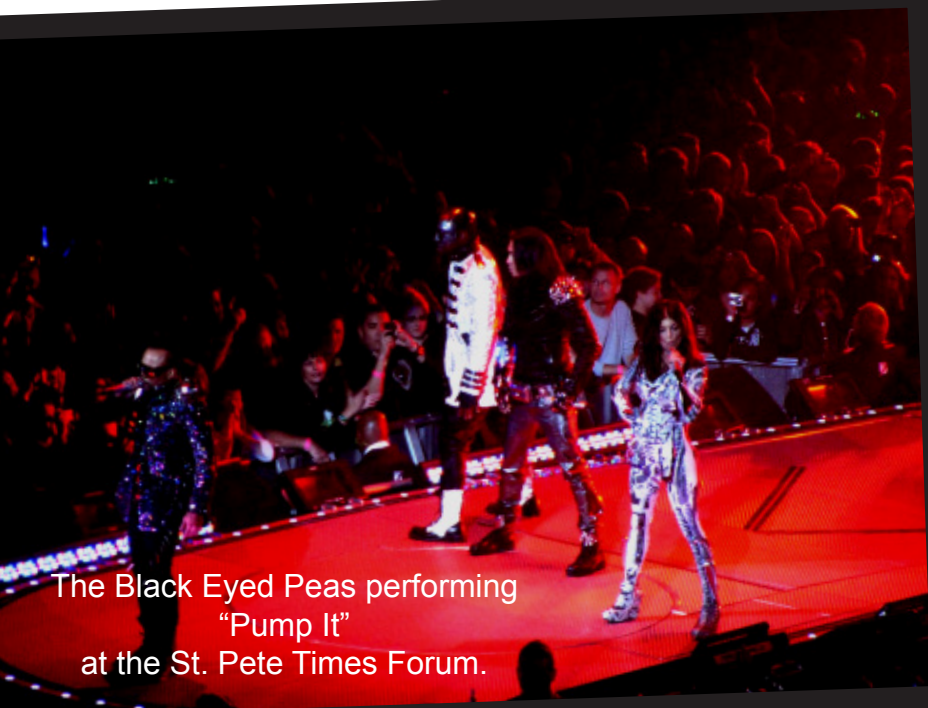
"I really liked Arrested Development but its not on anymore."

-Sunny Burbon

We asked our readers what were some of their favorite television shows and here is what they had to say.

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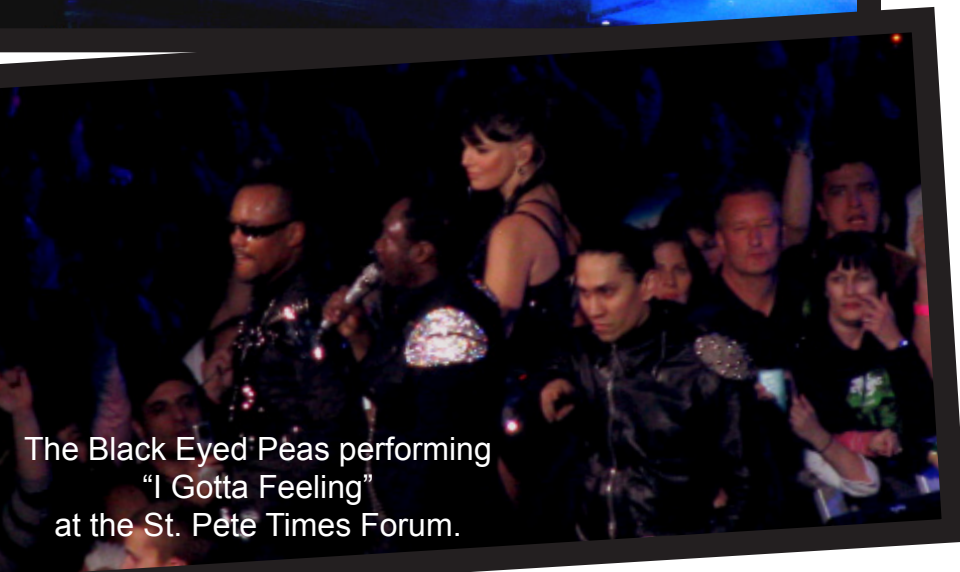




The Black Eyed Peas performing  
"Pump It"  
at the St. Pete Times Forum.



The Black Eyed Peas performing  
"Meet Me Half Way"  
at the St. Pete Times Forum.



The Black Eyed Peas performing  
"I Gotta Feeling"  
at the St. Pete Times Forum.

# Black Eyed Peas Brings The E.N.D

On Wed., Feb. 10, The Black Eyed Peas brought their E.N.D World Tour through Tampa, FL. From "Boom Boom Pow" to "My Humps," The Peas managed to perform not only their current hits from their grammy award winning album, but also brought back the songs that made them famous.

During the two hour show, The Peas never once disappointed fans and made sure everyone was being entertained at all times. The fans cheered and screamed their lungs out as the night progressed. Eventually the show came to an end with their smash hit "I Got a Feeling," getting their fans to sing along with them as confetti covered the arena.

Once the show was over, The Peas made it a point to invite all of their fans to the official after party held at the Kennedy, where Taboo and App-De-Ap made a quick appearance even performing "Boom Boom Pow."

**-Story and Photos By  
Robert Barrios.**

# A Fire Inside

"No trust can be given freely, it's a valuable commodity." That is just one of the countless lyrics that have jumped out of a song and into the heads of fans like myself from the band "A Fire Inside" or more commonly known as "AFI."

I have been a fan of AFI for nearly ten years, I have seen them perform over 14 times in nine different states along the east coast. I have spent thousands of dollars on this band on everything from actual discography, to merchandise and show tickets, to the cost of travel.

During a typical concert I can expect one of the following things to happen; being shoved in a mosh pit that I didn't enter willingly, neck pain and sprained joints because of crowd surfers, suffocation from the body odor of a thousand fans, dehydration or the occasional fainting, a kick in the head and the possibility of ending up on the wrong side of an argument amongst other show goers.

I have received a speeding ticket, a parking ticket, had my shoes stolen, had a shirt nearly ripped off of me and to top it off I have never met any of the band members.

The birth of AFI was in 1991, when the idea was conceived by original members Davey Havok and Adam Carson. The current lineup now includes Hunter Burgan and Jade Puget. The band has progressively changed their musical "style"

throughout the years and more so when each new addition was made. While their musical style has changed, one thing that hasn't, has been their energy and motivation to produce new material.

