Healthcare for all CSUSB Students

By Yesica Gonzales
Staff Writer

For CSUSB students, healthcare is incredibly important and they have been searching for those basic medical aids in the community at an affordable price.

There are many resources on campus that are affordable or at no cost. For uninsured university students, the health center provides students coverage for just $90.26 per quarter.

This includes seeing a doctor, psychologist, and basic care. But when it comes to x-rays and medicine, the cost is at a low fee. Vaccinations like the flu shot, are being provided for free this quarter for students, while it is $10 for faculty and staff on November 7 at the SMSU.

The California Health Care Almanac has provided a health insurance statistic of all ages in the Riverside and San Bernardino County. The table demonstrates that 42 percent of the population has private insurance, 9.9 percent have Medicare and 30.9 percent have either Medi-Cal or other public program.

This leaves 17.2 percent of the population without any insurance.

When both counties are combined, there are about 4.4 million people living there. The California Health Care Foundation saw a recent insurance rate decline ever since October 2015 because of many people enrolling and gaining Medi-Cal.

CSUSB College of Natural Sciences professor, Yeon Kim, provided some support for people that don’t have insurance. “California Care Force is a really big organization that can be found in northern California and provide free clinics in southern California,” said Kim.

After the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, 1 in 10 Americans remain without health coverage, according to the California Care Force.

Obamacare expands Medicaid coverage to those with low incomes that have been in jeopardy.

The organization travels from northern to southern California to give a lending hand to those people who don’t have insurance with basic medical care.

One of their upcoming free clinic events is early next year on March 23-25 at the Riverside County Fairgrounds located in Indio.

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Confederate Memorial Debate Rages at CSUSB

By Paul Figueroa
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On Nov. 1, associate professor of history Dr. Ryan Keating gave a presentation in the Pfau Library on “Confederate Memorials and the Lingering Legacy of Racism in America’s South,” during which a heated, verbal altercation broke out between a group of students.

He explored the history leading up to the Civil War, the reconstruction period that followed, and the political shift that occurred in the South due to the repression of African American political rights during this period. After his presentation, Dr. Keating opened the floor up for student questions.

As the questions continued, the topic shifted from the issue of the statues to a general discussion of free speech, violence, and whether or not people who participate in rallies like those that occurred in Charlottesville and Gainesville earlier this year should be allowed to have a platform.

An argument sparked between a few students, during which a student wearing a jacket with a crossed out swastika, who was unavailable for an interview, extended the middle finger to another student who disagreed with him over the subject.

“That’s what’s wrong! That’s what’s wrong! I’m white, I’m black, I’m green, I’m blue! You’re a white, I’m black, I’m green, I’m blue! That’s a vicious comment! I’m black! I’m black!” said student Ruben Lopez.

Lopez took exception to Kennon’s daughter being allowed to have a platform, and the motivation behind the encounter, extending the middle finger to another student who disagreed with him over the subject.

Within his ideology, he doesn’t believe that there should be freedom of speech and I think that’s a very sad thing,” said student Ruben Lopez about the man who made the obscene gesture.

The student passionately argued against allowing such rallies, outing the violence towards participants of the recent Gainesville rally organized by prominent white nationalist Richard Spencer as an example to follow, which Lopez took exception to.

On the issue of the Confederate monuments, Lopez said, “What’s stopping us from tearing down the Jefferson memorial or tearing down Union memorials?”

Because they did advocate for an ethnostate and the removal of Native Americans. Why aren’t we tearing those down? We should keep those to learn from our mistakes and not repeat

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NYC Terrorist Attack

By Jason Samp
Multimedia Editor

A driver of a pickup truck charged down a popular bike path in Manhattan on Tuesday leaving eight people dead and 11 injured.

The truck driver was shot in the stomach by a NYPD officer after running into a school bus and leaving the truck.

It is the deadliest terrorist attack in New York since the destruction of the World Trade Center buildings on Sept. 11, 2001.

Police identified the terrorist as Sayfullo Saipov. After crashing into the bus, Saipov ran down the roadway, waving a paintball gun and a pellet gun while yelling, “Allahu akbar.”

At this time, the officer discharged his weapon into the abdomen of Saipov and he was then sent to the hospital.

As of Tuesday evening, he is still alive but in critical condition.

