

## Spanish Department Newsletter

*Las noticias para ti*

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# SUPER BOWL!

The Green Bay Packers triumph over the Pittsburgh Steelers at the 2011 Super Bowl took place in Arlington, Texas. This was the fourth Super Bowl win for the Packers. The black and yellow just couldn't hold the Packers back. The Packers came out hard and took the lead fast. Pittsburgh had a little comeback towards the end, but it was already too late because the Packers weren't going to give up their win. The quarter back for the Packers, Aaron

Rogers, was chosen as the MVP of the game. He had 304 passing yards and three touchdowns. The final score of the game was 31 to 25. The Pittsburgh Steelers losing was not the only bad news for some-- about 400 fans were outraged when they were told that they had lost their seats to the Super Bowl.

These fans lost their seats because the Cowboys stadium was not completely finished. Thus, they were forced into the stadium clubs where they had to watch the game on TV's. After the incident, they were given a letter with two options-- Option one was a free ticket to next years Super Bowl plus 2,400 dollars of reimbursement. Option two was they could have a free ticket to any future Super



Bowl plus round trip air-fair and hotel accommodations for the week of the game. Are these two options going to compensate for not being able to see this year Super Bowl? You be the judge!

— Nick Crain

Info from: Fanhouse.com  
& nola.com

### Word of the Month

*Ganar*  
To Win

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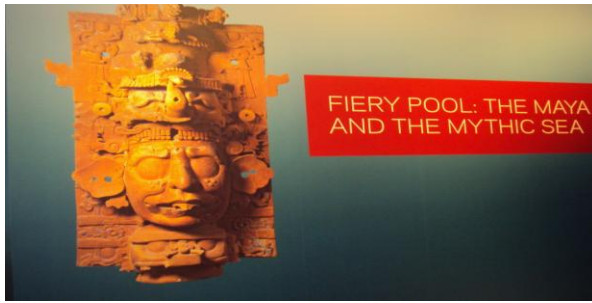


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### Phrase of the Month

*¡Estoy listo para verano!*  
I'm ready for summer!

## Art Museum Trip



This semester the Spanish Department helped fund a trip to the St. Louis Art Museum to view a Mayan exhibit. The trip was not only for Spanish students, but for Art and History students as well. The trip was organized by Meliza Ramirez and Gary Long. This was a good opportunity for the Spanish, Art, and History students to learn and understand the Mayan culture. The Spanish Department helped pay for the students tickets, and Gary helped cover his student's tickets as well. All the students had to cover was their food, everything else was free.

At the museum, the students had the chance to go through the "Fiery Pool: The Maya and the Mythic Sea" exhibition as well as see the rest of the museum. In the Maya exhibition, the students were all given iPods to listen to the information about each piece. Some chose to just look and not listen, while others chose to listen about each and every little piece. After the group was done with the exhibit, everyone had the chance to wander around the whole museum and check out the other works of art that were there.

At noon, everyone met up to go out for lunch. After lunch, the group went to a lecture about the excavation of the Mayan

tombs. After the lecture, the group was able to ask our own personal questions.

All in all it was a very fun and eventful trip. The best part about it was that it was free. This trip would have normally cost quite a bit, but thanks to the Spanish Department it was all pretty much covered. Being able to see and hear about the Maya artifacts and their culture was pretty amazing. It was well worth waking up at 8:30 in the morning. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the Spanish events. This event was a once in a life time experience and it was all free. What more can you ask for? The Spanish Department hosts events like this to help the students, so everyone should participate and take advantage of these experiences.

Nick Crain





## Día De San Valentín



boncherry.com

Valentine's Day is a day of love, romance, and friendship. Every year we celebrate it on February 14<sup>th</sup> to show the people we love how much we really care about them. Some people choose to go out to a fancy dinner, while others choose to stay in and cook a hand-made dinner from their heart. Some like to shower their significant other in gifts such as roses, chocolates, teddy bears, and kisses! But does anyone really know how Valentine's Day came about?

The history of Valentine's Day is somewhat of a mystery, because no one is really for sure how it came about. All we really know is that it is a day of romance and love. There are three different St. Valentines, but we are not really sure who to give all the credit to for creating Valentine's Day. Each St. Valentine has his own legend to tell.

One legend of St. Valentine states that he was a priest who was giving illegal marriages. The Emperor ordered the outlaw of marriage for young men,

because young men were better suited for war and not marriage. Valentine didn't agree with the Emperor's orders and continued to perform marriages for young lovers. Once the Emperor found out of Valentine's rebellion, Valentine was put to death.

Another legend states that Valentine was the creator of the first Valentine's Day Card. It took place as Valentine was in prison and he fell in love with the jailor's daughter. She was the only one who really came to see Valentine before his death. She was the last person who ever really cared for him. Before he was put to death he wrote her a letter and signed it with "From your Valentine," which is the same way we sign our Valentine's Day Cards.

The real truth behind Valentine's Day is really murky, but we understand that St. Valentine was a romantic hero. In the last

legend, it states that Valentine was killed for helping Christians escape Roman prisons where they were beaten and tortured.

