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In this time of grief, please join me in remembering his wife, Marilyn, their children and grandchildren in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. I will share more information on services when they become available.

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Caring Coyotes in community

Upward Bound funding down

By Tommy McCardle
Contributing Writer

Funding for 200 students in the TRIO program may see an interruption in service pending a possible partial government shutdown.

According to the U.S. Department of Education’s website, TRIO is a federal outreach program providing student services and programs for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Dalia Hernandez, director of Upward Bound at CSUSB, is awaiting notification from the U.S. Department of Education for two of the three grants to fund the TRIO program.

“We are funded on a five-year grant cycle and are currently in our fifth year,” Hernandez said. “For two of our grants, funding ends on May 31.”

Services provided by Upward Bound include academic tutoring, assistance in course selection, guidance in scholarships and financial aid, and visits to colleges and exposure to cultural events.

“The purpose of Upward Bound is to provide students with the resources and tools so they are successful in high school and become college ready,” Hernandez said. “Here at CSUSB, not only do we have Upward Bound, but we also have Educational Talent Search and Student Support Services.”

Hernandez is hopeful for approval on the funding being

Papa Charles from Seccombe Park

By Alexander Douglas
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Staff Writer

Papa Charles, as he refers to himself, is a homeless person we met at Seccombe Park and wrote about in February of this year.

He was full of life and talked about his problems including his family and his living situation.

“Everybody sees the homeless as a negative part of life,” Charles said months ago. “I’m not negative, period.”

Papa Charles was lively and energetic as he spoke with our team at the time, and was even glad to converse with us to tell his story.

He spoke about his family including his wife and niece who was the only person who lived near San Bernardino.

After speaking to Charles, we wanted another story about these park residents in the future.

Eventually, we planned with a new group to go interview individuals at Seccombe Park.

After walking around the park trying to find people to interview, we spotted Charles under a gazebo.

We approached him to say hello, but this was different and we noticed some changes with Charles.

He spoke softly with a raspy voice and had to clear his throat a few times while he spoke.

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Letters to North Park

By Janet Curiel
Staff Writer

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We followed up with North Park Secretary Darlene Peters, and asked if they were in need of any additional books moving forward. She commented that they appreciate all the community support and that they are doing good.

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President’s Showcase

Lou Monville will be awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters from the College of Arts & Letters this June 17.

Lou Monville and Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville were honored at the 2017 President’s Showcase.

The gala took place on April 29 in the Riverside Convention Center, with students, faculty, staff, and community members in attendance.

“Lou and Elizabeth are living proof to our students and potential students that our university will make a difference in their lives and they in turn can make a difference at CSUSB and their communities,” said President Tomás D. Morales.

Lou Monville is known for her commitment and involvement in local, state, and federal legislative affairs.

In regards to the Monvilles’ contributions amongst the campus and local communities, the gala was titled “Inspire,” where future leaders for the campus and community were in attendance.

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TOP LEFT: Students Cassandra Butcher, Asia Pham, and Connor Dickson delivering gifts to North Park.
TOP RIGHT: Letters written to North Park students and staff.
MIDDLE & BOTTOM RIGHT: Gifts such as stuffed animals, toys, and books.
By Saeed Villanueva
Staff Writer

Hundredws were in attendance May 2 to watch Jane Elliot, creator of the famous Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes experiment, speak about the current state of racism in our country. The event took place inside the SMSU Event Center and was the third annual event at CSUSB featuring Elliot. The event was a huge success with approximately 700 people attending. About five hundred were students and faculty, and the remaining 200 were community members.

The event was headed by the Institute for Child Development and Family Relations (ICDFR) by professors Mark D. Agars and Kelly Campbell, director and associate director of ICDFR. The ICDFR tries to have Elliot come to the college and speak at least once a school year. “It raises awareness about how we think and treat each other. It challenges our assumptions how we think and treat each other,” said Agars. Elliot first conducted her blue eyes/brown eyes experiment the day after Martin Luther King Jr. died in 1968. Since then, she has become a prominent anti-racism activist, speaking to people all over the country. Elliot first opened her speech with her thoughts on our recently elected President Donald Trump. She expressed her unapolgetic feelings about Trump and her concerns about the direction of the country with him in office. “Do not allow him to ruin our future,” she said.

She understood that what she was saying was going to rub some people the wrong way, but she did not care about what people think of her. “It used to bother me, but now I don’t care what people think of me. I’ve been called b*tch so many times, but you know what I say b*tch stands for now? Being in total control, honey,” exclaimed Elliot. Elliot entertained the crowd throughout the entire event. She conducted a survey with the crowd, asking participants to stand up when they mentioned a certain race in which they identify themselves with. After everyone was stood, she told the crowd to sit down if they associate themselves with the last race everybody in the room took a seat.

“We are all part of the human race, we’re all cousins,” said Elliot.

She then spoke about her thoughts on abortion, stating that she herself would never get one, but she believes everyone should be free to make decisions about their body.

Elliot conducted an experiment onstage in which she compared a young, tall Caucasian male to an average height African-American, middle-aged woman and asked each of them a series of questions. She asked them if they feel like their skin color, height, gender, and age gives them power. The answers from both individuals were very different. The young Caucasian male said that he believes all these things give him power. On the other hand, the African-American woman said she felt like none of these factors do.

Elliot then explained how those factors are out of their control, yet society treats these people very different from one another. “We cannot choose the height, gender and skin color of ourselves. Yet in society, people treat each other very differently based on these things.”

“If you believe the more or less melanin you have makes you more valuable, then you have a problem with ignorance,” Elliot said.

Elliot suggested several books the audience should read that discuss the history of race. “Do not allow him to ruin our future,” she said. She shared with the crowd how the history books in school hide significant facts from us. Elliot explained to the crowd that the real first African-American President was not Barack Obama, it was Abraham Lincoln; and how Jesus Christ was not the blonde hair blue eye depiction people often see him as because there were no light-skinned people during that time.

At the conclusion of the speech, Elliot complimented the crowd by saying she never had a group as patient and polite as CSUSB.

Jane Elliot & the state of racism

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Upward Bound is a program catered towards helping students succeed in higher education.

Upward Bound was a major factor for De La Torre in deciding his path after high school. “Visiting different campuses opened my mind about going to a university instead of community college,” De La Torre said. De La Torre is thankful for the opportunities provided by Upward Bound. “I am thankful to give back by being a student assistant and helping others,” De La Torre said.