Officials have declared this an act of terrorism after investigators discovered letters written in Arabic that pledged Saipov to the Islamic State.

“Based on information we have at this moment, this was an act of terror,” said New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Though by definition, this is an act of terrorism, there is no clear evidence of a link to ISIS.

However, there have been multiple arrests of other foreigners from Uzbekistan, Saipov’s home country, that have been connected to ISIS.

Saipov had residence in the U.S. via a green card.

This attack is similar to the one in France where a large vehicle plunged down a busy walkway, killing many people.

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He informed the public of increased police activity in the days ahead and asked all citizens to stay vigilant and report suspicious activity.

“Justice will be done,” said New York Governor Andrew Cuomo.

“Don’t let them change us or deter us in any manner, shape or form.

Mass Shooting in Texas

By Jason Samp
Multimedia Editor

26 people were killed by a single gunman at a church in Sutherland Springs, Texas on Sunday.

Over 20 others were injured.

The ages of the victims range from 18 months to 77 years with about half of them being children.

One family lost eight relatives from three generations including a one-year-old. The pastor’s 14-year-old daughter was killed as well.

“We are dealing with the largest mass shooting in our state’s history,” said Governor Greg Abbott.

The gunman has been identified as Devin Kelley. His motive has not been confirmed, however there is evidence that it was a result of domestic dispute with his mother-in-law who regularly attends the church.

The family was not there at the time of the attack.

The massacre was cut short due to a local citizen who heard the gunfire, grabbed his rifle and opened fire on Kelley hitting him at least once.

Kelley then dropped his assault rifle and attempted to flee the scene in his vehicle.

However, another citizen chased after Kelley after Kelley crashed into the next county where Kelley crashed his car and was found dead with the reason for death not yet determined.

It is possible the death toll could have been much higher if it was not for the neighbors who responded. The shooter had multiple weapons in his vehicle which leads to the theory that he had plans to continue his rampage.

The attack leaves an interesting argument involving gun control as Kelley failed to obtain a fire arm twice due to issues with his background check. The third time he left certain areas blank on the application and received clearance to get his weapon which shows a clear issue with gun control laws.

However, the neighbor who engaged Kelley was able to end the massacre due to his right to own a rifle.

“This act of evil occurred as the victims and their families were in their place of sacred worship,” said President Trump.

We cannot put into words the pain and grief we all feel and we cannot begin to imagine the suffering of those who lost the ones they love.”

Trump has been regularly communicating with city officials and Governor Abbott while he is currently in Japan.
By Crystal Harrell
Copy Editor

On Oct. 31, Kyle Finck of The Los Angeles Times spoke with Coyote Chronicle student journalists about storytelling and ways in which independent student media can acquire an edge.

Finck met with the editorial staff first at 3 p.m. in Coyote Chronicle newsroom.

The topics he discussed were getting to know the staff and offering any helpful advice regarding the process of putting together a weekly publication that he learned while being Editor-in-Chief of the Middlebury College newspaper when he was a university student.

At 4 p.m., Finck then visited the COMM 243A newspaper production practicum course consisting of Coyote Chronicle staff writers. Students were given advice on how to better craft a news article and to find a passion in their voice as writers.

It was also announced that all the staff members of the Coyote Chronicle would receive a free digital subscription to The LA Times.

Finck is the section lead of High School Insider – a user-generated content platform of the newspaper that consists of over 225 high schools and 2,000 students publishing stories.

Over 3,300 stories have been published on High School Insider by both high school and college students since its launch in November 2014.

Finck’s visit is part of the Times’ ongoing investment in youth journalism initiatives in San Bernardino that include a seed grant to launch a Community News Section of the Chronicle and support El Cajon High School’s involvement in High School Insider.

This collaboration was brought about in the wake of The Times’ coverage of the December 2015 terrorist attack in San Bernardino, which earned them a Pulitzer Prize. To encourage public service through journalism and to honor the victims, The Times donated the 10,000 dollar prize to help launch a community news section in the Coyote Chronicle.

The Los Angeles Times first collaborated with the Coyote Chronicle in the winter quarter of 2017, when the Community Journalism Reporting Initiative was created on Jan. 9. This produced a new community section of the newspaper that allowed the young journalists to cover important issues across the Inland Empire.

