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Yesterday's Proms Last A Lifetime

By ELIZABETH VERDUGO

Have you ever wondered what your favorite teachers' proms were like? What they wore? Who they went with? Where it was held? Or other such important things. We asked a few teachers here at Northview these very questions. We dished out some of the juicy dirt, or at least as much as they would give us.

One of the biology teachers here at Northview wore a cute strapless pink dress with a big skirt. Have you guessed who it is yet? Obviously, it was Mrs. Elizabeth Deck. After her magical night out, Deck and her date went to the beach with a couple of friends.

Another teacher here at Northview, who is in the English Department, wasn't going to go to his prom, until the night before when a beautiful girl called and asked if he were still interested in going. Of course, he said yes and rushed to find some tickets. Coach Todd Quinsey stated that he had fun and really does not regret going. "It's something you only experience once in your life. There is nothing else like it."

She wore a beautiful dark blue, off the shoulder dress



Mrs. Deck

that complimented her small figure. As you may have guessed, I am talking about Ms. Jamie Higashi, who attended her prom with her boyfriend at the time. Her magical night was held at the Richard Nixon Library. After the dance, they went to Huntington Beach.

Coach J.P. Ciotti's prom, in Erie, Pennsylvania, was held in a hotel ballroom. He attended the prom with his girlfriend, with whom he had a fancy dinner for two before the special occasion. After the prom, like the rest of us party craving teens, they went out to a party.

In 1973 one of the teach-

ers here at Northview attended his prom looking sharp in a tux with black pants and a burgundy velvet crushed coat. Mr. Paul Dela Rosa went to his prom with his girlfriend. His was probably one of the first proms held at the Queen Mary in Long Beach. One of De la Rosa's most memorable moments that night was just being with all of his friends one last time at a formal event.

Ms. Marian Pincombe wore a light green beautiful dress with a puffy skirt. Her prom may have been a little different than all of ours since it was held in Queens, New York. Her prom was in their school gym, which was



Mr. Quinsey

beautifully decorated with flowers. Pincombe attended her fairy tale prom with her boyfriend by her side. After prom they decided to go to the beach, but on the way there it started pouring rain. All of a sudden "their song" came on the radio and her boyfriend pulled the car over. They got out and started dancing in the rain. Her beautiful and expensive dress may have gotten ruined, but she has memories that will last a lifetime.

We told you all about some of your teachers' proms, now you can make your prom an even more memorable experience.



Slacking Off On School Spirit

By JENNIFER PRICKETT

Rally days, you walk into the quad and can see that it is fairly crowded, as long as the rally is not mandatory. Many students just don't think the rallies are important, at least not the regular ones. They just see rally days as a day to catch up on homework and/or get an extended break, ignoring the fact that ASB works hard all year long to make rallies as interesting as possible. Sports rallies are designed to raise school spirit and introduce the players who are working all year long to excel in what they do. ASB works hard making posters, and coming up with themes, skits, and game ideas for the rallies. People just tear down their hard work after the rally. There are even students who go out of their way to have no school spirit, avoiding dances and rallies like the plague.

Now as far as school spirit goes, generally Northview has a pretty good atmosphere. We have an awesome band, which continues to grow in quality and quantity every year. We have many programs and events in which students can get involved. The point is to support our peers for their hard work. They are students whose schedules are very busy, and they work hard on raising school spirit. Avoiding these events because you don't want to be involved borders on shallow. The meaning of



the word "idiot" used to be non-participating citizen, and we know you don't want to be one of those.

It doesn't hurt anyone to go to a basketball game, or a track meet. It won't give anyone a disease to attend a non-mandatory rally and cheer on your fellow students. Most people know at least one person in a sport or ASB. Even if you are not involved, go to support your friends if nothing else. If you don't know anyone, go to support the hard work and dedication students and teachers put into boosting school spirit. There are many students who are involved and they should be commended. Northview is the school you attend and you should be proud of it. Attend the events around Northview to support school spirit.



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Don't Forget Your Prom Manners

By LISA GARNER

It's time for prom. Girls, your hair is all done, your dress is sparkling, your shoes fit just right and your date has arrived in his spiffy tuxedo and hair gelled back, but did you both remember your etiquette? If not, here's a reminder of your prom etiquette:

GIRLS

Do: Compliment your date.

Don't: Tell your date that your ex looked good in that too.

Do: Wear nice heels with your dress

Don't: Slip on tennis shoes under that sparkly dress.

Do: Pursue a conversation that he can be involved in.

Don't: Keep on going on and on about yourself.

Do: Go to the bathroom to touch up your make-up.

Don't: Whip out your make-up bag while other people are eating.

GUYS

Do: Do compliment your date.

Don't: Question her dress.

Do: Get out of your car and go up to meet her parents.

Don't: Honk your horn and wait for her outside in your car.

Do: Take a shower.

Don't: Just come home

from playing football and jump into your tux.

Do: Chew with your mouth closed.

Don't: Talk while you

have food in your mouth.

Do: Dance with your date.

Don't: Wander off everytime a slow song comes on.

Now you and your date can have a good time because you're all ready to go! Just remember to be safe and have a good time at prom.