September 29, 2009 the band released "Crash Love." AFI is currently on tour with dates in the United States, Canada and Europe. In the fall they will continue their tour, but as special guests with band, "Greenday."

In total, the band has produced eight full length albums, not including EPs, cover songs, videos, and recorded songs that never made it to an album.

After all of my experience, I have never grown tired or bored with the band. Every show is different,

every venue holds a unique vibe and each crowd possesses a different emotion. I am just one of the many loyal fans.

AFI has a considerably strong fan base because of their fan group, "The Despair Faction." I have formed unforgettable friendships with other fans from all over the country. I have shared stories, memories and pain.

Even though I have never met the band, they are an inspiration because they are doing what they love, they are "living the dream."

**-Story and Photos By Roxy Cash**





# THEY SAID WHAT?!?!?

Even though some of today's **top artists** make great hits, they sometimes say things that make you second guess your listening skills. Here are some of the songs that **boggled** our brains.

"Love me, hate me, say what you want about me, but all the boys and all of the girls are beggin' to if you seek amy."

-Britney Spears  
"If You Seek Amy"

**Detour's response:**  
~Britney you have really gotten crative with your lyrics over the years.

"Can you keep up? Baby boy, make me lose my breath, bring the noise make me lose my breath, hit me hard, make lose my."

-Destiny's Child  
"Lose my Breath"

**Detour's response:**  
~Sooooo... How about no comment.

-Robert Barrios, Michelle Levine,  
and Nurika Jorin

"Girls are like buses, every 15 mins. they run. Man, they like potato chips, I just can't have one."

-Gucci Mane Feat. Drake

**Detour's response:**  
~We don't think girls want to be described as fat greasy substances.

"You run and you try and you're tryin' to hide and you're wonder-ing why you can't free."

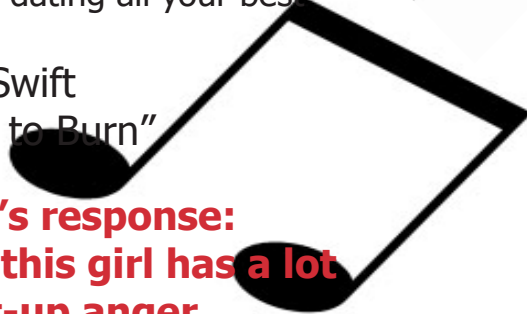
-Carrie Underwood  
"Cowboy Cassanova"

**Detour's response:**  
~WTF? Is all we have to say.

"There's no time for tears, I'm just sitting here planning my ravenage, there's no stopping me, from dating all your best friends."

-Taylor Swift  
"Picture to Burn"

**Detour's response:**  
~Man, this girl has a lot of built-up anger.



# At the age of 18, This Valencia student is making a name for himself.

Imagine a modern day, younger version of Jimi Hendrix and his guitar skills, and you've got Frederick Quarterman. Quarterman has been playing guitar since he was 12 years old, with his Cousin Xavier Quarterman, who plays drums. "We're open minded musicians," said Frederick Quarterman. "We don't play one type of music. For all the musicians, we think we're definitely the definition of them."

Now at the age of 18, he's attending Valencia Community College hoping to pursue music. He's attended the school's talent contests, including Talent Tuesday, a West Campus semesterly event coordinated by the Student Government Association. He and his cousin actually won Talent Tuesday in the Fall of 2009, after playing their instruments blindfolded. "We basically live our instruments," Frederick Quarterman explained. "We don't play on them, we live on them. We play them all day, everyday. That's why playing blindfolded is nothing for us."

Search for Frederick Quarterman's Facebook profile so you can check out more information about him and his music.

**- Story and photos by Nikki Namdar**



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# After years of hard work, the young kid from Casselberry finally fulfills his dreams of becoming the star he always wanted to be.

Story and Photographs By Nikki Namdar

**M**ove aside, Drake! There's a new rapper in the game coming out of the streets of Orlando. DJ Nasty's protégé, Kid Famous, has been rapping and singing since he could talk. DJ Nasty, one of hip-hop's biggest producers, is best known for his work with artists such as Lil' Wayne, DJ Khaled, Ludacris and many more. Now added to the list: Kid Famous.

With remixes to "Thinkin' About You" by Mario, Young Money's "Bedrock," and "Down" by Jay Sean, on the radio, Kid is blowing up speakers. Kid and I sat on leather chairs in his recording studio, where all the music-making happens. Wearing "ultra exclusive" (as he says) Creative Recreation sneakers with ultra tight jeans; a black vest over a lime green v-neck and a long chain necklace embedded with a key, Kid definitely has style. As a matter-of-fact, he actually embraces the name Kid Famous after seeing the clothing line worn by Travis Barker of punk-rock band Blink-182. "It was when Travis Barker had that show out," he explains, "and he used to wear Famous, so I saw a Famous shirt at the

mall one day, it was the only one, it was black. The only one out, bought it. That's all I wore for a short amount of time. I was literally the only kid in high school to have those clothes." At the age of seven, he found his talent through, believe it or not, karaoke and began free styling. One song in particular was a remake of a Mos Def jam. Soon enough, he wrote his first rap song on the karaoke machine. Now, at eighteen, he's definitely a kid on his way to being famous.

From karaoke to television, Kid describes his dreams, saying, "I always had this vision of me on TRL. It was so real. That's how I knew, this is it, this is what I want to do." You may not be able to see Kid on the now off-the-air Total Request Live, but nowadays you can find him chillin' out with top dogs in the game like DJ Khaled and drinking sangria with Ludacris at his mansion during the Super Bowl. Far from Ludacris' mansion is where Kid was born and raised in the small town of Casselberry. Music has surrounded Kid throughout his entire life. His father was a professional percussionist and his brother, Izaiah Demarco, is a producer and member of Miami-based music trio, Holliwoodz. Kid says he really looks

up to his brother: "He made me want to do it. If he didn't sing, I probably wouldn't sing. We write songs together." Kid also says he does what he does for his father because unfortunately his father's musical career didn't take a lift off, so Kid is picking up where his father left off.

When Kid was younger, he also yearned to be part of his idol DJ Nasty's clan. He would visit their MySpace profiles, hoping he would eventually get noticed, saying he would feel empty if he didn't do music. Two years ago, when Kid was at the tender age of sixteen, his days of hoping were over. A family friend initially introduced Kid to producer Spiff TV, who is Nasty's right hand man. Spiff would bring Kid along to clubs, such as downtown's AKA Lounge. Originally he was intended to be Spiff's artist, but somehow led to a connection with Nasty. Spiff provided Kid with an instrumental, which was supposed to be on Kanye West's album, but wanted to see what Kid could do. Inspired by the beat and being as talented as he is, of course, he killed it.