“[Kyle] encouraged us to continue writing about the topics we are passionate about and to pursue our goals even when they seem so far away,” stated Coyote Chronicle managing editor Andrea Engelhorn. “He reminded us to ask ourselves every day, ‘why am I here? What is my purpose?’”

Confederate Monuments

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them.”

Although a few other students chimed in with their thoughts, most of the audience elected to stay silent during this argument.

“It’s important not to downplay this call for violence that these people have,” said Brandon Fins, who attended the rally and witnessed the confrontation between the two students. “They can’t go to a debate stage, a public forum, and stay peaceful and debate their ideas based on their own merits.”

Despite this incident, Dr. Keating’s presentation was generally well received by the audience.

After the speech, student John Sparks named, “The timeline of the monuments and schools,” as the most interesting aspect of the presentation, referring to a chart from the Southern Poverty Law Center that displayed the number of Confederate monuments dedicated every year following the end of the Civil War.

Sparks, like many students, was surprised how recently many of these monuments were built and for what purpose. The two periods during which the most monuments were dedicated were 1866-1916, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Civil War, and the 1960s, as a reaction against the Civil Rights movement.

While it may be tempting to dismiss the relevance of this issue to students in California, it’s worth bearing in mind that this state has also been a key battleground in the debate over Confederate monuments and free speech.

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, even California has a smattering of Confederate monuments spread across the state.

Throughout this past year, the state has also born witness to a series of violent protests over the topic of free speech on college campuses called “The Battle of Berkeley.”

As the incident during Dr. Keating’s presentation has shown, the same tension that sparked violence in Berkeley exists here at CSUSB.

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The University of Riverside, School of Medicine provides their very own free clinic as well. Located in San Bernardino, the clinic helps underserved patients with various care of health screenings like hearing, mental health and blood pressure.

Flu and pneumonia vaccines and acute medical care are also provided by nurse practitioners, undergraduate students and medical practitioners that are all supervised by the university’s faculty.

“Something should be done because undocumented immigrants are contributing to the economy and should be getting service at least with a low cost,” said Kim.

There are talks about Trumpcare, and so far, Obamacare has gone from 750,000 people without coverage, down to about 500,000 in the Inland Empire.

But despite these numbers, the professor believes that’s not enough.

“The government has provided some service for the people who are uninsured, but it’s limited and we need more of that service to be expanded,” said Kim.

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“Of course no one is free of diseases, so it’s best to go or research online about low cost or free medical services that are close to you,” shared Kim.

In September, Kaiser Permanente announced that they will open 31 more retail clinics in Target stores that will expand to Hemet, Irvine, Chula Vista and Santee in the next three years.

Currently, there are four open clinics that are located in Fontana, Fullerton, San Diego and Vista, where the have cared for more than 50,000 patients.

The fee is $75 per visit on weekdays and weekends, and if necessary, it also includes a teleconference with a doctor.

Awareness is key. Professor Kim suggests people to be aware of the events that churches or any non-profit organizations give out about health care services.
Underrepresentation of Women in Computer Science and Engineering

By Brandiss Johnson
Staff Writer

Women are underrepresented in fields of study like Cyber Security. Women have the capabilities to possess every learning experience in their field of study. Every day women learn, grow, and focus to become who they are capable of being and education plays a huge role. Women want to achieve their goals and go out into the workforce and expand that growth and knowledge further. A very important presentation was given by Dr. George Geogiou. This presentation brought awareness to others who may not know what may be happening to women in these specific fields and why the percentage rates of women getting degrees in this field are low. Dr. Geogiou, a professor of Computer Science and Engineering, spoke on reasons why women are underrepresented in the field.

In a brief powerpoint presentation, he discussed some factors. "Women don't do well without introductory classes," he stated. Other factors he discussed included the culture of computing, lack of mentoring opportunities, gender specifics, and large introductory weed-out courses. A statistic presented on the powerpoint showed that eight percent of the degrees in Computer Science and Engineering went to women in 2015-16.

Dr. Geogiou touched on other institutions that have been successful in reversing the issue. "There were very few institutions that were very proactive in this area: Brown University, University of Arizona, and UC Santa Cruz."

Dr. Geogiou discussed what CSUSB has done to implement strategies and also discussions about redesigning the course.