Luis Portobanco, a CSUSB alumnus, gained knowledge about the college system through Upward Bound. “Before Upward Bound, I didn’t know what college was,” Portobanco said. “I thought I was going to do what my brothers did, and just get my high school diploma and go straight to work,” he continued.

Portobanco graduated in 2016 with a degree in Communication Studies, focusing in Public Relations and Human Communication. “Most our students may not know how to navigate the educational systems, or how to navigate the college-going process,” Hernandez said. “Our students would get lost without our service in place.”
Dear Red, White, and Blue People

By Maylone Togafau
Staff Writer

If you genuinely believe that you live in an America where all men (and women) are created equal, this article is not for you.

As a person of color (POC) in America’s climate today, talking openly and effectively about racial issues is arguably as hard as coherently enduring them.

Netflix’s “Dear White People” presents a satirical show that, in contrast to its title, has more to do with interracial relations than it does the race in which the title is addressed. The 10-episode series touches countless isssues plaguing a college campus: gender and sexuality, domestic/dating violence, financial insecurity, privacy concerns/hacking, drugs and alcohol, self-identity, and most important—and race and equality.

Most those issues are non-discriminant; plenty of students have struggled financially, most are still trying to figure out who they are, everyone waits to do their homework until its due, but not all people have experienced living in a nation whose declaration of independence claims self-evident truths of equality for all men. Except the ones with different shaded skin.

The show purposefully addresses several heavy topics, to her black friends likely in fear that it would discredit her blackness.

Reggie is the black alpha male, who Sam is drawn to because of his passion for their shared cause in advocating for the black plight. However, to move forward with Gabe, she invites him to the exclusive weekly screening of Defamation, a hilarious Scandal parody, in the all black dormitory.

Gabe attempts to engage by asking if Reggie is speaking of the Black Face party that was held by the Ivy League’s inde- nible black face party—so that he too was in outrage and disbelief that in 2017 incidences of racism still occur.

Reggie’s responds, “real- ly? Because I can; it’s almost as if we attend two different schools.”

As progressive as Gabe appears to be, Reggie.leans forward to ask him what he is doing here. Gabe retorts with the question, “what, are you going to hit me?”

He wasn’t going to hit him. But did you believe he would? Why? Gabe was uncomfortable for an hour or so, but until the blatant black face party, he didn’t even think that racism was still possible.

Reggie knows that racism existed before the party, during the party, and sadly will continue after.

But it doesn’t have to. It shouldn’t have to. I hope one day that it won’t.

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With men being more prone to commit suicide than women in all age groups ranging from ages 10-75.

The most common ways that males commit suicide is through the use of a firearm while women use poisoning.

According to NIMH, “In 2015, firearms were the most common method used in suicide deaths in the United States, account- ing for almost 2/3 of all suicide deaths (22,118).”

The rates of suicide were highest for males (27.4 per 100,000) and females (8.7 per 100,000) in the American Indian/ Alaska Native group, followed by males (25.8 per 100,000) and fe- males (7.5 per 100,000) in the White/non-His-panic group,” according to the NIMH.

With suicide num- bers steadily increasing, it is becoming a grow- ing concern.

How to stop it from occurring is an uphill battle.

It takes more than just one person getting involved.

We all have to be a part of the solution in trying to see the signs and be our brother’s or sister’s keeper.

I ask my readers to send in their stories of survival or if they know someone that a survi- vor to inspire others to overcome suicide. For resources on campus visit https://www.csusb.edu/caps/resources/ hotline-and-community-resources

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A night of inspiration

By Janet Curiel
Staff Writer

The Riverside Convention Center was filled with the who’s who of San Bernardino on April 29, and I found myself wonder- ing how I had stumbled upon the guest list at the president’s gala.

The theme for the night was INSPIRE. The Board of Trustees, President Tomás Morales, along with the honored guests of the night Lou Monville & Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville were only a table away.

As I sat with my fellow ASI representatives, I gazed upon the blue and silver linens that draped the table while taking in the aromatic smells of the floral centerpeices.

After the dinner began the speeches from my fellow peers in ASI as well as members of the Model United Nations Program. President Morales began to speak, it felt as if he was talking directly to me.

“I started a tradition in my very first commencement of December of 2012, and I asked the students in the audience, the graduates, who are the first in your family to earn a baccalaureate degree, and about 80% rise, and it’s just a wonderful celebration,” said Morales before introducing Elizabeth to speak.

At that moment, everything came together. I began to tear up as the long journey through college to that moment came full circle.

Being the youngest of seven children, and the first to graduate college, I have always felt as if I had this imposter syndrome. If I did not belong in that kind of arena constantly feeling like I was not smart enough, or was not good enough to sit at that table.

When Elizabeth Monville accepted the honor of the night, she spoke and became emotional when referring to her own inspi- ration of her grandmother.

For about ten minutes through their speeches, I was overcome by emotion and for- tuneably was able to personally thank the Monvilles for their words.

After the event, the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Brian Haynes, came over and thanked me and the other ASI representatives for all of our hard work.

I conveyed to him how much I appreciated this experience, and knowing that I have someone like that championing me to continue my journey and believing that I too could some- day be on that stage, is beyond words.

Alex Gutierrez, the current ASI President who presented the Monvilles with a glass sculpt- ure by CSUSB student Mariah Comer and Nicole Stahl, later reflected on the experience of attending the showcase.

“We are showcasing all the hard work and all the transforma- tive things that have happened on our campus... it’s the transforma- tion of students and bringing stu- dents into the leadership roles of leading our community for future generations to come,” explained Gutierrez.

Gutierrez also spoke during the gala on behalf of students and shared his experience as ASI President and model UN participant.

“It just shows how far leaders before me have paved the way, and it shows that when you come here, you can essentially go anywhere, and that’s extremely important,” said Gutierrez.

This campus has given me more than just an education.

It has given me confidence, experience, and the opportunity to dine with community giants that I hope to strive to be.

Working for the community provides numerous inspiration.

Opinions

Veteran Thoughts: Suicide

By Arturo Brooks
Staff Writer

Suicide, a hot topic brought under the spotlight because of the popularity and trending of Netflix Original series, “13 Reasons Why,” is causing controversy and concern with the shows portrayal and rep- resentation of suicide in contemporary culture.

I have pondered for a while now whether if I should do this topic due to the sensitivity of the subject.

Suicide is never an easy topic, which is why we need to discuss it more often, instead of holding off on the conversation until it is already too late.

This is hard to discuss, not only for me, but for any individual personally.