Before And After Prom Fun

By MARK NEVAREZ

The city of Long Beach is hosting Northview's prom this year at the Hyatt Regency. If you don't want the night to end too soon or you would like to go to a nice restaurant before the big event, Long Beach is full of great places and lovely restaurants that will not disappoint you.

The area where most of the restaurants dwell is Long Beach's "restaurant row" which is located near the prom on Pine Avenue. There

is every cuisine from American, French, and Italian to Greek, Japanese, Mexican, and more. Some of these establishments can't be found anywhere else. They are all moderately priced so as not to drain your wallets and purses completely dry.

Long Beach is, of course, a beach city so a nice stroll on the shore is a good way to spend the night. There are many other places to visit, as well. The area is full of malls and shopping centers, the biggest of which is Pine

Avenue itself. It has many specialty stores and movie theaters that you can stop by and visit for a while if you have time. Belmont Shore, located on 2nd Street, is also a popular shopping facility with even more specialty stores.

These are just some places in Long Beach that can help you get started on prom night. It is the most important night in a senior's life, so spend it the way that you want to.



Hot News Buzzes Hollywood



By **ROBERT MACIAS**

P. Diddy's famous Bad Boy Records has just lost their quartet wonders 112. 112 has now moved to Def Jam/ Def Soul Records for unknown reasons. Another blow to Bad Boy Records is their first

female artist Faith Evans. She is now leaving and spreading her wings to Arista Records. Even though Bad Boy Records is taking major blows with some of their most talented and popular artists leaving, one of their starters, rapper Craig Mack could be coming back to the label after leaving in 1995.

Also in Hip-Hop news, Master P's brother, C-Murder, might face life imprisonment without parole after shooting a 16 year old in 1998.

Brandy is expecting her first child with husband Robert Smith. After keeping her marriage a secret for nearly a year, it became

impossible to keep the pregnancy a secret.

Ready for some classic horror that will return; actually, it's not really a classic since they changed the name from *Friday the 13th* to *Jason X*. *Jason* will take place in the year 2455. How is it that after killing him in all nine movies they are bringing him back for number 10. It opens April 26.

MTV's favorite Jackass Johnny Knoxville appears on the big screen for *Jackass the Movie*, said to be 10 times worse than the show.

Everyone's favorite character will return and the movie is scheduled to be released in July.

In TV news, Robert Urich recently died of cancer. Urich starred in such TV classics as "Vegas" and "Spenser for Hire."

"The Osbournes" will sign for a second season.

Last but not least, there is talk that some of the old shows such as "Three's Company" and "Cosby" might reunite for one time reunion shows.

Graduates Drive Away In Hot Cars

By **JUAN ROSALES**

For you seniors who are graduating this year, and your parents have promised you a brand new car, here are some of the hottest new cars of 2002 and 2003. The first one up is one of my top picks. The new 2002 Acura RSX is a remake of the famous Acura Integra. The RSX comes only in six speed manual and 200 horsies.

Toyota, one of the best selling car dealers out there, is coming out with the new 2003 Corolla and the newly formed 2002 Camry. Both of these models are aiming toward the younger crowd. They are both equipped with full body kits that not only give the car a faster look, but

give it a much better appearance than before.

Still on the Toyota list is my favorite, the 2002-2003 Toyota Celica. Not only does the Celica come equipped with its own body kit, it also comes with equipped with 200 horsepower. It is not only fast, but the Celica is also sleek looking and does not compare to any of its older versions.

On another note, Subaru is coming out with one of its popular cars, the Subaru WRX. The WRX is one of the fastest cars to hit the market. It tops 170 horsepower without any modifications. That is pretty good in my book, knowing that the average car only has 100-130 HP's.

Bringing You News In A Capsule

By **EMILY RIOS**

News is something that occurs daily throughout the nation and the world.

On March 18, a lawsuit was filed against the Catholic church by a former student who alleges that while attending St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Hannibal, Missouri, he was sexually exploited by Rev. Anthony J. O'Connell. In early April six priests from the Archdiocese of New York were asked to leave their assignments because of past allegations of sexual misconduct. Since this information became public, there have been numerous cases filed against both the church and individual priests.

On Sunday, March 30, Britain lost their beloved monarch, Queen Elizabeth I when she died in her sleep at 3:15 P.M.

On April 10, Los Angeles Police Chief Bernard Parks spoke at a city council meeting in a last ditch effort to protect his job. Parks then accused L.A. Mayor James Hahn and the Police Protective League of persuading the council to vote against Parks.

On April 17, four Canadian soldiers were killed and several injured during a training mission when a U.S. jet dropped a 500 pound bomb on them after the pilot mistook them for enemy forces.

On April 18, six people were killed and 153 injured in Northeast Florida when an Amtrak train derailed.

Versace, Calvin Klein, and iMacs?

By **LIGIA MORENO**

Imagine a world of fashion where you could walk into a store and automatically know all that you need to know about an item. Or imagine being placed in a body scanner where your exact measurements are taken for a perfectly fitted outfit? Farfetched.... Yes! Impossible.... Not in this century!

As you read this article, many people are already using scanners to find the perfect fit. Most of these wonderful contraptions are being

used by major boutiques in New York City. One very useful item is a mini scanner that can scan a pair of shoes or article of clothing and give you the entire background, price, colors, and quantity. These scanners are a time saver for the busy world in which we live. Just think how much easier shopping would be during the holidays. You won't have to go around looking for a sales clerk to help you, since all you have to do is scan the item and all your questions will be answered.