"A number of female students were sent to the Grace Hopper conference with the help of Mr. Morales. We have had discussions in the department to switch to python and those discussions are ongoing," said Geogiou. As the discussion continued, the powerpoint showed that female students at Harvey Mudd college had a higher percentage rate at 55 percent.

Reasons for this are cited that students participated in the Grace Hopper celebration of women and conference, and they were able to get the first year of research experience.

The factors discussed concluded that with extensive studying, and participating in introductory courses, they can increase the percentage rates.

1948: A Documentation of Palestinian Pain

By Rodney E Schmidt
Editor in Chief

After 10 years of filming, traveling, and investigating, Professor Ahlam Muhtaseb shares the stories of those who have been ignored regarding the Palestinian and Israeli conflict in her new documentary, 1948 Creation and Catastrophe.

The film showcases a piece of Palestinian history that many are not familiar with. This is the story of when Jewish communities relocated to Palestine and pushed out the Arab communities that were already residing there with the help of the British and United Nations.

According to Professor Muhtaseb, this film shows "the systematic expulsion of the Palestinian people."

The narrative of this documentary is not a frequent account in conventional media.

And because she is aware of this, Muhtaseb has dedicated her time towards educating all who are willing to listen to the stories of those who know what really happened during 1948.

"The mainstream media has a very, almost unified type of narrative on the Palestinian/Israeli conflict," she stated. "Which is that Palestinians are terrorists and bad and Israelis are the victims, and it's actually the other way around." When Anti-Semitism was on the rise and Jewish communities were forced to relocate, they found shelter in Palestine. This process was known as Zionism and was regarded as such by all who witnessed the event. According to the documentary, this is what contributed to the bloodshed during 1948.

After WWII, the United Nations developed a plan known as the United Nations Partition Plan. This plan gave 56 percent of the land to the Zionist and most of the land that could sustain crops. Before this plan, the Zionist owned only seven percent of the land. Jerusalem was maintained by the U.N. and the remaining land was given to the Palestinians.

1948 Creation and Catastrophe shows the needless destruction and violence that resulted in this partition. Many people from both sides were shot and killed. Sadly, this a war that continues to be fought today.

When Professor Muhtaseb started doing scholarly work in refugee camps, she began to wonder what she could do for the victims. This is where she learned how to help those in need. "What they were really looking for is their voices to be heard," she said. "This is where the idea for the film really started."

In 2006, she started conducting interviews and collecting stories of those she met. Many stories ran parallel with the horrors of war but still were surrounding the events of 1948. It was during this time she was in Lebanon, barely starting this production, when Israeli invaded Lebanon. She was trapped in the middle of a war. "I escaped and went to Palestine," she said. "I was stranded for 35 days."

She was forced to give up on her passion project and head home. She continued to teach until the year 2008.

Eventually, she continued to document different stories and views of the event. All of which were supposed to go towards a book, but that quickly changed. The more people she spoke to, the more she began to question if she had enough information. One interview led to another and so on.

"It keeps on pulling you in," she said. "There comes a moment when have to say, ‘this has to stop.’"

The film has premiered at several film festivals in Arizona and San Diego. Both screenings have been well perceived by viewers of this shocking moment in human history. Regardless of one’s faith and background, it is an educational experience that should not be overlooked.

The film’s website, 1948inoxe.com, has a list upcoming festivals and screenings where people will be able to view the film. On March 31, 2018, the film will be screened worldwide.

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Dairy Industry in California

By Spencer Reifel
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The dairy farmers in California have been a huge resource for the state and the country, since the dairy industry is one of the largest in the state and still growing.

According to Real California Milk, there are over 1,300 dairy farms across the state, and 99 percent of them are family owned. These families work hard to keep their cattle healthy and pass the trade down from generation to generation.

Since this industry is so important to the average Californian, more people are studying and getting degrees in fields that will help them to become more efficient in the trade of dairy farming. 33 percent of the United States’ exported dairy comes from California; this means California is feeding more than the state, but also other countries. According to the California Milk Advisory Board, the industry has employed over 189,000 jobs, and produced more than 40.4 billion pounds of milk.

“Agricultural is one of the nation’s leading dairy states since 1993, when it surpassed Wisconsin in milk production. California is ranked first in the U.S. in the production of milk, butter, ice cream and nonfat dry milk.”