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Mixed feelings after NFL Draft

By Tyler Vanderelst
Staff Writer

This year’s National Football League (NFL) draft was one for the books. Not only was it the first time it happened in Philadelphia, but it was one of the few times a defensive player had gone first overall. Multiple trades for teams occurred, too.

Many people have speculated since the end of the collegiate and NFL football seasons where players would land. This year the Cleveland Browns had the first overall pick in an attempt to rebuild their franchise after a dismal record of 1-15 last season. The Browns selected Myles Garrett from Texas A&M who many believed was the top player in the draft.

This pick will help their defensive playmaker like Garrett. Some believed they were going to make another trade with the 49ers to get quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo. The 49ers were then able to select Stanford defensive end Solomon Thomas, the player they wanted at the second pick, with the third round pick and 2018 round pick to the 10th pick from the Chicago Bears who held the second overall pick.

The Bears gave up their first round pick and draft Reuben Foster with the 31st pick. The Chiefs trading up from the 27th pick and 2018 round pick to the 10th pick from the Buffalo Bills to select Texas Tech quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

One pick that created a lot of excitement by adding a defensive playmaker like Garrett. Some believed they were going to select a quarterback to build their team around but there were none worthy of the first overall pick.

The second overall pick, selected by the San Francisco 49ers, is where the draft got exciting by having the first trade. The Chicago Bears who held the third pick of the draft traded with the 49ers to get quarterback Mitch Trubisky from the University of North Carolina.

The Bears gave the 49ers their third overall pick, a third round pick, a fourth round pick and a 2018 third round pick to move one spot and select who many believed to be the best quarterback in this draft class. This did not make Bears fans happy because they already signed free agent quarterback Mike Glennon. Long time Bears fan Hank Eurich was not pleased with the move.

“I don’t know why we traded all of those picks for a quarterback when we already had a quarterback, there were better players available in my opinion,” said Eurich.

The 49ers then drafted Stanford defensive end Solomon Thomas, the player they wanted at the second pick, with the third pick. The 49ers were then able to make another trade with the Seahawks to get their first round pick and draft Reuben Foster with the 31st pick. The Seahawks selected their second round pick and the third round pick they got from the Bears.

This was a great first round draft from the 49ers and it made a lot of fans happy like Dallas Mohler. “I am happy we were able to make some good moves in the draft and really help out our defense so we can get back to winning games,” said Mohler.

Another pick that made a lot of fans happy was the Jacksonville Jaguars selecting Louisiana State University running back Leonard Fournette with the fourth overall pick. In last years draft the fourth overall pick Ezekiel Elliott of the Dallas Cowboys turned out to be a Pro Bowl running back and Fournette has the same potential.

This pick will help Jacksonville’s young offense get better and help their quarterback Blake Bortles improve by taking some of the pressure off him. One pick that caught some off guard was Tennessee Titans wide receiver Corey Davis from Western Michigan with the fifth overall selection. There is no doubt Davis is a talented receiver but many people did not foresee him as a highly sought after draft pick.

Davis at 6’3 and 209 lbs. gives the Titans a true No. 1 receiver for quarterback Marcus Mariota to throw to and know his guy will come down with it.

Another trade in the first round was the Kansas City Chiefs trading up from the 27th pick to the 10th pick from the Buffalo Bills to select Texas Tech quarterback Patrick Mahomes. The Chiefs gave the Bills their 27th pick, their third round pick and 2018 round pick of their third overall pick, a third round pick, a fourth round pick, a fifth round pick and 2018 round pick of fans happy was the Jackson State University running back Leonard Fournette with the fourth overall pick.

This pick gives the Chiefs their quarterback of the future and allows him opportunities to learn from veteran quarterback Alex Smith. Chiefs’ fans like Josh Hazleton were about getting a talented quarterback for their future.

“It was a smart move because Mahomes will be able to excel under their head coach Andy Reid and will be able to help us win games,” said Hazleton.

One pick that created a lot of attention was the Houston Texans selecting Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson who was able to lead his school to a College Football National Championship title. Watson is expected to take an already good team to the next level and hopefully win a championship in Houston. He has not been named a starter yet, but it should be announced sooner rather than later.

Next year’s draft will be held in Los Angeles.

Photo courtesy of Houston Chronicle

No. 1 pick at NFL Combine.

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By Alexander Douglas
Community Editor

Racism within sports has always been an issue and although progress has been made, it is still prevalent in today’s society.

During the early years of sports in America, players were predominantly considered “white.”

This was also during a time of segregation so that there were bathrooms and other such instances where they were separated from “whites.”

In 1947, before the Civil Rights Movement occurred, Jackie Robinson broke the Major League Baseball color barrier by playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Some of his teammates didn’t approve of the Dodgers decision and preferred to sit on the bench than play in the same game as Robinson. Along with his teammates, members of other teams threatened not to play in games against the Dodgers if he did.

Opposing players, coaches and fans made a point of yelling racial slurs at him, with one taking things as far as cutting open Robinson’s leg with the spikes on his shoes.

Although sports are more inclusive, there are still many problems that see today.

Baltimore Orioles outfielder, Adam Jones heard Boston Red Sox fans yelling racial slurs at him, including the “n” word and one fan was even reported to have thrown peanuts at him, on May 2.

Since the incident, the fan has been identified and received a lifetime ban from Fenway Park, the home of the Sox.

Other less recent examples highlight that racism in sports is still a problem, despite the barriers that other players had broken.

NFL Giants player Nikita Whitlock had his house robbed and vandalized with swastikas, “Go back to Africa,” and “KKK” all written in graffiti.

Golden State Warriors forward, Draymond Green has also cited multiple examples of fans calling him racist names.

With this said, there are more people in the industry that are trying to stand up to these prejudices.

Football free agent quarterback, Colin Kaepernick for instance, knelt during the national anthem in protest of police brutality against people of color.

Kaepernick’s actions inspired several players from other teams and sports to follow suit and raise awareness of their cause.

Cleveland Cavalier forward, LeBron James, among other basketball players also spoke up against police violence against people of color at the ESPYS.

Colleges are also taking an active role in preventing or fighting against racism.

Members of the wrestling team at Columbia University were suspended in 2016 for sending racist and sexist text messages.

Schools such as ours require students to take courses that talk about racism and sexism during the beginning of school to help prevent these events.

Although these things may seem small, it’s a step in the right direction to prevent racism from spreading. While some of these people and schools are taking a more active approach, there can be a lot more done to help prevent these racist incidents.

More programs need to be implemented to our nation if we are to truly be a “land of the free” both in professional sports and in our daily lives.