Now what about a dressing room so intelligent that it can give you background checks on clothing articles? Sounds good? Well, these high-tech dressing rooms do exist. While you are in there trying on a skirt or shirt, a computer is giving you all the information on the designer and is giving you a run down on how many have been sold, or which actor or actress has worn this item. Sounds very tempting doesn't it?

Guys, I haven't forgotten you! There is a new invention for the male shoppers... body scanners! Now I am not talking about medical stuff. These body scanners make the tailor's life much easier by scanning the exact measurements to give the perfect fit on a suit. How does this work, you say? You are placed into a scanner similar

to the ones used in hospitals and it scans every part of your body and sends the information to the factory where your suit will be made. The very next day your suit arrives at your doorstep ready to be worn. Although this process costs about two hundred dollars more than usual, the price is worth the garment since it fits just perfect.

Many of these wonderful items are still in the experimental phases in fashion boutiques in New York. We should expect them here in California in the next two years or maybe sooner. As I said before, these new contraptions may be farfetched, but not impossible since they're already in use as we speak. For more information you can log on to www.cnn.com and check out some of this new equipment.

Silence Is Golden

By **BRANDY MATTHEWS**

How many times have you been interrupted by the constant ringing, beeping, or playing of a cell phone? With the growing number of mobile phone users, what used to be a peacefully quiet place has become filled with the constant noise of cell phones. How can we solve this problem? There is a device that will do just that. It's called the Mobile

Blocker. This device was invented to enforce the already existing regulations against the use of a mobile phone, or pager, within a restricted area.

There are so many mobile phone users who have left common courtesy in the dust. There must be a problem with mobile phones and pager etiquette, or the Mobile Blocker would not be neces-

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Ways To Feel Good About Yourself



By **DIANA TRAVIS**

Every teen has his good and bad days, but sometimes you need some things to help you raise your spirits. You should get a paper and a pen

and write down what you like about yourself. If you can't think of anything, ask a friend to help. Another thing you can do is have a day all to yourself. Take a relaxing bubble bath, get a manicure, whatever will help you to relax. If you can, take a walk to clear your mind and get exercise at the same time. If you are too stressed to do anything, take a nap. Sleeping will help you to relax and rejuvenate. These are just a few tips to help you to feel good about yourself.

Bond Money Comes To Northview

By **MICHELLE CABRERA**

Last year the citizens of Covina passed a bond providing money to the school district. Overseeing the spending of that money is Dave Samuelson (former NHS principal) who is currently the Director of Facility and Energy Management. The money is not simply divided equally among all the schools in the district, but rather the schools are placed in one of four groups, depending upon need with Group 1 being the group that needs the most work, and 4 being the school that needs the least amount of work done. Northview was put into Group 4. That does not mean that Northview will get less money than the schools in Group 1. It simply means that Northview will be one of the last schools to see a significant amount of bond money.

The only reason why NHS is in the last group is because, according to Principal Dick Sheehan, "Northview is the best looking school in the district." South Hills and Covina need the money more than Northview.

The new things that will take place will be more picnic tables, benches, tennis courts, and student drop-off. In addition, classrooms will be painted inside, and the parking lot by the tennis courts will be repaved.

There is still discussion about a performing arts center, a new gym or expansion of the one Northview already has. The improvements will start to be seen next year. Northview will be receiving more than three million dollars. Without the gym and the performing arts center, the renovation will take three to seven years to complete.

Actually, if you look around, you easily can spot many changes on campus that have occurred this year. After repainting the entire

the turquoise-colored tile around campus was replaced with sparkling new gold tile. New benches have been placed all over campus, even



school, new murals were painted on the gym, M-building, and N-building. New picnic tables with umbrellas have been added to the mall area and the paved area beside P-building, new water fountains were installed, and

around trees on the quad. On top of that, flowers have been planted around A and M-buildings, and California sycamore trees have been planted between B and C-buildings.

Do You Wanna Be The Favorite?

By **LAURA VERGARA**

So May 8 is Day of the Teacher and you don't know how to get on your teacher's good side? Or maybe you just want to surprise your teacher with a little something, but you don't know what to get him/her? Here are some ideas that can get you the extra points you're looking for.

Remember, teachers are always looking for good behavior and students who are

willing to improve in class. Start out by having a positive behavior and by asking your teacher what it is you can do to improve your grade, if your grade isn't all that good. Also ask him/her what you can do within the class; for example pass out papers, collect the homework, or erase the whiteboards. Whatever it is, just try to make yourself useful by helping out in class.

Maybe you want to show your appreciation by

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Helpful College Websites And More

By **JESSICA FLORES**

Narrowing down what college is right for you and doing everything you need to do for admissions next year can be a very difficult task. There are many things you college bound juniors already know such as maintaining good grades, getting involved in school, and taking the SAT 1 and 2. For those of you who have not taken the two tests required by many colleges such as the U.C. system, sign up now to take one or the other at collegeboard.com for the June 2 testing date or ask your counselor about applications. College

bound juniors should definitely become a member of college board. It is free and easy. Simply go to collegeboard.com and read the instructions about how to sign in. Universities and colleges all over the nation have access to the information you provide, such as G.P.A., involvement, etc. If they like what they see, they will usually send you an e-mail or letter about their college and why you should pick them. This should expose you to more college options. If those colleges seem interesting, plan to visit them!