California dairy producers are always concerned about the health, comfort and safety of their cows. That is why they maintain facilities that are of the highest caliber throughout the entire state. Animal care is seen as a priority to ensure the cows are healthy and comfortable.

Currently, the state runs the most modern, technologically advanced and efficient dairy operations in the world. The state is financially capable of maintaining systems and best practices for herd comfort and care.

California dairy cows grazing in an open field

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KRACK WPA2-PSK WiFi Security Flaw

Protect yourself by becoming aware of the threats.

By Bailey Kasin
Staff Writer

KRACK (Key Reinstallation Attack) is a security flaw that was recently discovered in the WPA2 (WiFi Protected Access 2) protocol. WPA2 is the current method that most networks use to protect the connection from computer to router over WiFi. The flaw works by tricking the target computer into reinstalling the key established between the router and computer. This allows the attacker to give the computer their own key, letting them also have the ability to watch all the traffic leaving the affected computer.

The way that the exploit works is especially effective against Android phones and computers using a version of the Linux operating system, but it can also affect other operating systems.

Several ways individuals can protect themselves against the attack are by:

1. Disabling SSID broadcast on wireless networks.
2. Using network encryption protocols which have not been affected.

Despite these steps, many older networks are still vulnerable. To protect against KRACK attacks, it is recommended to:

- Update your device's operating system to the latest version.
- Use a strong, unique password for your network.
- Consider using a stronger encryption protocol, such as WPA3.

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Thankfully, the vulnerability can be patched in such a way that it only affects wireless connections, as wired connections are not vulnerable. The attack completely ineffective, as a wired connection makes the exploit impossible.

In short, make sure to keep an eye out for.

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More than Just Pictures: Thomas McGovern

By Anthony Perez
Staff Writer

There are many passionate professors on our campus, but Thomas McGovern separates himself from the field with his love for teaching, his photographic skills, and his appreciation for art, in any form. Thomas is originally from New York, where he found his love for artistic photography. In 1986, Thomas learned of some former friends who had passed away from AIDS, which at the time was a huge epidemic.

“There was a lot of stigma about having AIDS,” said McGovern. “Many doctors wouldn’t even treat you, it was really a crazy time.”

In response to this Thomas, started a 10-year project to raise awareness on the disease. In his decade long project, Thomas became known as an insider for the AIDS crisis and was able to get published by numerous publications such as the New York Times and had his pictures shown at The Brooklyn Museum and the Museum of the City of New York.

In 1997, McGovern made the cross-country trip to California where he attended Cal State Fullerton and received his master of fine arts degree, the highest degree in arts. After his completion of the program at Fullerton, McGovern moved to San Bernardino and fell in love with the environment.

Thomas has worked on a few projects in the Inland Empire such as “People in Cars” which showcased people who participated in the Route 66 Car Show. He is currently working on a project named “Swap Meet: This is San Bernardino” where he photographs the hidden gems that are sold in swap meets.

In 2011, Thomas founded Dotphotozine, an annual magazine that showcased the best photography material from students and alumni from CSUSB. He loves to use this magazine as a way to get national exposure to his students and to give them an idea of what seeing their work in a magazine can feel like.

“I find people in all their flaws to be really interesting and beautiful,” said McGovern “…I am an optimistic person, so I do see positive things in whatever I’m taking pictures of.”

This optimism and happy-go-lucky attitude is what has separated Thomas from his peers and made him an excellent professor for the university. This mindset helped Thomas as he dealt with the death of his wife in 2016 and despite this tragedy in his life, he was able to see the positive and be thankful for his blessings.

“You have these tragedies befall you, everybody does,” said McGovern. “That’s part of what makes life interesting and beautiful. If everything was perfect and you lived forever, we still wouldn’t appreciate it.”

Today, Thomas is the chair of the World Languages and Literatures department. At the age of 60, Thomas is looking at retirement but is in no rush as he has a love and passion for his current work and is enjoying the ride.

“If you asked me what I’m going to do next year at this time, I couldn’t give you an answer,” McGovern said. “And if you asked me five years from now… god, I have no idea.”
Lifestyle

Selecting a Martial Arts Studio 101

By Christine Muhar
Staff Writer

Want to practice martial arts, but don’t know where to start? Feel like you don’t know what you’re doing? There are five easy steps to help you make the decision without breaking a sweat.