“I know that I am a black man in a white world. I know that I never had it made.”

Jackie Robinson, 1947

“It’s unfortunate that people need to resort to those type of epithets to degrade another human being.”

Adam Jones, 2017

70 years after Robinson, some fans are still not accepting athletes who are a different ethnicity.
For as long as I can remember, I have attended baseball games with my family, whether to see the Dodgers, Angels or my hometown team, the Quakes. Baseball was always a family event for me, although I did not always sit and watch games the way I do today.

My main reasons for going to games were the mascots, food and fireworks. What happened on the field was the least of my worries as long as my team scored runs and won.

Over time though, I became more interested in the game itself and started watching them in person and at home on TV. As I grew older, my dad decided it was time for me to learn how to keep score at professional baseball games, as well as at my younger sister’s softball games. If I did not have a scorebook, my parents would be to find other ways to keep me occupied.

Scorekeeping is not a task learned overnight by any means, but it definitely got me hooked right away. For the first time in my life, something really made a lot of sense to me. Scorekeeping came naturally to me and I have loved it ever since.

The past few years, I have asked for scorebooks for Christmas. I scored at a lot of minor league and major league games, even some games for our Coyote baseball team. All of my practice was worth it because I now work as a scorekeeper for the Coyote Athletics Department.

I approached Mark Reinhiller, the Athletics Department associate athletic director for media relations, with the sole purpose of starting an Instagram page for the school’s baseball team. He fully encouraged the idea and went on to ask me about my experience with baseball.

I explained that I had been keeping score for years at all kinds of games including some Coyote games.

He quizzed me on some of the basics of scorekeeping, a test that I passed with flying colors. He then asked if I would be interested in assisting him by doing some scorekeeping for the team. Without hesitation, I said yes. Working for a team that I had previously kept score for just for fun was exactly what I wanted to be doing.

As luck would have it, by the time I contacted Reinhiller, the baseball season had just about wrapped up.

Instead of waiting for the season to start again, he had me help with player substitutions for soccer and do some work on social media for the volleyball and basketball teams.

I had a lot of fun; I learned so much working with other sports that I had never really been exposed to. Finally, it was time for baseball season again. February had arrived and I was up in the press box at Fiscalini Field with the official scorebook sitting in front of me, and the Coyotes minutes away from taking on the Dixie State Trailblazers.

In the next few weeks, I was tasked with learning how to use the Stat Crew software that posts live play-by-play action online. It is a pretty straightforward system for the most part, but nothing comes easy.

Toward the end of the month, I had my first experience of keeping score without my boss offering tips and helping me keep track of what was going on in the event of a wild play.

Things went pretty smoothly that day and I have done two more days of games completely on my own. I have also mixed in quite a few Coyote softball games, furthering my knowledge of the software and scorekeeping in general.

I find each game I work, I learn something new and that is one of the most rewarding parts of the job.

However, I think the most rewarding aspect of scorekeeping for the school is the that Reinhiller looked passed the fact that I am female and instead believed in my ability and saw my passion for the sport that led him to offer me such a huge opportunity.

Everything I have learned and will continue to learn while working for Reinhiller will no doubt help me with my future goals and for that, I am beyond grateful.
Going Coffee Nutzz

By Arthur Medrano
Staff Writer

Coffee Nutzz in the city of Rialto is conveniently located a short distance away from CSUSB that features Cones Creamery, an ice cream shop attached to the same building. Owned by fellow City Councilman Andy Carrizales, this family owned business provides both coffee and ice cream for its customers, a cross that many can find satisfying.

The coffee shop runs along Historic Route 66 and is an ideal pit stop for customers looking for an exotic blend of beans, including plants from Colombia and Vietnam.

It has been a fan favorite hangout for students and loyal clientele since its opening in 2003.

The menu consists of coffee, frappanutzz, hot/cold sandwich-es, boba tea and ice cream suited for almost any occasion. They are well-known for their signatures drinks such as the Meximocha, a twist on the classic mocha with a rich taste of horchata added in.

Strawberry Breeze is a smoothie containing strawberry and bananas that is both refreshing and savory.

“Coffee Nutzz may be a small/family owned business but to be able to grow in this industry is a great opportunity not just for myself but others as well,” said assistant manager Marlene Barraza.

She prides the success of the business due to the excellent customer service and products

Coffee Nutzz contains everything from a variety of beans to ice cream and even paninis.

DIY: The perfect gift for Mother’s Day

By Franciny Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Mother’s Day is almost near, so bring out your arts and crafts to create meaningful and affordable gifts right from home.

At times it may be difficult to find the perfect gift at a reasonable price, however, a DIY gift is something takes up very little time and allows you to personalize an item.

Students think that DIY gifts are a better gift to give to someone special, rather than a store bought item that you simply picked up and paid for.

“A DIY gift, those are usually from the heart, they put in their effort you know? Not just the money,” said student Stephany Villegas.

Certain websites like Pinterest allow you to look at your options and get creative in order to create a thoughtful gift.

A possible DIY can consist of spelling out the word “mom” in colorful spring artificial flowers.

This DIY took little time, approximately 25-30 minutes max.

The materials consisted of artificial flowers, a hot glue gun, glue sticks, scissors and cardboard letters.

The overall cost of this gift was $12 dollars.

You can find most of the materials at Dollar Tree, and the cardboard letters.

Glueing and texture throughout its entire staff.

Barraza remarked, “we have a lot of promotions throughout the year and we’re always coming up with something new, whether it be a new ice cream, creation or even a simple sandwich.”

The element of a relaxing atmosphere and ambiance suited with a music playlist for all music lovers, one can find groups of friends enjoying a nice cup of coffee while studying for the end of the year exams.

They offer freshly made ice cream using a variety of influences for flavors such as grahamberry, mazapan and almonds.

Customers can also enjoy

Boba milk tea and blended coffee can be found on the menu.
By Monica Rosales
Staff Writer

Students look for many ways to survive school, and with modern day technology, there are millions of applications at our fingertips to keep us afloat in and outside the classroom. Beside social media app favorites, such as Facebook and Twitter, we also rely on apps to maintain our organization and focus throughout the school year.

Many of our phones already come programmed with a number of apps like a calendar, calculator, memo recorder and even iTunes U. “Timetable reminds me of all my assignments. I would be running around like a chicken without a head,” said student Esmeralda Aguilar. Planners are essential for the busy bee in all of us, but sometimes, all the overlapping side notes get in the way, making assignments hard to read.