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“Who is your idol and why?”

Marcus D. Robinson, 12—“My idol is myself. I know it sounds conceited as can be, but I learn from my own mistakes. I also look up to myself for my accomplishments I have made in my life...Besides, I am the idol of all the gentlemen! That’s why all the ladies love me...The Big Chocolatey Marky!”

Serena Levanen, 12—“My idol is my best friend Jesse Castro, because he does not care about what people think about him!”

Sky Diaz, 9—“My idol is my best bud Diana Travis. She is always there for me when I need her!”

Anthony Pavia, 10—“My idol would be coach Ron Rice. He’s a terrific coach and teaches you lessons on life and on the basketball court. Thanks Coach!”

Alisha Allred, 10—“The person I look up to the most is my mom. She had a hard childhood and still goes on and keeps trying. She never gives up and has huge faith and inspiration. I look up to her the most. She’s overcome so much and even when times are really hard, she still has faith and keeps trying. She’s so awesome. I love my mommy!”

David Zurita, 10—“My brother, because ever since I was a little kid, he would always teach me stuff and was always nice to me...sometimes!”

Samantha Paredes, 10

“My sister Cynthia. She has always been there for me, she looks after me, and she always inspired me to go for my dreams.”

Monique Paredes, 12—“I would I have to say that my idol would have to be Bjork. Although Gwen’s my God, Bjork’s so unique and her style and music are truly self-explanatory.”

Nadia Arias, 12—“I would say my idol is Shakira, because I grew up with her style, and I wish I looked like her... Yeah right!”

Sergio Pedroza, 12—“Tony Gwyn is my idol. He is the greatest hitter in the MLB ever. I hope I could be somewhat like him. Batman and Tony Gwyn!”

Meghan Coletta, 10—“I don’t follow anyone but myself, so in a way I am my idol.”

Ashley Simpson, 9—“Kobe Bryan because he is so young, yet so good.”

Shanna Blanchard, 11—“Allen Iverson, because he plays every b-ball game like it’s his last. And he is sexy, sexy sexy!”

Monica Aguilar, 9—“Kobe Bryant, because he is just so awesome.”

Bennie Rogers, 11—“Marvin the Martian. He never stops to attempt to blow up the world no matter what happens.”

Courtney Newman, 11

“Lucky from Lucky Charms Cereal, because he is so magically delicious.”

Brandon Witherspoon, 11—“Terrel Owen, because he is a good player, and he is tall, dark, and buff like me.”

Carlos Rivera, 9—“Bill Clinton! He’s a pimp!”

Andrew Jones, 9—“My idol is my mom, because she has worked hard to take care of me and my sister all by herself for so long.”

Jesse Castillo, 10—“My idol is the Rock, because he can raise his eyebrow 100 times, and you will never get tired of it.”

Amanda Farrar, 11—“My role-model is my mom. She is so loving, patient,

selfless, and so hard working.”

Ryan Dumka, 11—“My role-model is my coach. He is cool, fun, kind, and fair.”

Oscar Chavez, 10—“Zach de la Rocha from Rage, and Che. Viva Mexico!”

Stacy Stone, 11—“My idol would have to be Crystal Lopez because she’s sweet, nice, and she’s the person who puts a smile on my face. I love my Snow White.”

Crystal Lopez, 11—“I would have to say that my idol is Stacy Stone, because she is my best friend and she’s the most coolest person I know. I love my Princessa Morada.”

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Coming Up To Crossfire

By YOYCE GUERRERO

The end of the year is near, and Crossfire is right around the corner. Most of you are wondering what is Crossfire? It is a fun, friendly competition among all four classes. All four classes compete against each other by making up games, dance routines, and other fun activities. Everyone tries to participate in each game that every class makes up.

The winning class may not win anything material, but in their heads they know

they have beaten everyone else, which is good enough for them. Everyone tries their best to win. The more people who are involved, the more chances the class has to win. Each class has its own color and wears it during Crossfire to show their spirit.

To participate in Crossfire, sign up with your class officers. The event will take place April 29 through May 2 and will culminate on May 3 at the rally.

Candidates Run For Class Offices

By IRMA HURTADO

It's that time of the year again where you get the chance to vote for your peers running for class offices. It is important that you know who is running for each office and what their job in office entails.

The students running for Senior Class President are Ricardo Alegria, Jessica Flores, Patty Martinez, Amanda Farrar, and Krystal Fernandez. Running for Junior Class President are Krystal Arangua, Kellie Poynter, Bob Martinez and Oscar Chavez. Students running for Sophomore Class President are Brittany Kuhn, Chris Palangas and Michelle Suyat. Their responsibilities and obligations as president are to promote their classes, raise money for their classes by doing fund raising, meet their classes' decisions, do the whole crossfire event with their classes and team up with ASB to do things for the classes. The president also is a voting member of the executive board. Those were just a few of the things that the person you choose to be class president has to do in their office as president of the class.