1. Decide what you want to get out of martial arts. Are you wanting self-defense classes? Do you want to be able to punch and kick? Or throw someone to the floor? Certain types of martial arts will need you to be more physically fit than others and each will have different time frames to become skilled in the martial arts. Each type of martial art will teach something different. Now would be a good time to decide on your expectations for your martial arts journey.

2. Do a little research. Pull out your laptop and look up different studios close to you. Learn what type of martial arts they teach and see what you think of each studio. It’s usually a safe bet to say that if they have a nice studio, they will have a professional-looking website. Look up different types of martial arts and see if there is a specific type that fits your expectations on what to learn. Each type has something good to offer, but it all depends on why you want to learn martial arts. Lastly, ask around. See if you know anyone who studies martial arts and get their opinions on what type of martial arts they think is best for you and what studio you should visit. Make a list of the different studios you want to check out.

3. Set up visits. Call the studios that you found online and believe might work. Set up an appointment and take a trial class to see how you feel about the type of martial arts, the studio, and the instructors. Make sure that the studio has a nice learning environment and consider how friendly and respectful the students and instructors are. Decide whether or not the martial arts type is right for your personality. Remember that you will be putting yourself into their hands, so make sure that you trust your gut feeling about each studio, and if you don’t feel comfortable at that one, don’t force it.

4. Talk about scheduling and pricing. While at the studio, talk to the instructors about what classes will fit your needs and see if they work with your schedule. A lot of studios have classes all throughout the day so you might have a few classes to choose from. Also talk about pricing. This is something that is an important factor when deciding to learn martial arts, but most studios are priced fairly. Remember that you are paying them for their expertise so you will earn a lot from them and hopefully will stay safe throughout your journey.

5. Deciding on which studio. Once all four steps are done, your decision on picking a studio should be a little more clear. If you still aren’t sure, most studios do trial classes that last between two to five weeks. Sign up for one of these so that way you are not stuck in a bad choice for a whole year.

There are no right or wrong answers in choosing a studio, it all depends on your needs and wants. Remember to trust your gut and to have fun while deciding on a martial arts studio.

As a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and an instructor for several years, I can help find the perfect studio.

Study Tips for Midterms and Finals

By Daniel Banks
Staff Writer

With finals quickly approaching in the upcoming weeks, there are some useful study tips and resources on campus that students can use to do their very best on exams. As a college student, tests can often be stressful. Having tests that are around the same time and preparing for each one can be a difficult task. There are some students who have a hard time figuring out what are the best methods to studying for a test.

Students use different procedures to prepare for a test that works best for them. Some use flash cards, take notes while they’re reading a chapter, or go to tutoring sessions. “Usually, when I prepare for a test, I find an isolated place to study. I put my phone away out of my reach because it is a big distraction, and I start writing out all my material on flash cards,” said CSUSB senior Aline Jimenez.

Different material requires different methods of studying, so while some students make flash cards, others may make annotations or take notes. “In preparation for a test, if it is based on reading, I always take side notes and go over the notes after I’m done with the reading. If it is anything besides reading, I mainly go over notes and tend to go to tutoring or office hours to further understand,” said CSUSB Junior Dynaana Torices.

While our study habits may seem to work in our favor, there is always room for improvement. “I think I should procrastinate less and start studying days or even hours before my test. Also, there are times when I am distracted by other things like TV or my phone. I need to work on being 100% isolated and device-less, so that I can concentrate fully on studying,” stated Jimenez.

There are a lot of resources on campus that students can use to prepare themselves for a test or a writing assignment. One of those being the Writing Center located in the College of Education building. They have many tutors who help students with their writing assignments. “One of the things that we emphasize is that writing is a process. One of the things that students get out of the writing center is thinking about writing in a different way and working with someone who has a lot of writing experience but is still a student, so they are aware of what it’s like to do that,” director’s assistant of the writing center, Nathan Jones, said.

Students have improved on their writing skills since going to the writing center and they are applying what they have learned there to their everyday lives and classes. “Our biggest goal is to help students not only make this one big paper better, but to help them figure out ways to improve their writing process for all writing assignments that they do,” Nathan stated.