During that time, Kid was facing some hardships in his life when he and his girlfriend at the time broke up. "I started wanting her back but she wasn't having it, so I was emotionally messed up," he recalls. Deciding to take initiative, he used this sad time to put his emotion on paper composing the song, "Stereo."

"It was my first industry beat," says Kid, "So I locked myself in my room and I would come up with different melodies. I didn't even write the song. I would sit there and sing in the mic and just dissect different parts." The song was an apology to his then ex-girlfriend that she can hear through her stereo. Well, if it wasn't for the depressing time in his life, he would've never made the hit that, according to Kid, Nasty went "ape shit" over, having been even sent to big time hip-hop artist, record producer and entrepreneur, P. Diddy.

After a long battle attempting to shine in the hip-hop world, Kid was invited to KDS Studios to finally meet one of his idols, Nasty, along with record producers, The Inkredibles, who are also managed by Nasty. Kid says, "I get up there, and I'm real excited because it's my first time meeting him; trying to impress him . . . I see him through the window and he puts his arms up to say 'What's up?' and I was like this is a cool guy. I knew right away, he was gonna be mad chill. I met him and we hit (it) off," Kid said with excitement. Soon after, Kid was officially managed by Nasty and signed to Nasty Beat Makers label. Kid says he was ecstatic.

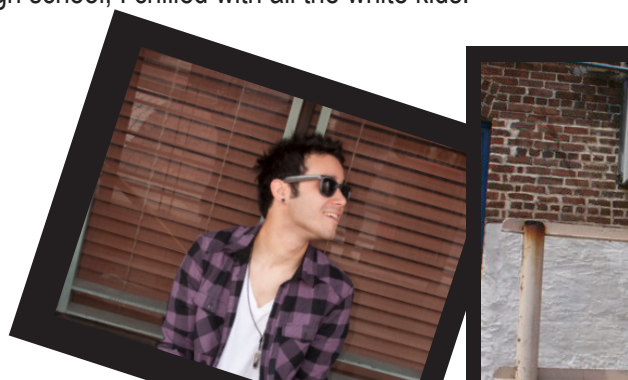
Following two crazy years, as Kid describes it, he now calls Nasty his big brother and is recognized when he goes places. His first hit on the radio was the remix to "Down" by Jay Sean. "I started getting recognition for that," says Kid. "Everyone started hearing it. People started coming up to me and they kind of recognized me, and the doormen at clubs started knowing me." Influenced by early '90s music, Kid says he doesn't know what he would be doing if it wasn't music. He believes it has been his calling, stating he will devote all his time into it because he feels as though he gets lost in it like

it's another world. "They'll give me a record and I just lock myself in here and I focus. I completely escape from the world. I don't touch my phone. Nothing. That's when I'm in the zone . . . The world does not exist," he said, as we sat in his studio, also shared by his brother. Surrounding us are pictures hung on the wall of musicians such as Jimi Hendrix and even an autographed photo of Alicia Keys. He has an open ear for all different types of music. His iPod ranges from throwback legends like Run DMC to today's artists, like Taylor Swift, claiming he just appreciates music. He feels inspired by everything around him, from girls to movies, saying he has to be inspired and must be hit by the music for him

to be able to throw it down on paper. Most importantly, he says he feels really stimulated to write music when he watches other artists perform. "I'm just like, I really need to do this, I really need to step it up, or I need to get

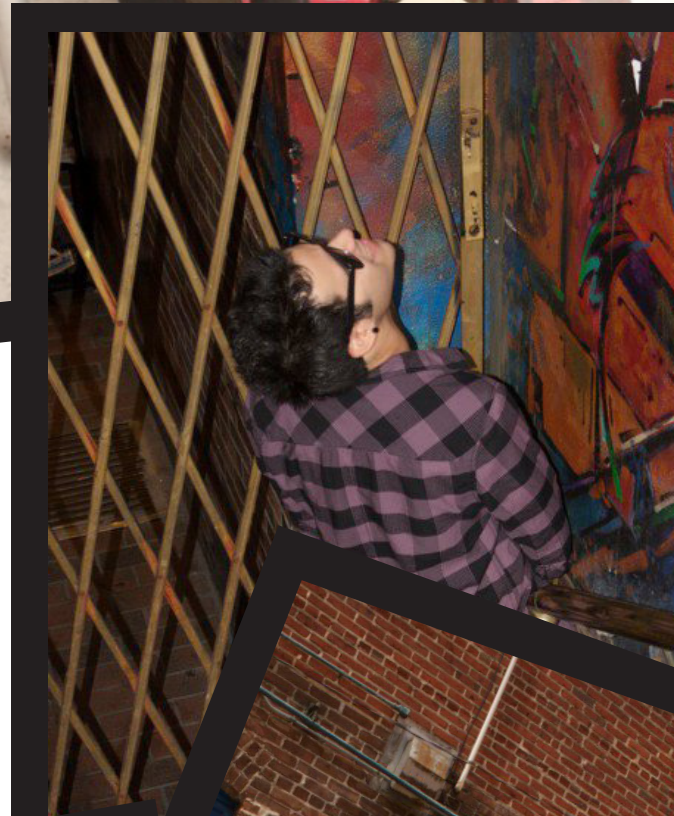
**"I just live my life with a positive mentality, I'm never upset, I'm never sad. There's no point. I try to look at the positive aspects in life."**

out there," said Kid. "Any little thing can inspire me. Any situation; you never know what God is going to hit you with." He describes his music as unique and different from the other artists out there. "I'm really not trying to sound conceited because I'm so humble," he says genuinely, "but like I said I respect everybody for their craft. I'm just different and there's not too many people out there who are different right now. \*He hopes to start a trend in the music world, being able to stand out but still fit in the crowds, and "bring all the music in one and just hit everybody," he says. "I just wanna be that kid that blends in everywhere because I really do. I do my street shit - I'm Puerto Rican - I chill with all the Spanish kids. I've got my roots, that's where I get my rhyming abilities from. In high school, I chilled with all the white kids."