The students running for Senior Vice-President are Antwain Thornton, Elsa Jaimes, Malcolm Whitehead, Tina Ngo, and Cristina Mancuso. For Junior Vice-President there is Nataly Valera and Shauna Sundberg. For Sophomore Class Vice-President there is Anthony Agluglub, Eranne Saunders, Giselle Folgan and Angelika Hernandez. Their duties, if

elected as vice-president of their class, are to take the place of the president and senator if they are absent or cannot attend the event at which they were supposed to make an appearance. It is also their job to act as general chairperson for all social activities and attend all the meetings of the organization commission.

The students running for the position of Senior Class Secretary are Truyen Phung and Oralia Moreno. For

Junior Class Secretary are Jessica Catania and Monique Samudio. Running for Sophomore Class Secretary are Terre Allen, Nikki Salazar, Audrey Leyra and Corrina Hidalgo. The job of the secretary is to go to all of the meetings and keep records of them, maintain an up-to-date file of the class counsel minutes in the activities office, and keep attendance of regular and standing members of the class coun-

cil.

For Senior Class Treasurer there is Joe Gonzalez, Dineen McGeorge and Erika Magdangal. Running for Junior Class Treasurer are Lauren Estrada and Jackie Leiva. For Sophomore Class Treasurer there is Shannon Yarber and Diana Travis. The things that the treasurer has to do in office are take care of all the class funds, keep accurate

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Costello's B-Day Gift Is YPOM

By LAURA SMITH

When it comes to being involved at Northview, there's one blond senior who definitely falls into that category. Because of all of her success, Christa Costello has been awarded Young Person of the Month for the month of April. When she found out she was YPOM, she was really surprised and felt honored ... and she really liked the fact that she was chosen for the month of April because that is the month of her birthday.

Costello is a member of Quill and Scroll Society and in the past she's been a member of Girls' League, Multicultural, and United Clubs. She's been on year-book staff for two years and is currently Editor of Student Life. She also has been involved in ASB throughout high school. In ninth grade Costello was the Freshman Class Secretary. Sophomore year she was the Commissioner of Clubs and



Organizations. Junior year she was the ASB Secretary. This year she's the Commissioner of Renaissance. Costello was a J. V. Cheerleader her sophomore year and has been on varsity cheer for two years.

Costello has been accepted to both Chico State University and the University of La Verne. She plans on going to Chico. Eventually, she wants to become a psychologist and have her own private practice. In her spare time, she likes to go out with friends, go to Catalina when-

ever possible, dance, and read (yes, really!).

Costello has four older sisters whom she looks up to very much. They have always referred to her as "the smart one" and expect so much of her that a lot of her motivation to succeed comes from not wanting to disappoint them. Costello's advice on how to succeed is, "DON'T DEPEND ON ANYONE BUT YOURSELF! Other people will always let you down. You have to know that whatever should happen you can make it on your own." She also says that having good influences in high school has really helped her to succeed. Her four closest friends (April, Jen, Siria, and her best friend Emily) are all really intelligent, good girls, whose influence has always been a positive one. She loves you guys and wants to thank you for all you've done for her.

On The Catwalk For Prom

By JENNIFER KOPPEL

Prom is quickly advancing, and some of you already may have an idea of exactly what you want, or what idea you may like. Or most of you are still waiting for your fairy godmother to appear and hand you the perfect dress, hair, and accessories. But, even if you think you've got it all figured out, you just might want to read on for further inspiration. Those of you who are waiting to hear those magic words "bipidibopidi-boo," you should definitely take some notes.

Hollywood glamour, dramatic elegance, and classic vintage are the styles you should expect for prom in 2002. Shapes of dresses are cutting edge this season and they are quite a variety. Classic A-line cuts look good on everyone, but you should try something a little daring this year. Mermaid skirts, where the bottom flares out, are dazzling fashion critics. Even if you don't plan on doing the cha-cha, Latin inspired salsa gowns are a major plus, where the front of the dress is higher than the back. You can also remember that your dress doesn't have to be down to the floor to be elegant. Fifties' style "tea length" dresses are also very hot, with the hem lying just at the knee, so you can show off those sexy stems. Also, keep your eye out for "Moulin Rouge" inspired corset tops that either lace up in the front or the back. Corsets are great, because those laces help to make a perfect fit for everyone.

Those lovely styles come

in countless beautiful colors. Some of the top choices of color for this season are turquoises, blues, watermelon, and coral. Bright colors are a way to go, but you will still look stunning in classic black or white. Lace is also accenting dresses this year, but don't think late Madonna, think vintage. Other simple or not so simple things you can use to spice up your dress are beads, rhinestones, and, yes, silk flowers.

Every girl needs shoes to complete her ensemble. Strappy shoes, pointed toe shoes, and shoes that go around the ankle are incredibly sexy. Feet too can also be sexy! But of course you would have to make sure you spoil yourself with a nice pedicure before you slide into your glass slippers.

Make-up has never been more dramatic. Prom is held at night, and usually dimly lit, so don't hold back, girls. Fear not that loud purple eye shadow that you bought a while ago and never had any use for. Pull out that ruby red lipstick, and get yourself ready for those insanely long, false eyelashes. The sky is the limit when it comes to making up that face. Don't forget to splash some colors onto those cheeks to get those ruby-red cheeks. To make sure that you really are a shining star for this big night, lightly brush on some sparkles or bronzing powder (or both) just along the cheekbones, neckline, shoulders, and back. Make-up is beautiful and very fun, but note: if you are inexperienced in this area, ask a friend or possibly

a professional to help you out!