There are many resources and study tools on campus for struggling students to take advantage of to better prepare for final exams and papers.
For Some, Cars are More Than Just a Ride

By Anthony Perez
Staff Writer

When you’re out on the road, you like to look good and feel good, but can you get that from just buying a car off the lot? The best way to get the car you want is to build it from scratch. It becomes more than just a way of getting from point A to point B; it becomes a lifestyle.

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“I’ve put more hours and money into this car than I probably should have, but it’s my baby and I’d do anything just to see her running again,” said Ponce. Next time that your start up your car, think about what it means to you. Is it just your way of getting around or are you proud of what it represents? Cars are more than just an engine, four tires, and a radio. It is a part of the driver and who they are.

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For the second consecutive season, the Coyote volleyball team has been apart of an undefeated season. The last time the Coyotes lost a match at home was in the beginning of the 2015 season as they took on UC San Diego and fell 3-1.

Their current home win streak began on Sept. 25, 2015, and is now up to 29 wins. The team earned home win number 28 on Nov. 3 as they beat CSU Los Angeles in a four-set match.

Before the game, members of the team honored faculty members on the court. Faculty members included Dr. Sang Ouk Wee, Dr. Becky Talyn, Dr. Mary Fong, Dr. Dwight Sweeney, Erendy Torres, Emily Haddad, Dr. Dwight Sweeney, Dr. Angie Verissimo, Stephanie Creswell and Dr. Paul Vicknair.

The Coyotes scored first to start off set one, but from then on it was a back and forth battle between them and the Los Angeles Golden Eagles.

The Coyotes were up 23-22 when they scored two in a row to get the win on a block by Lydia Morohunfola.

Set two started in favor of the Coyotes again, as they scored two points to start the set. They never scored in the set, at one point scoring five times in a row.

After allowing LA to score two, they went on to score six in a row to take an 18-7 lead. Set four started in the similar back and forth fashion, but the Coyotes began scoring multiple points for every point that LA scored. They quickly got to 21 points before the Golden Eagles made it to 12.

They quickly wrapped up the rest of the set, making the final score 25-14.

The win gave the Coyotes an overall record of 16-7 and a CCAA record of 12-3. The loss pushed LA to 12-10 overall and 8-6 in the CCAA.

The team earned win 29 on Nov. 4 as well as celebrated the four seniors: Lauren Nicholson, Morgan Lyneis, Amanda Reifer and Kelsey Osgood, in a pre-game ceremony before taking on CSU Dominguez Hills.

Head coach Kim Cherniss modified her lineup to give more playing time to the seniors in their final home game as Coyotes.

They all worked hard with their fellow teammates and took the match in three sets.

The Coyotes and Toros tied at five early in set one before CSUSB went on to score six straight points. They led throughout the entire set and won 25-14 on a kill by Sascha Dominique.

Both teams were evenly matched in set two until the Coyotes scored six straight after trailing 16-14. They got the win on a kill by Nicholson.

In the third and final set at Coussoulis Arena this season, the Coyotes trailed early. Eventually, they battled their way back, tying up the score multiple times.

The teams tied at 21 and then the Coyotes scored three to take a 24-21 lead. They got the win on a service error by the Toros.

The win moved CSUSB to 17-7 overall and 13-3 in the CCAA. The loss put Dominguez Hills at 12-12 overall and 8-7 in the CCAA.

The Coyotes will play one last regular season game on Nov. 10 at Humboldt State before advancing to the CCAA playoffs.
Astros win first World Series

By Lucero Roman
Staff Writer

The Houston Astros TAKE 17 winning their first World Series in franchise history. After 56 years, the wait is over for the Astros as they have defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers in a wild seven-game Fall Classic. Clayton Kershaw was the starting pitcher for the Dodgers in game one and Dallas Keuchel started for the Astros.

With two outs in the bottom of the sixth Justin Turner hit a two-run home run, giving the Dodgers a 3-1 lead and the win. Rich Hill of the Dodgers and Justin Verlander of the Astros started game two, which went eleven innings. Corey Seager, the Dodgers shortstop, hit a two-run home run to break the 1-1 tie in the bottom of the sixth. In the top of the ninth, the Dodgers brought out their closer Kenley Jansen, who gave up a one home run to Marvin Gonzalez which tied the game at three.

Each team then matched each other run for run until the eleventh inning, where the final score was 7-6 in favor of the Houston Astros. Game three was played at Minute Maid Park, the home of the Astros, which was very helpful for them. The final score was 5-3 in favor of Houston.