Apps like Timetable allow you to maintain organization with assignments, set reminders for deadlines and to prioritize the most important tasks.

Life is quick to catch up with students, and sometimes lessons are hard to focus on when one has a lot on the mind. “It gets the entire class for me. Sometimes I wonder what I would do without Class Lecture,” said student Ricky Howell. Most phones have a voice recorder already installed, but apps like Class Lecture can be easily downloaded to get quality recording of lectures and organize them in specific manners depending on classes.

It not only assures you get the entire lesson for the day but it can assure you that you did not miss something important that might be on an exam.

In preparation for exams, there are even apps like Study Blue, GoConqr and Revision application students can use to study. They help students make flashcards according to class and subjects and allow them to review them before big tests. These flashcards can even be shared amongst fellow classmates to make group studying easier.

“We always use Studyblue when we are getting ready to review for our tests,” said student Jacquie Williams. “It helps us all make sure we don’t miss anything important in our major classes and collaborate on studying,” continued Williams. When it comes to collaborating, students should take full advantage of Google Drive and all the benefits it provides.

It allows students to share documents, PowerPoint presentations and notes for classrooms without constantly having to email updated versions.

“It saves all our work and my favorite part of it is that we can all work on the same thing at the same time,” said student Abel Marquez.

As students, we sometimes rely on each other to survive group projects and sometimes we rely on technology.

Both help us keep get through the hardest parts of school by making it a little easier one way or another.

Apps like memo recorder and even ITunes U are hard to focus on when one has a lot on the mind.

By Kimberly Orozco
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According to a study published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society, Biological Sciences, for both men and women, how a partner acts is more important when settling down.

“I think physical attraction is always necessary for a relationship but their personality is really the deal breaker for me,” student Jocelyn Sanchez continued.

“I don’t want to date someone who’s drop dead gorgeous but has an upright and controlling personality, that just makes them unattractive in my eyes. I want to be with someone who has similar interests, stability, and humor,” Sanchez continued.

People prefer to share similar interests, a shared responsibility of maintaining stability and shared humor with their significant other, rather than having nothing in common.

“Physical attraction dies down quick. Deeper connections are what really count and make you attracted to that person so much more. When I was in high school I always wanted to date the most attractive girl but now the most attractive girl is someone who has a great personality and ambition,” said student Jonathan Gamboa.

Looks are a surface feature of the person and initially are what first attracts one to another but according to a survey conducted by StayTeen.org. Seventy-eight percent of men would rather be committed last year and one coffee date led to a dinner date and so forth. Somewhere along the way I began to realize she was much more than a pretty face or even a friend and we’ve been in a serious relationship ever since,” said student Luis Valdez.

Most people would assume that looks triumph over personality but time after time science proves that people are not as superficial as we assume.

Having a unique personality, rather than being physically attractive, is the leading factor of attraction and the foundation of a committed relationship.

What do you value in your significant other?
Reproductive Justice

By Haley Brown
Staff Writer

“Girls get educated yet they don’t want them to have reproductive options,” said Loretta Ross, author, feminist organizer and women’s right activist. Ross visited the San Manuel Student Union Theater on May 2, to promote her new book “Reproductive Justice an Introduction” and explain ‘Reproductive Justice’ the term she helped coin.

Ross led the conversation on Reproductive justice and women’s rights with an introduction into her own life and experiences with sexual abuse, abortion and sterilization.

She explained why it is important to share her experiences and thoughts to younger people. According to her belief, it is very important to speak up and represent not only herself, but other women who have gone through the same struggles.

“I’ve always worked on young people having the information that they needed to make their own decisions about their own bodies, not the church, not the state, not my partner. What I get to decide is very important,” said Ross.

Reproductive justice is more important today with the current president leading the conversation on Reproductive justice and women’s rights with an introduction into her own life and experiences with sexual abuse, abortion and sterilization.

It’s not hard to define the problem, it’s hard to achieve,” said Ross.

“With the recent presidential election their have been attacks on groups and issues and reproductive health has been one of them,” said Irene Tobias, student.

Local residents found out about Reproductive Justice through Facebook, and felt the event was very important for all genders to attend.

“It is important for voters and the community to be involved in serious issues, as a community member it is tough to find and get to events on the campus, but they are definitely worth going,” said James Albert, local resident.

Although the SMSU Women’s Resource Center made sure to advertise the event by tabling twice a week, posting on social media, and doing classroom announcements, the audience attendance was very low.

Reproductive justice is often ignored as an irrelevant issue.

By Jason Samp
Staff Writer

Buying a new car from a dealership is difficult for most college students as they require a steady income and a good credit report, while also paying high monthly payments on average.

The main conflicts that come up are buying new versus buying used, as well as what key attributes to look for. However, used cars are a much more of a cost effective option for students.

Finding all these features in a vehicle for a good price is difficult, however there are cars with various price ranges that students should consider. The Toyota Prius is a popular hybrid car that offers high mpg at a relatively low cost when buying used one.

The range for a used Prius between the years 2006 and 2009 is between $5,000 and $12,000 depending on mileage and condition of the vehicle.

To find the best deal, students should do as much research as possible and call around different dealerships and get quotes.

“Do as much research as possible and call around different dealerships and get quotes, look around for good interest rates,” said student Fabian Lucartero.

Car shopping is not a simple process but with proper expectations and preparations, it can be a smooth one.
The Annual Car Show

By Blair Hernandez
Staff Writer

Empire Tire Co., located on State Street, hosted the first annual car show which consisted of old school VW Bugs, Chevy Impalas, Chrysler and Jeep models.

Elite Mopars is one of many local car businesses that strongly believes in uniting communities and building a support system for families in need. President Brain Herzog known as “Papa B” established Elite Mopars last August.

“We came together as friends. We wanted to create a family atmosphere. You deal with family on a daily bases because we work well together. We focus on family values. Jokingly, I was voted in as president because I was the oldest,” said Herzog.

The wife of EMCC and community supporter, Cindy Herzog believes in the strong value of family which primarily is the clubs foundation. “It’s very humbling being the wife of the president but my he’s able to pull together, advise and guide the club,” said Herzog.

As the day progressed, the entertainment featured Hispanic cultural dances.

“The dancers were very neat; the performance established a since of historic culture and the music was geared to different age groups,” said Herzog

“This has been a growing experience, getting in the routine of being able to talk to anyone like dealing with different personalities and stepping back to see what everyone wants within the club,” said vice president Cesar Silieviez of EMCC.