Thanks to St. Valentine we have this wonderful holiday, which is full of love and romance. Each of us celebrates the holiday differently. Some chose to go to fancy restaurants, while others stay at home and cherish their time together. I celebrated Valentine's Day by leaving chocolate on my girlfriend's bed while she was in class, and that night we ordered pizza and watched movies together. I had it planned where we would go out to eat at a nice place, but she was kind of sick and didn't want to. Tiffany Gould, on the other hand, celebrated Valentine's Day working in the Spanish lab.

----Nick Crain

Info: History.com



[www.mwilliams.info/imagenes/herfirstkiss01.jpg](http://www.mwilliams.info/imagenes/herfirstkiss01.jpg)

*"Approximately 141 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged annually, making Valentine's Day the second most popular card-sending holiday after Christmas."*

# SPANISH LAB

This is a reminder to all the Spanish Students about Spanish Lab. Spanish Lab is required for one hour a week.

- This is why everyone was to buy a Tellmore card. We are using Tellmore.com as a tool to help the students with their Spanish skills outside the classroom. The students are required to do only two hours of Tellmore a week and only one hour has to be in the lab. Spending two hours a week doing Tellmore is not asking much and it helps your Spanish speaking abilities. It is also a way to improve your grade by getting easy points.
- Failing to do the Tellmore hours will only result in hurting your grade. You already spent the money on the card, so why not spend the time putting it to good use?

----Nick Crain

## Favorite Valentine's Day Memory

**"Is getting flowers every year from my mom and dad, even while away at college".....Allison Call**

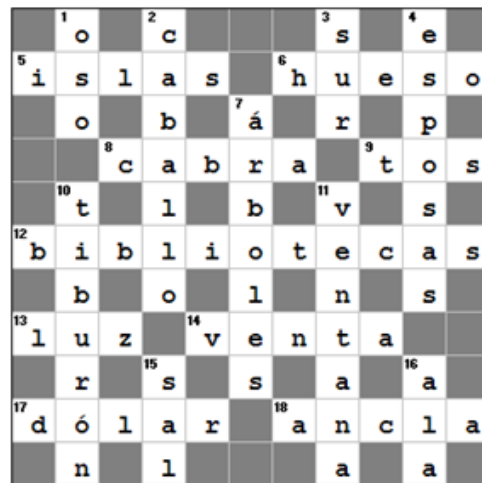
**"Is staying in with my girlfriend, while she was sick, and ordering pizza and watching movies".....Nick Crain**

**"I can't really think of any favorite memories"....Tiffany Gould**

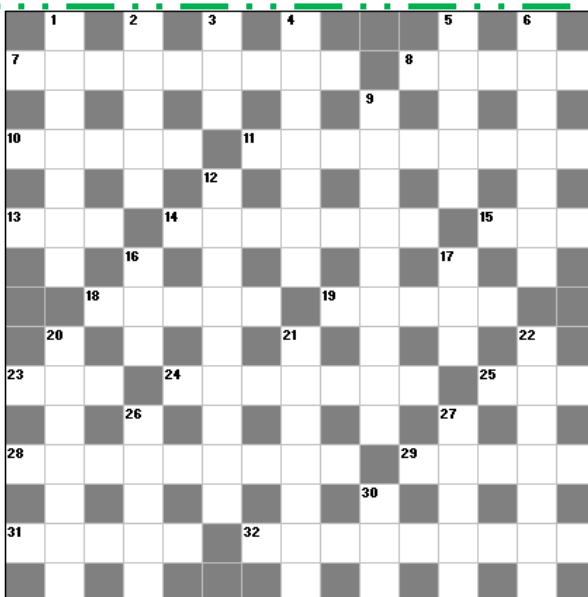
**"I'm not really a big fan of Valentine's Day".....Shelby Waltrip**

**" Calling my friends and telling them "Feliz Día del Amor y la Amistad" or visiting them".....Meliza Ramirez**

## Answers for January Crossword



## February's Crossword



Across Clues		Down Clues	
7	bricklayers (9)	1	plants (7)
8	tree (5)	2	valley (5)
10	anchor (5)	3	foot (3)
11	sunflowers (9)	4	wounds (7)
13	salt (3)	5	rice (5)
14	weeks (7)	6	rabbits (7)
15	with (3)	9	bakery (9)
18	to put (5)	12	forks (9)
19	dog (5)	16	in order to (3)
23	south (3)	17	gold (3)
24	policeman (7)	20	scarf (7)
25	bear (3)	21	vinegar (7)
28	coffee makers (9)	22	wives (7)
29	tubes (5)	26	melon (5)
31	goodbye (5)	27	bone (5)
32	orchestras (9)	30	light (3)

# Spanish Lab. and Tutoring Hours

## Computer Lab. Hours (Hudson 206)



Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
7-9 pm	4-8 pm	6-8 pm	4-6 pm	8-10 am 5-8 pm	11-12 pm 2-4 pm	

## Regular Tutoring Hours (Hudson 204 and 222)

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
10-11 & 12-1 (222) 1-4 (204)	10-11 (222) 1-3:30 (204)	10-1 & 6-7pm (204)	10:30-12:30 (204) 1-2 (222)	10-11 12-2 (204)



## NEW SPANISH OPEN HOURS!

<i><b>Monday</b></i>	<i><b>Tuesday</b></i>	<i><b>Wednesday</b></i>	<i><b>Thursday</b></i>	<i><b>Friday</b></i>
	5-6 pm (Shelby)	1-2 pm (Nick) 7-8 pm (Allison)	2:30-3:30 (Tiffany)	

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