Last, but not least, is hair! This can be a formidable thought of an endless hassle that will result in a rat's nest on top of your head, that you paid a hundred dollars for! A few tips: lay off the hair spray, and don't look so stiff. Loose messy hair with unperfected parts is naturally gorgeous. Let that hair that won't

hold fall lightly against your cheek, or hang loosely just above your back. We've all seen girls tuck baby's breath into their curls, but step out on a ledge. Orchids are a great way to go, or maybe even another wild flower. Stick to white or pale pink, and stay away from those roses, because they really don't last.

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Stomp Rejuvenates Itself

By VERONICA SILAS

"Attention! Steponia from NHS, step!" is what was heard at the competition on Saturday, April 20. Adrenaline was pumping because this was the first time that the group had performed together at another school. The stomp team for Northview did great. It took a great deal of practice for them to pull everything together within a three week period.

Steponia consists of 13 members: LaToya Jackson, Veronica Silas, Shaqura McGhee, Asia Jackson, Monique Palmer, Quantae Barner, Keisha Casteel, Tiara Clark, Tierra Mouton, Lealani Perkins, Johnathan McBride, Jason Varona, and Antwain Thorton. Mr. Allen Casey is the sponsor and Mr. Trevor Woods is the advisor.

When the team found out about being invited to step against other schools, they were excited because NHS stompers were not known.

They rushed and put together a step/dance in one week which gave them two weeks to learn it and be ready. The pressure was on.

Each day the group would meet at brunch, lunch, and after school to learn. There was no time for fooling around.

It takes a lot to be a stepper. You must know how to do beats with your hands and feet at the same time with everyone else. It's like playing an instrument - if one person is off, then the whole step is messed up. It takes a lot of coordination. The group agrees that the blindfold step is the hardest because it is done with a partner and you both must know the right timing or things will go back. It takes a great deal of practice, just like a sport.

Stomp originally started some years back and disappeared two years ago. It arrived back on the scene with the Class of 2004 performing at two rallies.

Viking Swimmers Gasp For Air

By **SHAUNA SUNDBERG**

On Wednesday April 17, the last meet of the year matched the Viking swim team against the South Hills Huskies. Although Northview lost, the team came out stronger than

expected.

With the first event of the meet in the 200 medley relay, the relay team (Valerie Lopez swimming backstrokes, Dominique Houston swimming breaststrokes, Shauna Sundberg swimming



Viking Track Goes For Gold

By **JORGE LAPARRA AND ERANNE SAUNDERS**

Northview's track and field team always puts all they have into their competitions. That is exactly what they did when they faced the Bonita Bearcats. Even though the Vikings were defeated, all of the competitors worked their hearts out. Remington Hawkins finished second in the 200M with a time of 24.5 seconds, Hawkins also finished first in the 100M with a time of 11.75. Another great finish was by Alvin Salazar, who took third place in the long distance mile.

William Favors won third in the 100M with a time of 13.44. Tracy Bush competed long jumped 16'6 1/4". Throwing 105', Scott DeLoach took first place in the discus with a throw of 119'1", Miguel Sanchez took second with 112'9", and Jeff Steemer finished off the spots with a third place toss of 108'10".

In the 800, Alex Solis finished in third. When Angel Reyes was interviewed he was asked what he likes most about running for track. He responded, "I run for fun."

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butterfly and Lauren Estrada with freestyle) overall came in second place with a time of 2:16.47. In the same event, Northview's other relay team Linda Diaz swimming backstroke, Britany Kuhn swimming butterfly and Dineen swimming freestyle came in third place with a time of 2:22.23.

In the hardest event of the meet, Lopez came in second place in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:51.20.

With the two sprinters of the team swimming 50 freestyle, Sundberg came in second place with a time of 29.05 and Estrada in third place with a time of 29.50

In the individual 100 butterfly, Diaz came in second with an awesome time of 1:17.54 and Cindy Morales in fourth with a great time of 1:20.72.

With the next individual event, Sundberg and Estrada came in second and third place, respectively, in the 100 freestyle with times of 1:06.05 and 1:07.18.

Freshman Britany Kuhn, swimming the longest event, the 500 freestyle (a total of 20

laps) came in second place with a time of 6:55.22.

In the 200 free relay, Sundberg, Estrada, McGeorge and Britany Corral came in second place with an incredible time of 2:03.77.

In the next two individual events, Lopez, swimming backstroke, came in second place, with a time of 1:14.37 and Houston with 100 breaststroke came in fourth with a time of 1:27.42.

Without forgetting about those guys, they also did an outstanding job and pulled out strong.

In their 200 medley relay, Sam McGeorge swam breaststroke, Jacob Fraijo swam backstroke, Ming Duan swam butterfly, and Michael Aguilar swam freestyle. The team finished with an overall time of 2:02.83.

With the 200 individual medley, Fraijo finished in second place with a time of 2:42:20 and Ryan Dumka brought home fourth place with a time of 2:56:60.