He also says he wants to bring back humor to music. He believes you must be comfortable with yourself in order to be a respected artist. With a personality like his, there will be no problem. "I just wanna have fun," he demands. "Everyone is so serious. In hip-hop now, it's 'I'm harder than you.' Hip-hop used to be fun. I wanna bring music back to a time where you could just be goofy and have fun, but still be ill at the same time." With lyrics like, "But there's a small fee for bein' famous / my best friends who knew me most are now lookin' like some strangers," he definitely brings something special to the table, while leaving some things behind. Kid says he would never change this for the world and has been willing to sacrifice certain things in his life to make time for his future which he beholds his plan to release mixtape after mixtape after mixtape. "I'm reaching for greatness," he exclaimed. Well, Kid doesn't have to reach too far, because he's nearly there. He currently has an album in the works and is setting up a music video, to either song "Girl Like This" or "Party Don't Start." The final decision on which song to make a video for hasn't been made yet, but no need to worry because Kid doesn't have doubts. "I just live my life with a positive mentality," he states. "I'm never upset, I'm never sad. There's no point. I try to look at the positive aspects in life."

You can check out Kid Famous' music at [www.myspace.com/kidfamousmusic](http://www.myspace.com/kidfamousmusic) and be sure to support at his shows because there is nowhere else he'd rather be but on the stage. "I think this is meant to be," he says. "I can't see myself doing anything else in life. I can't see myself working anywhere, being at a normal job. This is what I do. This is my life. I think this is what I'm on Earth for."













# An Affair to Remember

As Black History Month came to an end, Valencia Community College and The University of Central Florida, come together to put on a one of a kind fashion show on VCC's east campus.

**S**tudents from all campuses gathered in a celebration of fashion and Black History on Friday February 27. Held at Valencia's East Campus performing arts center and sponsored by the African American Culture Society or A2CS, the "Blakk Affair" provided a diverse compilation of runway, music and dance, just as the month dedicated to African American History came to an end. "Every black history month, the students come up with their own idea," says advisor Vertrilla Hunt. With guidance from Hunt and stylish garments provided by local designers, James Thomas and the other members of A2CS had the perfect components for a successful show. "James was the chair," Hunt said. "He put it all together because he wanted a runway fashion show, with other entertainment in between." Featuring performances by both rap and dance groups, the club members achieved their goal: keeping the audience at the edge of their seats the entire night. "I thought it was cool,"

said Brad Markowitz, a University of Central Florida communications major. "They were definitely working the outfits for sure." "All 13 models were either Valencia or UCF students," said president of A2CS, Lakendra Williams. "Once we opened more to the student body, it started to run smoothly." Not only did A2CS work with student models, but also student designers. In addition to local boutiques, Dechoes and Etoile, the show featured the clothing line, Ehrow, created by designer and West Campus student Eli Louis. As if music performances, dance numbers and original fashion were not enough, the members of the A2CS added one more component "We asked trivia related to black models, and historical figures, and gave away prizes to the audience members," said Hunt. The Blakk Affair was not just about glitz and glamour alone. It was an exciting experience that provided entertainment, as well as a lesson in Black History.

- Omshante Lee





# Eli Louis

As one of Valencia's up and coming designers, Detour magazine took the time to sit down with Louis and find out the true meaning of his clothing line.

**F**or the average style-watcher, all an amazing wardrobe will earn you is the constant stares of envious passersby, scanning your outfit from head to toe. Or the occasional praise from those humble enough to compliment. But for Eli Louis an eye for fashion can mean the world. The young entrepreneur first came up with the idea for his original line "Ehrow," when he noticed a void in the hip-hop fashion scene. "I saw a lack of meaning in designs today, so I started making my own," says Louis. Instead of random patterns or logos, Eli looked to create something that everyone could relate to, something that people could make a statement by wearing. "I knew that people wanted more than just a shirt; they wanted a positive message."

**Where did you come up with the name for your clothing line?**

EHROW stands for Every Heart Runs On the World. My clothing line is based on peace and unity.

**How did you get into fashion?**

I saw a lack of meaning in the fashion industry so I decided to make a hot line promoting peace rather than money, cars or other material things.

**How would you describe the style of EHROW clothing?**

EHROW I feel is not in just one category. This was done purposely so it could be suitable for all demographics.

**If you could style any celebrity, who would it be?**

Mr. West aka "MR. FRESH" Kanye West.



Without a doubt. His sense of style blows away most celebrities today and I feel like we could learn a thing or two from each other. (If you are reading this Kanye, you're the dude!)

**What are some of your favorite brands to wear?**

EHROW, of course, Sean John, Jordan, Nike, the list goes on. As long as it looks good, I'm wearing it!

**What is a huge fashion "don't" that you see young women and men doing?**

I'm not a skinny jean hater, some folks can pull it off, but if you're not a guy with skinny legs, don't do it to yourself. Then there are those cats who wear clothes that are 76 sizes too big. Are you serious? But that's just my take on it. If you like 'em, do

you play!

Women that wear clothes that are obviously too tight for them. If you can't breathe, maybe, just maybe, your clothes could be a bit more loose. I'm just saying.

**What advice do you have for young aspiring clothing designers?**

Be true to yourself and be open to take criticism. You may think that you have the hottest designs in the world but if they're not selling then you have to change your approach. Next, do your research. Look to see what people are wearing and vibe off of that.

**-Omshante Lee**

\*All cloths can be found at [Etoileboutique.com](http://Etoileboutique.com) or [MySpace.com/Ehrow](http://MySpace.com/Ehrow)





Vintage Wash Ehrow T-Shirt  
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Boutique











Navy Blue Scripture  
Ehrow T-Shirt



Long Sleeved Ehrow  
Shirt accessorized  
with snake skin belt  
and cheetah Leggings  
from Plato' s Closet





Green and Black Ehrow  
T-Shirt styled with  
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Boutique.



Hello I Rock Ehrow  
T-Shirt. Glasses and  
Scarf provided by  
Stylist.





# Nicole Ethridge

With each piece specially made, and never duplicated, designs by Nicole provides one of a kind pieces that reflect a style as unique as each woman that wears it

**W**hat can turn a plain T-shirt and jeans into the hottest trend? What adds the finishing touch to a stunning evening gown? The perfect accessories.

Nicole Etheridge took this concept into her own hands when she started 'Designs by Nicole.' Specializing in beaded jewelry for women of all ages, 'Designs by Nicole' brings some much needed diversity to the jewelry scene."

"God has given me a creative mind and hands that can do the creative work. The two talents are so unique when they work together. I asked, 'Why not do something with the talents that he has given to me?'" A fine arts major at Valencia's West Cam-

pus, Ethridge has picked the perfect program, as she possesses the ability to make fine art of her own.