Local resident, entrepreneur and DJ Brain Savage grew up in Hemet and are strong supporters for local businesses.

“I heard about this event from my friends and owners of empire tire co. Steven and Fred Salazar. The tacos were pretty good and enjoyed the cars. Nice selection and collection of different era vehicles from low rider, muscle cars. My favorite was the Chevy Impala.

Twenty years ago Hemet was known as cow town. There use to be areas of agriculture, orange, watermelon fields and walnut trees. Now it has become more urban to the younger crowd,” said Savage.

Local DJ, J-Styles, astonished the event with entertain- ment that captured the attention and support of Hemet locals. “I saw this as a great hobby, I use to go to parties as kid and saw how the dj controlled the crowd and drew attention,” said Styles.

“The entertainment industry has challenges and is competitive in society, getting yourself out there, you always want to be social and professional as possible,” said Styles.

Antiques are back in style

By Elizabeth Taylor
Staff Writer

Students from all over the globe are shopping by the Ant- tique Station and taking advantage of the many vintage and art你 finds that will fit comfort- ably in any dorm room.

The Antique Station is the largest and longest running an- tique store on Route 66.

This old train depot holds some of the rarest finds around, and the array of items spans across generations that some may not know or have forgotten about.

“I have purchased a night-stand and furniture for my sister’s room from here,” said VVC student and local resident, Honor Babh. “Today, I’m mostly looking for a mask to add to our wall of masks and an ash tray for my dad, even though he doesn’t smoke.”

Its location on Route 66 is a boost for business as people make their way across the scenic stretch of road stop by to take a look inside.

“I was just cruising Route 66, and thought I would come in and look for an old typewriter,” said Los Anegles resident and Barcelona, Spain native, Ge- rard Rodriguez. “College kids in Spain love retro and vintage things; and I think they could find everything they would need right here.”

The floors squeak and come to rest as customers make their way through the old, long depot station.

“I’ve worked here for over 2 years, and I absolutely enjoy all the international experiences that I encounter as people from all over the world walk through that door,” said employee, Becky Adams. “We sell the weirdest, retro stuff and I am amazed at the items people bring in here for me to sell for them.”

Customers make their way while eyes are drawn to certain items within each booth.

“The reason I antique shop to decorate my living quarters has a lot to do with the way these vintage and retro items look and the way they were made,” said CSUSB student, Dylan Woods. “They just don’t make good quality products like they used to, and some of this stuff is just too cool to pass up.”

With so many items to choose from, it can be difficult to know where to start.

Having a good idea of what you need or what to keep those eyes peeled for can be the first step to a successful antiquing trip.

“I came here looking for a vase and found one,” said local resident, Ashley Wilson. “College students can find all sorts of knickknacks; even if they keep it all on a small shelf in their room, it will give them something to feel at home about,” Wilson continued.

Shoppers “oooh and ahh” as they find the items that tug at the strings around their hearts.

“I just started enjoying this kind of shopping, and now I find myself looking for old trunks and creepy old dolls to furnish my room,” said local resident and student, Hana Taylor. “I also love all these handmade candles they started selling; they make my entire room smell so good.”

So, the next time shopping is on the list of things to do, stop by the Antique Station in Oro Grande on Route 66 and start decorating a room that all your friends will envy.
Squeezing into the Lemon Festival

By Robert Klimper
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Downtown Upland, Calif. held the popular Lemon Festival on April 28 through 30th. The Lemon Festival started back in 1997, making this the 20th time that the city of Upland had put on a festival that started off as a small festival. The Lemon Festival is a collaboration between Upland and The Learning Centers at Fairplex (TLC). TLC had its own area set up with volunteers handing out maps of the festival grounds.

During the Lemon Festival one could make note of the several local businesses located around the downtown area making use of the increased foot traffic. “The Lemon Festival is just a celebration of Upland’s history, of its citrus groves and agriculture, and it is here to help support local businesses,” said Nakita Chand, a development associate with TLC.

The Lemon Festival was free to anyone wishing to walk around and see what several booths had set up. The streets of downtown offered live music at the Citrus Grove Stage. The stage featured music from the likes of a Led Zeppelin tribute band, Groove Session, The Dogs and several other artists.

On Sunday, the stage featured blues musicians. For thrillseekers, the Festival had a space put aside for a few carnival rides and games, like a small roller coaster and a Ferris wheel. “The first year I volunteered I enjoyed it. It’s family oriented. You can see all walks of life here and you can bring your dogs here. It’s just really nice,” said Carolina Rivas. Rivas has volunteered at the Upland Lemon Festival for three years. Though parking for the Festival was free, spots were limited. Many parking spots were only available for about 2 to 3 hours. Even then, due to the popularity of the event, one should have arrived early if they wanted to park close.

Anyone who wanted to spend a good chunk of their day at the Lemon Festival without having to worry about how long they had in their parking spot, could make use of some of the paid parking spots around the event. “The city of Upland puts on the festival but [the Learning Center] also helps out with information and helping people get around at the festival,” said Ana Rivas, a volunteer from the Learning Center who was handing out maps to the Lemon Festival.

Sponsorships from Charlie’s Beer Company, Ford of Upland, Welk Resorts, Solarcity, Sleep Number, Shock Top, Metro Nissan Montclair, and SoCalGas helped to make this year’s Lemon Festival possible. The three-day event arrived as quickly as it concluded. Anyone interested can participate next year.

Lemon Fest is 20 years old.

Under the Hollywood Sign

By Janet Martinez
Staff Writer

Pride Prom was hosted by SMSU Pride Center and took place in the Fourthplex of the Santos Manuel Student Union on April 27 from 8-11 p.m. The progressive event is on its seventh year and many students look forward to this prom in the spring quarter.

The coordinator of this event was Naomi S., who made the event possible for all students to enjoy. “Students are stereotyped because of their gender or who they are, but with Pride Prom you are able to come as yourself,” said Naomi.

This event was impacted by many LGBTQ-identified students who were not able to attend their school prom because of their inability to be themselves. Pride Prom allows the community to come together and enjoy a carefree time. The theme of the Pride Prom this year featured a traditional glamorous feel, with a red carpet laid out and flashing lights surrounding the room, giving attendees a celebrity-like experience. The entrance had a table with pins and flyers about pride center resources and services. Snacks were also served for all to enjoy. In the corner a background was set up for people to take pictures of the memorable night. Students came dressed to impress with their gowns and full makeup ready to enjoy the night away.