The 50 freestyle came next and the Vikings' sprinter Dan DeRossi came in third

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Pedroza Leads Vikings To Victory

By DANIEL MALIGNAGGI

On April 5, Northview hosted Bonita in an important league match up. The Vikings came out firing, but the Bearcats matched their efforts through the whole afternoon, keeping the game tied going into the last inning. That would be when the Vikings would make the move to take the game. Jamie Pedroza drew a one out walk and was advanced to third base on a hit. That left it up to Sergio Pedroza to get a chance to secure the victory for Northview. He was able to back up his appearance in the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* by lacing a 1-2 pitch to first base. The ball skipped over the first baseman's head and drove in the run to get the victory.

Over the spring break Northview didn't fare too well, dropping three of four games in a San Gabriel Valley tournament, winning only against Orange High School. A week later they were defeated by the South Hills Huskies as well, 9-3.

The Vikes looked to rebound against Baldwin Park and they managed to do so by winning 5-2, getting another good game from Sergio Pedroza.

On April 19, Northview traveled to San Dimas to face the Saints who were ready to knock off the Vikings. The Vikings got on the scoreboard first with a run to lead 1-0. San Dimas, however, got a big inning by scoring three in the bottom of the second to lead 3-2. Northview got another one back in the third to cut the deficit to one, but the Saints put the game



away with a run in the fourth and fifth innings, along with another great pitching performance from their starter.

San Dimas held on and won 5-2, leaving Northview with a record of 4-2-1 in league.

Coach Darren Murphy

proudly boasts that the leading hitter for this year's varsity baseball team is Sergio Pedroza. He has a .525 average and is having another great year. He's closing in on 130 career hits here at Northview. Murphy also states that Hector Estrella is among the valley leaders in doubles (10) and currently is hitting .400 and playing well at SS. Gilbert Urbina, Jaime Pedroza, and Matt Cornia continue to play well in the infield for the Vikings. Furthermore, Coach Murphy states that Josh Walker is also contributing with a strong season on the mound and with the bat.

Breceda's Dedication Pays Off

By KARINA YUSTMAN

Earlier this month GALS got together to decide who would be the Female Athlete of the Month for April. They chose none other than dedicated junior Roxanne Breceda. She plays second base on this year's varsity softball team. She was speechless and surprised to hear that she was chosen FAOM. She has not received an honor such as this one since she entered high school.

Breceda deserves to be FAOM because of her team

effort. She mentioned, "All I did was work hard, play as a team, and took the advice my coaches gave me." That is probably what makes her a valuable player. When asked how long she plans to play softball, Breceda answered, "Physically, as long as I can. Mentally, forever!"

Aside from softball, Breceda also likes to spend time with her two best friends, their families and hers. Together they do whatever they like, or whatever comes their way.



Bracelets Advocate Friendship

By SARA ARCE

The Cesaer Chavez Grant is a grant that is available to any school and is meant to foster tolerance toward all races by supplying the school with money allowing them to connect closely with their community and all the students within the school's site. Northview's very own Peer Mediation class was among the nine schools (two high schools, two middle schools and five elementary schools) to receive the grant. In order to receive the grant, students attended the Museum of Tolerance and did library research on Cesaer Chavez's life.

The Peer Mediation class has established a mentoring program on campus with part of the grant money. The program offers assistance to those students who need extra help by offering them study guides and frequent homework checks. Recently students visited the San Gabriel Valley School for the Multiply Handicapped and the Covina Villa Retirement Center for the elderly. The students worked with 50 transitional students at the San Gabriel Valley school, who are moving into jobs within the community. They also helped students to take a personality test that

helped to identify their personality strengths that would link with one of the colors of a friendship bracelet. The friendship bracelets, whose colors reflect characteristics Cesaer Chavez demonstrated in his life, are a concept thought up by Peer Mediation.

Some of the money has also gone to pay for some of the materials and so far 300 bracelets have been given out. They are in the process of making more to be handed out on campus. At the Covina Villa Retirement Center the students put together friendship bracelets and gave each person two.

"Friendship bracelets were intended to accomplish two things. One was to extend friendship to others and encourage them to do the same by providing two bracelets to each of them. The second purpose was to remind people of five character traits exemplified by Cesaer Chavez," said Ms. Mary Dimke, the Peer Mediation advisor.

If you are interested in being part of Peer Mediation the next school year, the application processes are starting now. If you are interested, stop by C-5 to pick up an application.



Silence of the Cell Phones...

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sary.

There are many positive ways that this mobile blocker can be effective, and beneficial. For starters, you won't hear all those annoying interruptions in the middle of a movie, at a restaurant, in the classroom, at a sporting event, or any other place you've been interrupted. This mobile blocker might even cut price down on your bill, because it makes the hours you chat lower. It also helps to maintain a silent environment for work, worship, and relaxation.

There are, of course, some negative points to the blocker. What do you do in case of an emergency? The blocker blocks all signals to and from the phone, so it would be hard to call in case you needed something important.

To eliminate the need for this blocker there are some things all mobile phone users

can do to show some courtesy.

1. Don't dial cell phones while driving, it's hazardous.

2. Don't use your cell phone while driving, its also hazardous.

3. Don't turn on your cell phone during religious services, sporting events, or any time you wouldn't want to be interrupted.

4. Don't subject others to your phone call conversation.

5. Don't speak loudly while using your cell phone. Hello! We can hear you.

6. Don't talk on your cell phone while placing your order, or using the ATM. There might just be others waiting in line.

7. Don't wear multiple electronic devices. Nobody's impressed, and you'll be too confused with which objects is ringing, or making some noise.