## **What made you first decide to start making jewelry?**

I like to find creativity in things people could never imagine to be beautiful. For this reason, I am a jewelry designer. My original reason for designing jewelry was to make some extra money and to pass time by. After making it for people and wearing the designs it became much more to me. I loved the fact that it allowed me to reach out to people in general.

## **How long have you been designing jewelry?**

I began making jewelry in

January of 2006.

## **Do you look to any other designers for inspiration?**

I really don't look to other designers. It is more towards what I saw that day or what enters my mind Throughout the day. These are where my ideas come from.

## **How do you come up with the names for your pieces?**

After some time I began naming the pieces according to the beads that I used to create it, or according to the person that had theirs customized by color.

## **What is your ultimate goal for your jewelry line?**

My ultimate goal is to have my own accessory boutique.

## **How long does it take you to design each piece?**

In all of the creative designs, the normal time for completion is 1-2 and 1/2, or sometimes three

days. I am like a writer or painter, sometimes I just get blocked and I can't do anything.

## **What type of women do you make your designs for?**

The designs are for all tastes and budgets. I have a line that is called the Diamond Diva Line. The pieces are more glitzy and are for women that have been diamonds all along, they just were not seen. This particular website is for inspiration to all women.

## **How can people purchase your pieces?**

Through [www.myart-bynicole.com](http://www.myart-bynicole.com) and [www.diamonddivaclub.vpweb](http://www.diamonddivaclub.vpweb) the jewelry can be purchased and by the contact information listed on the sites.

-Omshante Lee















# Boutique chic

The fun and eclectic clothes  
from this shop make any guy  
or girl want to go vintage

**E**toile Boutique brings together an eclectic, authentic and vintage inspired style of clothing and accessories for men and women. The rare - and some hand-made - products are created by independent designers and are not sold in many stores. The shop carries designers such as Queenbee Creations, Kozyndan and Tatty Devine, among many others. Check out the unique store at 2424 E. Robinson Street in Orlando.

You can find more information on the fashionable store by visiting:

<http://etoileboutique.com/>

<http://www.etsy.com/shop/etoileboutique>

You can also find them by logging on to Facebook & MySpace.

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# Summer

## Girls



Is it getting hot in here? Yes, it is. Do you know what to wear? If you don't, here are some great summer fashion tips and trends, so you'll be ready for summer 2010! Now, ladies, if you're going to the beach this summer, don't go for a regular swimsuit go for the cut-away style. An off the shoulder will add a little pizzazz to your swimsuit. And don't think you're just going to wear a swimsuit - you need to accessorize! Throw on some jewelry, a feathered headband or an over-blouse. We don't want to be simple chic, went to be sassy chic! Instead of going to American Eagle and buying normal flip flops, try wearing gladiator sandals and tribal sandals. Your footwear makes a big difference in your outfit. Why have a stunning outfit with not-so-cute shoes? The key detail this year is tribal, tribal, oh yeah, and tribal. Tribal patterns and prints. Let's not forget clothes, whether for a night on the town or a lunch with friends. Remember, shorter than short shorts are in, too. Don't go for ordinary, go for extraordinary!

**-Nikki Namdar**

## Dos

1. Aviators
2. Graphic tees (men)
3. Plaid
4. Bright colors including yellows, greens, and aqua
5. Jeweled tribal



"I guess the whole genie pants, and I don't like bicycle shorts. Like the whole nineties come back with the bicycle shorts, i think they're pretty tacky.

**-Carmen peterson**



"To me I think linen pants are in."

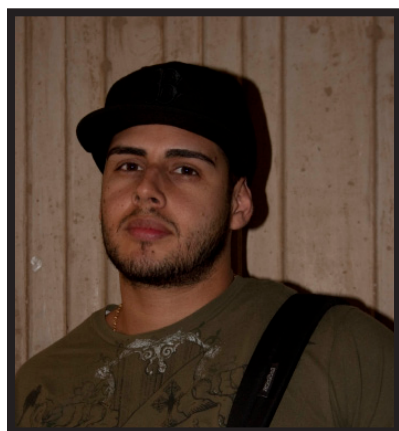
**-Shamila Yunes**

# Fashion

## Guys

**P**laid cargo shorts are a definite must have for those unbearably humid days. Affordable prices range from \$12 - \$25, at stores like Target and Wal-Mart. More expensive brands such as American Eagle carry both cargo and plaid shorts ranging from \$29 - \$40. Fitted T-shirts or V-necks are an affordable summer essential that every guy must have. Paired with some shorts or straight legged jeans for a more dressy look, you're good to go. Plaid Button down shirts are one of the hottest must haves for summer but be careful not to go overboard with the plaid (i.e. buying too many of a similar design or matching the plaid pants with plaid shorts). Also, if you can pull it off, a fedora can be that final touch your summer outfit may need. A fresh pair of sunglasses not only keep the sun out of your eyes but they also make you look cooler than everyone else. You can never go wrong with a pair of aviators but a basic pair of shades will cost you around \$5 - \$12 at shops like Plato's Closet and Tilly's. A light jacket or sweater will definitely come in handy on those rare breezy nights. Stores like PacSun and H&M have just what you need for about \$20 - \$30.

**-Malchiah Small**



"High socks. on both men and women and no speedos."

**-Jesse Villegas**



"Don't wear furry boots during the summer. what are those boots called?"

**-Cameron Parson**

## Don'ts

1. Dirty flip flops
2. Shades at night
3. Saggy jeans and super skinny jeans (men)
4. Snow boots
5. Muscle shirts with too much or not enough muscle (men)





# VALENCIA : VEGETARIAN FRIENDLY?

If you're a vegetarian, or trying to be, and you attend Valencia Community College, no need to worry, veggie heads. It won't be hard right here at the college. The campuses have options for you. Not one, not two, not three, but many. From breakfast to lunch, or even just a quick snack, the cafeteria or it's quick stop coffee shops provide everything from gourmet meals down to whole grain muffins. The company behind this deliciousness is Cabin Creek. Cabin Creek is also the coordinator for all the catering given to us at events on campus. John Taylor is the general manager of the Cabin Creek cafeterias and cafes on every campus. He

says that less than one percent of the sales taken in is vegetarian. What's going on, veggie heads?? That's a small percentage compared to the many vegetarians that we have on campus. So if you're unaware that our campuses are vegetarian-friendly, well they are! Taylor says the vegetarian item on the menu that gets sold the most is the black bean burger. It may not be a whopper, but it's better than that and Burger King, and you can still have your way! In addition to the burger, we vegetarians also have other options, such as the vegetarian panini, consisting of breaded eggplant. Also provided to us, pizza by the slice, vegetarian Jamaican patties, and a portobello mushroom sandwich. Don't forget breakfast, too! Cabin Creek started off as a coffee cart in the Studio Services Building patio on the West Campus, according to Gini Tackett, owner and founder. Tackett says she enjoys being in the college atmosphere compared to when she owned a coffee shop outside the campuses. She said it's because she has a longer time getting to know people personally. So if you're hungry, and want a meal or just an on-the-go snack, you don't have to go far at all. Don't be afraid to stop and give it a shot. I guarantee you'll be very happy, and healthy!