The event was announced through flyers around the school and social media. A DJ played next to the dance floor to help encourage everyone to dance and enjoy themselves. The event allows students and community members to freely be themselves in ways they could not. The event promotes gender equality, encouraging students to feel welcomed and supported for who they are, helping create a sense of unity through out the community.

After hours of dancing the night away, students a volunteers helped clean up together. The unity that this event brings is very important to our community and students. The feeling of being able to take part in such a popular event that most students dream of is what these students long for in an event like this.

Pride Prom was not only for members of the Pride Center, everyone was welcomed to attend. No matter who you were or how you were dressed everyone was invited to enjoy a great time at the 7th annual Pride Prom.

Pride Prom allowed community members to enjoy a carefree time together.

The Pride Prom took place on April 21 from 8 to 11 p.m.
Opinion: An examination of media and their misrepresentation of the homeless

By Saeed Villanueva
Staff Writer

Within the media, we have seen talks about the homeless population being a problem in Los Angeles and San Bernardino County. This usually comes in forms of the homeless being referred to as a problem or referred to as a number rather than on a personal level.

I admit I have been guilty of this in the past of seeing someone homeless and disregarding them without acknowledging that these are real people. These people have names, families and come from different places.

The media on the other hand generally portrays the homeless as a burden to society and puts the blame on them for being the problem rather than focusing on them as individuals. It is easy to blame them because they cannot defend themselves and people generally do not want to approach them. One reason for this is because they are not treated as humans, rather they are treated like numbers.

Every year San Bernardino County performs a Point in Time Count (PITC) to find out how many homeless people are presently there. According to the PITC San Bernardino County report, 1,866 people are currently homeless, and out of those 1,179 are unsheltered. Within these statistics we do not see any names of these individuals and only see the numbers or percentages.

Organizations like Step Up and volunteers in the community do what they can to help, but the homeless are still often thought of as the main problem among the general public.

“Step Up has helped quite a few of us. We are on the waiting list right now, priorities go those who have some sort of medical problem," said a park resident. "I think it's really cool doing that. People want to catch a park resident named Cookie. Other park residents were also witnesses of this. "Law enforcement kicks us from one place to another, were I sleep right now is a secret but we come back out here during the day since it’s a public park," said a park resident. Incidents such as this are not widely known or portrayed within the media. They show the homeless that have been a problem instead of showing the general population that just want to live.

Tacheva finals to take place in Indio

By Crystal Harrell
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Although Coachella and the Stagecoach country music festival have concluded, there is still a chance to see an assortment of bands perform in the Coachella Valley.

Four local indie music acts will get the chance to compete in a battle-of-the-bands competition, with the winning artist getting a prize of three thousand dollars. The four acts slated to participate are Kayves, Shawn Don, Bridger and Elektric Lucie.

The band Kayves stems from electronic rock influences and consists of singer Nick Hernandez, bass player Edgar Limon, drummer Adrian Romero, and guitarists Oscar Rico and Danny Gonzalez.

Kayves even got the prestigious opportunity to perform both weekends as part of the Coachella line-up, along with three other local bands.

This made 2017 the year with the most local bands playing at the Empire Polo Club since the festival’s creation in 1999. Rancho Mirage resident Shawn Don is also a finalist, with his solo hip hop act being a standout with his genre-bending beats.

“I loved Shawn Don’s energy while he was performing on-stage,” said Tacheva semi-final attendee Eileen Nunez. “It’s one thing to listen to a song on your headphones, but to actually see it being brought to life in front of you is something else entirely.”

The punk rock act Bridger consists of brother-sister duo Jim Cuthcart on guitar and vocals and KT Zapcart on drums, with bassist Dan Dillinger and guitarist Jacob Miller.

The last band to make the finals, Elektric Lucie, participated in Tacheva two years ago as well.

The rock group has a strong following with a Spanish-speaking fan base in countries like Mexico, Argentina and Spain. Members include Viktor Estrada on vocals and guitar, Hernan Hernandez on drums, Jorge Carrillo on bass and Jose Lopez on guitar and keys.

Founded in February of 2013, the Tacheva showcase has enabled local artists to share their music throughout the Coachella Valley in a fun, energetic setting. Voting opened this February for the public to pick which ten bands they wanted to see participate in the competition.

“I think it’s really cool that Tacheva is still part of the Coachella Valley entertainment circuit. I remember when it first started and even then, I thought it was a unique way to support local bands while also intro-
STD task force created
By Daniel Urenda
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San Bernardino County has recently reached the highest level of reported STD cases in county history. The majority of STD cases reported in 2016 have been from individuals 15 to 24 years old.
In response to this, officials in San Bernardino have formed a community STD task force in order to fight back against the rising rate of sexually transmitted diseases affecting the county.
The task force will largly consist of doctors, school representatives, church groups and community members in general.
The first meeting of this newly formed task force took place on April 19, at San Bernardino Valley College. Attending the meeting were several of San Bernardino’s top health officials.
Among the items discussed at this meeting were the questions of what is causing the rise in STDs in San Bernardino and the U.S. in general. Due to the prevalence of birth control and medical services in the county, cases of unwanted pregnancies and HIV have dropped considerably.
Cases of chlamydia and gonorrhea, on the other hand, have risen dramatically. In 2016, San Bernardino ranked 16th out of all counties in the nation when it came to the amount of reported cases of chlamydia. It ranked 25th in cases of gonorrhea.
Some officials at the meeting believed it was largely due to the amount of hook-up apps in use across the Inland Empire.
Others pointed to the increasing resistance modern STDs seem to have to antibiotics. Another concern raised by health officials in the task force was the rising amount of congenital syphilis, which refers to infants born with syphilis contracted from their mothers.
This causes concern due to the fact that syphilis is treatable, making congenital syphilis entirely preventable.
While there are several ways the Task Force is planning to combat rising STD rates, the group claims that abstaining from sexual activity is currently the best option for county residents. They are also advising sexually active individuals to get tested often.
“Every year more organizations are joining Coyote Cares Day to help organizations throughout the Inland Empire. The event, hosted by the Office of Community Engagement (OCE) was held on April 29, as part of their celebration for National Volunteer Week. "We want to be a good neighbor to the community," said Diane Podolske, Director of the OCE.
"The community gives a lot to us, so this is our way to pay them back," Podolske continued.
The event is meant for CSUSB to help support the local community day in and day out.
Students met at the Commons for service given back to the community.
An array of buses, packed with students and staff, left campus to different locations throughout the Inland Empire.
The event there is still plenty of opportunity for students to experience the joy of volunteering and giving back to our community.
The Office of Community Engagement offers opportunity for service throughout the year at various times to fit even the busiest student schedules.
“We want students to understand the lesson that whether you’re in school or you’re out of school, everyone has a role to play to make the community better,” Podolske said.