The next three things can be considered consideration of others.

8. Do use silent mode or vibrate, we'll all appreciate it.

with a time of 1:49.73

With the last individual events, Rodriguez came in second place in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:14.33 and Chavez finished in third place in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:24.97.

With the season coming to an end, the Viking swim team managed to improve their times and give all they had. League prelims and finals will finish out the season.

Swim

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place with an awesome time of 25:52.

The next individual events were the 100 butterfly and the 500 freestyle. Joseph Yelloweyes finished the butterfly in second place with a time of 1:07.63, while Fraijo finished the 500 free in third place with a time of 6:45.19.

In the next relay, Yelloweyes, Aguilar, Rudy Chavez, and DeRossi came in second place in the 200 free

the movies, etc.

Hopefully you all have learned how to be respectful of others while using your cell phone. If we all did just that maybe there would be no need to block your calls.

Track

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When Wilmar Lorente was asked the same question, he told us, "It is better than watching T.V. at home."

But the men weren't the only ones who proved to be awesome. Dana Blue was awarded a first place in the 110H (18.44), while Shawn Hill finished third (20.20). Laura Smith finished the

1600 in third with a time of six minutes, 19.57. Quatae Barner finished third in the 100M (14.53). In the long jump, Blue leaped for a personal best of 14'8 1/4". Also participating in the high jump, Blue took first with 4'5". Keskia Casteel took first place in the shot put, throwing 30'10 1/2". Becky Smith came in fourth place with great effort in the mile.

Class Officers

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records of all accounts, and keep a record of everything in a sort of scrapbook that is passed on from year to year and is put in the activities office.

Running for Senior Class Senator are Leslie Gomez, Manly Cortez and Vanessa Salazar. The candidates running for Junior Class Senator are Sandra Raygoza and Sarah Sigala. For Sophomore

Senator there are Jennifer Gorospe, Desiree Montes, Ashley Edwards and Sky Diaz. The obligations for the class senator include representing the class on the executive board along with the president, serving on the election commission, serving as a legislator on his respective class council, and reporting the activities of the executive board to his class.

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www.cvsd.k12.ca.us/northview/nvhome.htm

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If you are still confused about where to apply next fall, check out a few websites such as, fastweb.com, review.com,, supercollege.com,, collegenet.com, collegeview.com, universities.com, and many more. Some of those websites such as review.com or fastweb.com ask you to take a quick survey responding to basic questions such as: What do you want in a school? Big or small? Diverse? Coed? Location? Sports? Academics? Majors? After you answer all the questions, they will match you up with a few colleges based upon your responses. Then they will give you some facts and information about

the college. If it sounds like the place for you, visit the university's website.

If money is a big issue, scholarships are available all the time. Check out fastweb.com, scholarships101.com, cash.com, salliema.com, or www.csac.ca.gov.

Simply check out these websites, ask yourself what you are looking for in a college, do your best until graduation, complete all of your requirements, and your college search should be fine. It may seem like years away before the Class of 2003 enters college, but really it is just around the corner when you will be applying, so keep your search ongoing, your options open, and be prepared. Make sure to talk to your counselors about any questions you might have.

Do You Wanna Be...

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buying or even making your teacher a gift. You can always give your teacher the typical red apple, but to you that isn't enough, you want to give more. OK, so go out and buy your teacher a coffee mug full of candy, pens or pencils, or a picture frame with your picture in it so that he/she can remember you. Remember that self-made gifts are always the most meaningful ones and they are appreciated more. If you're into cook-

ing and you like to bake, then bake your teacher some brownies, cookies, or cupcakes. Make sure that he/she is not allergic to any foods: you don't want him/her to break out in a rash the next day. You can also make him/her a card thanking him/her for being a good teacher. Remember you are trying to be on the person's good side. Whatever it is you choose to do, make sure that it comes from the heart and make sure that it puts you as #1 on the "favorites" list!

Prom Fashion...

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For all of you guys who actually made it this far through this article, I also have a few tips for you. You

the butt. Try looking for unusual buttons or cufflinks. Although it may be too late, you can always make your own vest in a unique pattern.

Symposium

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Nancy Torres, 11- "Fernando Vargas, because he is a hottie!"

Nikki Garcia, 9- "Mia Hamm, because she strived to be the best, and she is now the #1 woman soccer player in the U.S."

Nathalie Vizcaino, 12- "My boyfriend, Joshua Guerrero, because he is very talented and I am sure that he'll be a great professional soccer player."

Willy Gutierrez, 12- "My greatest idol would have to be my friend Sergio Pedroza. The reason why is because he is a big bad baseball player. Besides, he's just also a real babe magnet. That's Sergio!"



may be thinking, "What is there to do with a tux?" The answer is, not much, but details count. Trust me, your date will notice and appreciate your attempt to be different. Try wearing a long tie, that is referred as the Windsor tie, instead of a bow tie. Long coats that hang down to the knee are also very handsome, rather than the traditional coats that hang right below

Just remember that for the next time.

Whatever you may decide to wear, make sure that you are comfortable. Have fun, and go with what you want. Even if you think that something will be too weird or different, chances are it will be a great hit. Be creative and good luck. I hope to see you all there!