**-Nikki Namdar**



# Summer health tips

A woman with blonde hair tied back is drinking from a clear plastic water bottle. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The background is blurred, showing what might be a car or other outdoor elements.

**Dont give up your  
New Years  
resolution just yet!  
Here are some helpful  
ways to get you ready  
for summer**

## POLL

**Would you say that  
you have healthy  
daily habits?**



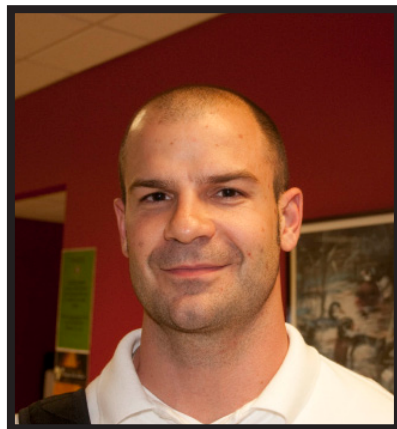
"No. I eat whatever I want."

-Lara Alao-Aboko



"I workout two days a week but my eating habits are really bad. I eat junk food almost everyday."

-Lorena Alarcon



"I'm pretty healthy. I used to be a personal trainer. I eat five to seven times a day; around 240 to 250 grams of protein, and 4500 calories a day."

-Clint Noiseau



"Its hard to stay healthy with all of the fried food in the area. McDonalds is right up the street."

-Collin Dever

HERE ARE 10 THINGS THAT  
ARE SURE TO HELP YOU STAY  
HEALTHY THIS SUMMER

Drink plenty of water.

Instead of jogging in the heat, or playing an outdoor sport, opt for a workout video, or indoor workout where you can stay cool.

Use lots of sunblock to protect your skin from harmful rays.

Try not to spend too much time in the pool but if you can't resist, make sure you condition your hair regularly.

Wear loose-fitting comfortable clothes.

Eat lots of fresh fruits and vegetables to maintain a healthy diet.

Try not to party too hard.

Don't consume too much alcohol.

Get a good nights sleep. Changing your sleeping pattern might throw you completely off when school starts.

Pick fabrics that allow your skin to breathe like cotton.

# TOP 10 Health tips...





**M**y ex – boyfriend Ike always knew just how to push my buttons, argue with me and play mindgames with my head. But for some reason I always seemed to go back to him just to be miserable again. I got back to his apartment from class in time for another one of our arguments. I walked up the stairs and into his small bedroom. I found him sitting on his bed waiting for me. Our dog, Twix, ran up to me all happy and excited but I could tell that Ike wasn't very happy.

"Did you remember to take Twix out after you dropped me off at school?" He asked with a sour tone to his voice. "No, I didn't have enough time to come back," I said kneeling down to pet Twix. "You promised you would," he said. Right then I stopped petting Twix and stood up, "OK, but I had to go to class."

"Whatever. I'm going to a frat event tonight. I need you to watch him," he said.

"I can't. I have plans with Jennifer tonight; just leave him in his kennel. He'll be fine till you get home," I replied.

"I don't understand why you can't do this one thing for me," he retorted.

"I always do things for you," I explained.

"NO, YOU DON'T!" he yelled.

He stood up and slapped me in the face. My cheek stung and instantly turned red. I couldn't understand why he would do this to me. I stood, shocked, then realized that was a big mistake. He threw me against the wall. My back ached from the force. My knees gave out as I slid down the wall to the cold tile floor. He grabbed me by the arm leaving a large bruise in the shape of finger prints. I was pulled up and thrown onto the bed. "You stupid fat bitch," He yelled. He straddled me and raised his hand to strike me again. I covered my face in an attempt to protect it. Instead I felt his hot hands clasp around my neck. I squirmed underneath him.

My hands gripped around him as I tried to pry his hands away from my neck. "Get...off," I gasped. I took my hands off his and punched him as hard as I could in the face. He let go of my neck, sat up on top of me and rubbed his cheek where I had hit him. I sat up and pushed him off me. He fell to the floor with a great thud. I pulled myself off the bed and ran out of the room yelling, "We're done!"

**-Anonymous**

# HUMAN PUNCHING BAG

# The Ultimate Betrayal

My old silver Eclipse skidded to a halt into a parking space between a purple Monte Carlo and a silver Dodge Ram. I put the car in park and pulled the key out of the ignition. The rain was coming down in large droplets. I reached for my pink Vera Bradley purse and braced myself to run through the rain. I opened the car door and swung my legs out stepping in a pond-like puddle. The water flooded into my shoes and it splashed up my pants. I pulled myself out of the car and slammed the door shut. The rain pounded my head, arms and back as I ran to the shelter of the eve of my two story apartment building. By the time I got to the stairs to my building, I was completely drenched from the rain. I climbed the stairs that led to my door as I started to sort through my keys to find my white and black damask key.

When I finally located it, I slid the key into the lock, turned it until I heard it click and opened the door. I walked into the kitchen and suddenly had a strange churning feeling in my stomach. Something was not right. I flicked on the lights, hung up my keys and placed my purse on the counter. My eyes scanned the room as I turned the corner into the living room only to find my roommate's shirt on the floor, then her pants, bra and underwear all leading to the bedroom door. The door was cracked open and the lights turned on.

I could hear her clearly. "Andrew!" she screamed. The words hit me as if I had run into a brick wall: Andrew was MY boyfriend's name. I stood frozen as my mind began to race with all the possibilities of what was happening. I needed to know if it was my boyfriend, but my body wouldn't respond. After a few seconds, I forced myself to take over and shake off the initial shock.

I began to tip-toe towards the door to take a peak inside. I looked through the small crack and could see two figures moving back and forth on the bed. I still couldn't tell who she was with so I pushed the door open just enough so I could see who this man was.