Yotes service the community
By Daisy Figueroa & Jordan Ortega
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Hundreds of Yotes gathered to show their support by providing numerous services for the San Bernardino community.

Papa Charles discusses life.

"My wife does not want me out here," said Charles. "I can get my own place, but I'm not fighting to get one."

We asked him if he had been doing but he told us he had not eaten since Tuesday except a few cookies that he had in his shopping cart.

"I just go hungry," said Charles.

After he told us this he quickly got him water, which was the only thing we had on us.

We asked him if he knew some places that gave out food and he said that there are a couple of places near the park that give some out occasionally.

After we handed him some waters we said our goodbyes and as we walked away we heard a noise from him.

We ran back and asked what the matter was to which he replied, "Oh, this water just tastes so good."

We questioned amongst ourselves about Charles' past which lead up to this current point in his life that he refused to talk about.

His comments tremendously affected us. This was a man who was walking around happy to be alive and in good spirits but this was not the same person we met in February.

This was a man who fell through the cracks and that society seems to have forgotten.
Kappa Delta Shamrock 5K

By Tharsis Aguilar
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As a Kappa Delta member at CSUSB, altruistic service is everything. But, the way to spark a light in our hearts is Prevent Child Abuse America and our local Child Help Village in Beaumont.

Every year we raise money to help children who have gone through child abuse and don’t really have a place to call home. It is a triggering situation that not everyone likes talking about, but it cannot remain untold.

About 2.9 million cases of child abuse are reported every year and five children die every day because of it. The numbers are insane and if we aren’t aware of them, the numbers will only grow.

The annual Shamrock 5K run on March 4th, but the week prior was Shamrock Week and there were different events for children to participate in to fundraise.

As a whole, Shamrock was a huge success raising over $28,000 with the help of students, faculty, family, and strangers who have now become friends. Without the help of everyone in the San Bernardino community and runners, we would not have raised so much awareness and funds for such an amazing cause!

Kappa Delta’s believe children as so important because they really are our future generations who will one day become our senators, teachers, and doctors.

We are already planning our next 5K in March 2018 and plan to make it even bigger by raising over $30,000!

A call for crosswalk signals and safe drivers

Opinion

By RA Contreras
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As I stood outside a few evenings ago on a balmy night on San Bernardino’s westside, the scene played out as it usually does: local stores sell their wares, people come and go and completing business, and cars whiz by at breakneck speed.

At the busy crosswalk of Davidson and Baseline Streets, family members also sit candles and run around stuffed animals and flowers. It was here that one of their youngest family members was struck and killed by an alleged drunk driver on the night of April 27.

Three-year-old Michael Flores was in the crosswalk when he was hit by a vehicle driven by a Redlands woman who was identified by authorities as 24-year-old Crystal Marie Fuentes.

Police at the scene said that Fuentes kept on driving and crashed her truck a few blocks away. Booking records show that she had just been released on another alcohol-related charge.

The scene was sadly reminiscent of incidents I’ve witnessed over the years in the city. On the same Baseline Street some five miles to the east, my father years ago had stopped at a crosswalk to let the pedestrian pass. To our horror, the driver to the right of us did not stop. The woman was fatality struck.

Witnesses at last Thursday’s scene reported a similar story. They said that cars had stopped for the family to cross the marked walkway–Michael was walking with his father, mother and siblings. At the very same crosswalk at Davidson in 1985, I was waiting in the car while my parents were inside the then Budget King supermarket.

I suddenly heard screeching tires: A car almost hit a woman crossing in that same crosswalk. The little dog with her was not so lucky. I’ll never forget seeing the tires of that car pass over that helpless animal.

This has been a problem for years. At countless intersections of the city, signal lights needed to be put up years ago. That Davidson crosswalk, for as long as I can remember, has been very dangerous.

I hope the city will take this in account. Mayor Davis and city council members: do you take notice?

Unfortunately, no amount of city preparation or safety features could have stopped the drunk driver. Signal lights or not, drivers need to slow down. Distrac- tion, such as texting or talking on the phone is also an issue. All it takes is seconds to glance away from the road and hit a person in the street.

That evening as I stood outside with Michael’s family, they wondered out loud in Spanish how many more people would be hit, or worse killed. I too, wondered to myself how many of those whizzing and passing vehicles contained drivers who were distracted, or worse under the influence.

Sure the city could do more. I’d challenge seemingly cash-strapped San Bernadinos to put up a signal in that Davidson crosswalk within 60 days. It can be done. Anything less is another excuse. On the other hand, we drivers cannot just blame others.

We need to slow down, be aware, and put our phones away, plain and simple. And God help you if you are out there drinking and driving.

I know it sounds trite. We’ve heard it all before. In one ear and out the other, right? Just try explaining that to the family of Michael Flores.

RA Contreras has been an in the Inland Empire Community News on May 2.
This news article is dedicated to anyone who has pursued a flame for too long. For all the stalkers, creepers, and dutiful white knights. This will never happen to you.

After 5 years of being stalked and a violated restraining order, area woman Chelsea Ramirez has realized her ex-boyfriend Bradley Womack is the love of her life. The two began dating in 2012, but broke up after a little less than a year.

"I knew I had to win her back," said Womack, "so I created multiple Instagram, Snapchat, and Facebook accounts and began direct messaging her on all of them every day, creating new accounts every time she blocked me."

In addition, Womack also emailed and called her on a regular basis, sent flowers, and followed her daily as she went to work for 6 months.

This true love was thwarted when Ramirez filed a restraining order, but even that would not stop Womack’s romantic heart. He learned to dodge authorities while pretending to coincidentally run into his sweetheart everywhere.

Five years later, the last straw finally broke the camel’s back when he slashed the tires of her car while she was on a date with a prospective partner she met at work. Miraculously after that night, after Triple A had brought her home, Ramirez realized that Womack was indeed the love of her life.

This completely logical rush of emotions prompted her to drop everything and run straight into her true love’s arms, as he was waiting in the bushes outside her house.

"I read some of the messages he had sent me for half a decade and figured I would give him another chance," said Ramirez.

"I was able to look past what caused us to break up when he told me he wasn’t stalking any of the other women he had cheated on me with," she continued.

The two plan to get married sometime next year, pending his divorce with his ex-wife.