

# The times they are a changing

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America has gone through a cultural revolution. Aspects of everyday life such as music and entertainment have evolved from the unforgettable flappers and swingers into a new age of hip-hop-pers and rockers. Many generations of rebellious teenagers and a constant struggle of ideas helped change the American way of life.

In the thirties, the world was recovering from the Great Depression and, as the world seemed to get a step closer everyday to a Second World War, music and the freedom to listen to any kind of music inspired many. Jazz clubs sprung up in suburbs across

America. Later on, the birth of Rock and Roll and demigods such as Elvis Presley spearheaded a new era. Followed by bands such as the Beatles, Rock and Roll became a new form of communication for America.



When troubled times came, views were expressed through protest music and with elements of folk by artists like Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan and Joan Baez.

After years of rock, America turned in its sandals and tie dyed t-shirts for bell bottoms and platform shoes as disco gripped America. Succeeding this century of disco lights came the roaring eighties, where a television network, MTV, gave music a new dimension. In the eighties, the Led Zeppelins, Van Halens, and Pink Floyds became overwhelmingly popular and idolized because of their seeming freedom.

The new generations have brought new ideas, for music and entertainment. Music has truly changed, but its purpose - to enlighten, to entertain, to convey messages and suggest ideas - remains the same. The artists and styles may change, but the symbolism remains. Music is an art of passion and of heart that will remain an essential part of our human condition.

# Escape from reality without going anywhere

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This school year, reading is being emphasized immensely. No matter what students try, there is no escaping it. They will have to read, like it or not.

There are many choices that students might find interesting. For example, an alternative to being bored during the mandatory reading time is to read books that contain juicy stories that sound interesting to them.

*Love in Vein* is essentially a short vampire story. But, then there is the other element in this book; erotica. In old Victorian vampire legends, the famous bloodsuckers had hormones that would rival most teenagers'. The stories in this book are modern, and, once past the sexual parts, they can get a little gruesome.

Keeping in the spirit of horror filled stories,

the king of horror cannot, and will not be left out. Stephen King, Mr.-small town-ghost-stories himself has his own short story collection.

In fact, he has a few, but the one that stands out most because of the qualities of the stories is *Nightmares and Dreamscapes*. One of the stories is about a man who has been stranded on a desert island and has to turn to cannibalism... on himself.

Vampires, cannibals, let's see, what is left? Ah, yes, aliens! Imagine reading a science fiction novel about Mars... from the Martian point of view! Well, that is the way *The Martian Chronicles* begins.

It continues with several different points of views, including a couple of different astronauts exploring the red planet. It is written by one of the most notable science fiction writers of all time, Ray Bradbury.

By the way, if anyone out there has any interesting books they would like to have reviewed or publicized in *Times*, stop by and inform us.

# HOROSCOPE

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **Saturn**  
That perfect, simple, little world that you call yours is going to be severely disrupted. Something very turbulent and life altering will enter your life and dismantle all that you have worked hard to organize.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **Uranus**  
You are going to get fired from your job. As far as love goes, it is time for you to tell that special someone you have been obsessing over for the past couple of months the truth.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) **Neptune**  
All the procrastinating and beating around the bush is finally going to get you in trouble; especially in your love life.

**Aries** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) **Mars**  
Your impulsive and impatient nature is going to serve you well this month as far as school goes. Your significant other is growing weary of your selfishness.

**Taurus** (Apr. 20-May 20) **Venus**  
Your immense beauty will attract many wrong matches wanting to touch you. You are going through a self-confidence phase; do not let it get to your head.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) **Mercury**  
You are in over your head. The one you are with is no good for you. Get out now or else. Stick to your school responsibilities, but do not let that swallow you up as well.

**Cancer** (June 20-July 22) **Moon**  
Late in the month, companion will enter your love life. The opportunity you have been waiting for, in that certain school related activity, is upon you.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) **Sun**  
A nasty, vicious rumor surfaces in light of a recent accomplishment. This is the best time to find out who is a friend and who you are going to put on your hit list.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **Mercury**  
Take it slow do not burn yourself out physically and mentally. Open your eyes, there is someone that cares for you very much waiting for you to notice them.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **Venus**  
The police are going to have a parking space in front of your house. Or, you will be publicly commemorated for an heroic act you will perform during the middle of November.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **Mars**  
This is your month, baby! Finally, everything that should go right, will. Just do not get off track as you sometimes do. Do not mess up, or your luck will be worse than bad.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **Jupiter**  
You will finally get your car and all love affairs that have been boiling for the past four months are resolved in a way quite unexpected. School will take care of itself; do not worry about it.