I was stunned by what I saw as my jaw dropped in disbelief. My roommate, Jennifer's

long, wavy brown hair tumbled down her back. I could see sweat glisten on the small of her lower back. My boyfriend laid under her, his eyes closed tight and arms wrapped around her waist. Small beads of sweat dripped down his forehead.

I could not believe my eyes. My best friend and boyfriend went behind my back. My heart started racing and my face turned red with heat. My mouth snapped shut and jaws clenched. I balled my hands into fists and could feel the sharpness of my nails digging into my skin. I felt as though I had been stabbed in the heart with a dagger by the two most important people in my life.

"What the hell are you doing?" I yelled as the sheer force of anger blocked all attempt of rational thought. Jennifer turned around and Andrew opened his eyes. They both stared at me blankly, apparently surprised that I was home from work so early.

"I, um..." Andrew struggled to find the words as Jennifer dismounted him and crawled under the covers to hide. "You know what, never mind I don't want to know." I said as all emotion left my body. "Jennifer, I am moving out and I never want to see either of you again."

**-Michelle Levine**



# FIRST DATE MISTAKES



## POLL

Have you ever  
been on a date that  
made you want to  
just stay single?  
Tell us about it!

Dating is a great way to keep yourself interested in that one guy/ girl. We all know the story, guy see girl, guy approaches girl, exchange info, and set up a first appearance. Now before you get all made up, make sure you go by several rules first.





"I went to pick her up and she wasn't who I thought she was; she was somebody else and I was just like 'Yo, what are you doing? I met her online and I was like, 'Oh, you have pretty pictures.' I went to pick her up and she tried to pretend like it wasn't her. And I was like, 'Yo, you're not you.' It was Twitter actually and I was just like, 'Yo, you're out.'"

- Alex Pello



"A friend of mine asked me to go to the movies with him, and I said okay because we were just friends. But the movies turned into us going to see a scary movie and he jumped throughout the whole entire movie like he was a little girl and then at the end of the date, he tried to kiss me and I'm like, 'We're just friends, it's not going to go that far.'"

- Brittany Johnson



"We just went bowling and the place we went to was like really gross. There were no shoes that were my size so the whole experience was horrible. And then we pulled up to my house and I'm thinking he was going to walk me to the door and before I get out of the car he gets a phone call from another girl and made plans to go hangout with her."

- Kasey Forest



"I was going on a date with this girl. I had to drop my little sisters off and my friends at Fun Spot and they were calling me and I kept ignoring their phone calls and stuff and my (she) left me because I had to go pick up my little sisters from Fun Spot and when I went back to go pick her up, she wasn't there anymore."

- Rache Farmer

## HERE ARE 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD REMEMBER WHEN GOING ON A DATE

Never bring anyone with you to the date; especially your wife and kids.

Guys and girls should bring money and NEVER order anything you can't pay for.

If you're a guy, pay. Come on, it's the first date!

If you like them, just play it cool and don't do anything you would regret the next day. Don't get drunk!

Have good hygiene and don't dress sloppy. Always go for a clean look from head to toe; No stained clothing or dirty shoes.

Never take phone calls that are not important and constant texting will not get you a call back.

If out to eat, don't order foods that can give you bad breath, like onions and garlic.

Don't be late!

If out to eat, don't be rude to the server

Last to remember, be yourself and don't try to impress by bragging! Arrogance is not attractive, only a huge turn-off.

# CRUSHIN' ON YOU

AFTER MUCH GUESSING AND TRYING TO READ MIXED SIGNS, HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOUR CRUSH IS REALLY ATTRACTED TO YOU? WE HAVE THE TIPS TO HELP YOU FIGURE OUT THE SIGNALS HE/SHE IS SENDING

**O**kay, so you had almost lost hope on finding that special someone but just as you were about to give up on love, you've met your perfect match. They're smart, funny, good-looking and rumor has it that they're completely available with no extra baggage. But there's only one minor bump in the road that stands in the way between you and your ultimate dream date; how do you know if your crush feels the same way about you?

Sure, you've given what

you thought were obvious signals of interest, but it seems like they're taking forever to respond, and you're starting to question your aesthetic appeal. Maybe they're intimidated by your flirty personality. Or are they just clueless, and waiting on you to make a more aggressive move? But if you're the timid type, don't give up just yet. One may not realize it, but most often a message can be more clearly received when you aren't even speaking. Only 7% of communication is verbal, and must combine with with vocal tone and other signals to create the complete effect. Most communication takes place through body language and although we may clearly notice the various gestures and facial expressions given by others, it is

sometimes difficult to recognize what vibes you may be exhibiting yourself. You may have thought that your display of nearly hysterical laughter every time your love interest tells a joke would be an instant turn on. Or that the way you manage to passionately agree with their every opinion just screams, "I want to date you!" But more often than not, all that this copycat performance will gain you is a specially reserved spot in the coed "friend" category that you've dreaded all along. So do yourself a favor and learn the most effective way of communication. Just because you may find yourself at a loss for words does not mean that you should have to find yourself at a loss of love; body language is key.

**-Omshante Lee**



## Male Signals

1. **Posture** - A macho stance means that he is trying to appear bigger and emphasize his muscles. If conversing with a group, the direction that he focuses his gestures, and even the direction that he's pointing his feet shows where he is aiming his attention and his interest.

2. **Eyebrows** - When men see something that they find appealing, they subconsciously raise their eye-

brows and widen their eyes so that they may get a better look at their subject. Without noticing, they are revealing their attraction.

3. **Grooming** - If a man straightens his clothes or fixes his hair while in your presence, this is a definite signal of interest. By doing this, it shows that he is aware and even concerned about his appearance around you.

4. **"Accidental" touching** - That mistake of bumping into you or brushing his arm across yours might actually not be a mistake at all. Whether

aware of it or not, he will fulfill the urge of physical interaction through this intentional, or even accidental touching.

5. **Exaggerated movements** - From constant corny jokes to overdoing even the simplest gestures, any exaggeration is just a ploy to gain his love interest's much desired attention. Those seemingly immature or silly movements should not be shrugged off as pure humor, but should instead be recognized as unskilled flirtation.

## Women Signals

1. **Hair** - An interested woman might twirl her hair in between her fingers or even toss her hair from one side to the other.

2. **Showing skin** - Men may think that this is an obvious signal and is translated in the form of mini-skirts or tiny tees. But women actually flirt with more subtlety, and will most often only expose the neck or the wrist to intentionally show interest.

3. **Preening** - Instead of grooming themselves, a woman that is interested will actually groom you. They may pull away a stray thread from your shirt for less obvious physical contact.

4. **Sitting Posture** - Sitting with legs crossed toward you is an initial sign of interest. When one leg is pressed against the other, she is trying to make her legs appear more toned and a hand on the thigh just heightens the affect, bringing more attention to her legs.

5. **Smiling** - Of course, this is an obvious sign of contentment, and when she smiles often in your presence, it shows that she is happy around you. But beware of fake smiles. When laughter or smiling is genuine, more muscles in the face are involved than just the ones around the mouth, and the cheeks and eyes will show an obvious change.





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MONSTER



I woke up to the obnoxious beeping from my alarm clock. I stretched in my bed then ripped back the covers and rolled out of bed. I walked through the small pathway to my closet, trying not to trip over clothes and books that seemed to take over the floors as if a tornado just blew threw. Staring into my closet I considered different outfits; light blue jeans with a white softball T-shirt, dark blue jeans with a green fitted

tee. None of these options seemed good enough to me. I walked into my sister's room. Her day bed was neatly made, her lambie sheets not even showing, a basket of dirty laundry rest under the window. She was always so cool and had the best clothes. The only bad thing was that she got home before me. Except today, today she had softball practice and wouldn't be home until well after I got home. I pushed through the many clothes she had and finally found the perfect top to wear. The shirt was a pretty purple shirt with short capped sleeves and a flowered design on the front. Little did I know that my sister's softball practice was cancelled that day. I took a shortcut home through my neighbor's backyard and walked around the screened-in pool behind my house. I glanced into the backdoors and there was my sister sitting on the couch watching MTV on the television. I could feel my heart start to race. I started to panic and ideas of how to get into the house without my sister seeing me wearing her shirt. I continued to walk to the front of the house. I punched in the code for the garage and opened the door to the house. I ran to my room, changed into a softball T-shirt and stashed my sister's shirt under my bed covers.

**-Michelle Levine**



# SUMMER

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**W**e've all heard the radio commercials for the summer courses at all of the Valencia campus's and surprisingly Valencia is full of life from May until the end of July. The summer semester differs a lot from the traditional fall and spring courses. And before registration there are some things that should be considered. Summer courses are broken down into two categories.

The first is the split A and B option, this is when courses are taken for the first half or the second half of summer, but there is class everyday. This seems like the hardest type if you're a working student, because it's so similar to the high school scheduling of everyday classes. Although the course time is shorter which allows for an actual summer.

The second option is taking courses that are similar to the normal scheduling. This allows for certain days off, but the course runs the whole summer. Summer courses are great if you are on the two-year plan, because taking classes in the summer gives a chance to have an easy workload in the fall and spring.

They also give many students a chance to register for those classes that fill up quickly in the fall and spring. But many students do work. And a lot of those jobs held by students are in the tourist and service industries

As a worker in the service industry the busy time and the time that I make the most money is during the summer. If your going to take summer classes it's important to be realistic with your availability. Many students take a full workload and eventually that trickles down to one or two classes.

Summer is a time when students want to travel and work so finding a good time to go to class is difficult and you could end up burning out before the fall.

Overall summer courses aren't for everyone, but if you have self-discipline and are motivated they are a great way to get ahead of the game.

## POLL

Do you plan to take summer courses this semester?





"No I don't because my friends are visiting from England this summer and I haven't seen them in two years."

**-Emily Elwell**



"Yes I definitely am. For one, I gotta find something to do this summer. Two, it just seems like when I'm away from college or school period, it takes so long to get back into it so I just want to continue instead of stopping."

**-Barrington Buchanan**



"Yes, because I'm still taking the English program right now and I want to save time."

**-Kristy Zhang**



"Yes, I think so. I think I'm going to have to. I have one math class left so I'm going to do that and, hopefully knock it out."

**-Nate Church**

## HERE ARE THE REASONS WHY TAKING CLASSES THIS SUMMER TERM IS A MUST

Summer is two weeks shorter than spring and fall term, so you can get the same credit in a shorter amount of time.

You have the opportunity to get your degree quicker.

Some professors only like to teach in the summer.

Certain courses are not available in the spring or fall, but only in the summer.

You won't have to come to campus half an hour before your class starts just to find parking.

If this is your first semester, you can make friends over the summer.

You have a choice of how long you want your semester to be.

If this is your first semester, you have a chance to learn the campus before it becomes too crowded.

You have something to do over the break besides being bored.

You have the chance to practice key concepts, rather than doing no studying for months, and forgetting everything when you return to school in the fall.

# Winterdance

As a way to get students to read more, Valencia's own Student Development start the spring semester with there popular reading program "Get into Reading," and the book that they have choosen for the spring semester was "Winterdance."



Funded completely by Student Development, Valencia Community College's West Campus is the host of a program called "Get Into Reading."

The focus of this program is exactly what it implies; to get students into reading. "Not enough people read for pleasure," said Regina Sequin, a librarian at the campus. "Get Into Reading" has only been at Valencia for the last three semesters. "So far the program has been successful in its mission to get more students involved in reading for leisure," said Sequin. The West campus is the only campus that has this program and is also home to the Valencia book club, "The Round Table." "The Road," by Cormac McCarthy, a Pulitzer Prize winning novel, was chosen last semester. "I think it's awesome," said Valencia sophomore Remena Ram referring to The Road. "It's a really dark book." "The faculty members involved in the program decide on books and cast votes for which book will be read," said Sequin. This semester students will be reading "Winterdance" by Gary Paulsen. Eight faculty members

participated in the program last semester with a total of about 900 students involved in the program. "It is yet to be determined the total number of students involved in the program this semester," said student development faculty member Pat Lee. Typically the students who take advantage of the program are those currently enrolled in either English or journalism and mass communications courses, however being enrolled in either class is not necessary to be a part of the program. Students participating in the program can go to book discussions and talk to other students and faculty members who are reading the book. Generally, free food and drinks are provided for students who attend the meetings.

"120 students showed up for the first discussion last semester," said Sequin. "We had to move to the auditorium to make room for everyone." Get Into Reading is open to all students who wish to participate. Students interested in reading "Winterdance" may stop by the student development office to pick up a free copy.

**-Roxy Smith**









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Omshante Lee has always been dedicated to anything involving a passion for creativity. From music to writing, she has always gravitated towards anything that allowed artistic freedom, and her mother has always supported her decision to pick up

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