In game four, Charlie Morton took the mound for the Astros and Alex Wood for the Dodgers. A five run ninth inning gave the Dodgers the win and tied the series at two. In game five, the two teams combined for a total of 25 runs scored. What was supposed to be a pitchers’ duel between Kershaw and Keuchel became a battle of the bats.

Game six had the same pitchers square off again as in game two. However, the outcome of this game was quite different. The Dodgers won 3-1, forcing a game seven. Yu Darvish started and faced off against Lance McCullers Jr. in game seven. Darvish got in trouble early, allowing the Astros to score five runs in the first two innings. This forced Dodgers manager, Dave Roberts, to bring Kershaw in from the bullpen. The five runs were all the Astros would need, as the Dodgers were only able to score one run.

A groundout from Seager would be the game-ending play that officially crowned the Astros World Series Champions. The Most Valuable Player award (MVP) was given to George Springer, an outfielder for the Astros who hit five home runs in the World Series. His five home runs are tied for most in a World Series with Chase Utley and Reggie Jackson.

This World Series held the record with the most home runs with a total of 25 home runs combined from both teams. The previous record was 21 and was made during the 2002 World Series.

Brandon Morrow, a right-handed pitcher from the Dodgers, tied a record by appearing in all seven World Series games.

Both teams played remarkable postseason baseball that leaves MLB fans looking forward to the upcoming 2018 season. Spring training is within reach, so these teams will rest and rebuild to comeback and make more history.

Basketball ready for new year

By Breeze Rivers
Staff Writer

The men’s and women’s basketball teams will open their 2017-18 season this month, and look to continue playing until the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) final matches that take place in early March. The men took on Upper Iowa to start their season on Nov. 3. They narrowly missed the win, falling 92-88 to the Peacocks.

In their 2016-17 season, the men finished with an overall record of 11-14 and a CCAA record of 5-3, just shy of a conference win that would have landed them a spot in the CCAA Tournament. Last year, they ended in ninth place out of 13 teams in the conference. The team has fallen short of the post-season tournament two seasons in a row now and are eager to make playoffs this upcoming season.

“We have had three down years, but our goal this season is to bring the winning tradition back,” said Brandon Staton, a current senior who redshirted last year. Staton believes they have a good team this year.

“We want to win conference and national championships, but we want to take it one step at a time to achieve these goals,” said Staton. “Right now the focus is earning a spot in the CCAA conference tournament.”

The team is confident they will make the cut. Staton predicts that they will be among the top five teams in the conference.

“I am very excited about the season, I have a good feeling about this one,” said Staton. “The men’s first home game will take place Nov. 18 as they take on Vanguard University at 7 p.m. in the Coussoulsis Arena.”

For the women, their first scrimmage came against the women’s basketball team from California Baptist University (CBU) at 3 p.m. in the CCAA conference tournament.

Last season the women finished with a record of 7-9 and 6-10, respectively. Spring training is within sight, so these teams will rest and rebuild to comeback and make more history.

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NFL Update

By Evelyn Carmona
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NFL teams are midway into the season, which also means that playoff season is nearby.

Last season the Atlanta Falcons and New England Patriots made it to Super Bowl LI. The main team goal for the Falcons, the game, the Falcons scored three touchdowns, making the score 21-3.

The Patriots went on to score 19 points in the fourth quarter, tying the Falcons at 28, and pushing the game to overtime.

The Patriots scored a touchdown and added to the scoreboard for a final score of 34-28 in favor of New England, making them the Super Bowl Champions.

The 2017 NFL regular season is at the halfway point, and the Patriots are in the lead in the American Football Conference (AFC) East division with a record of 6-2. They finished last season with a 14-2 record, an NFL best.

As for the Falcons, they are in third place in the National Football Conference (NFC) South division with a 4-4 record. They finished the regular season last year with a record of 11-5. The Seattle Seahawks moved to second with a 5-3 in the NFC West division. The Seahawks finished last season with a record of 10-5.

The Rams are making quite the turn around from last season’s 4-12 record to the current record sits at 6-2, putting them in first.

“I think since we are so young, we are going to hit a rough path later in the season, ultimately not making the playoffs,” said Los Angeles Rams fan, Kyle Grundyke. “But we will finish with a winning record and high expectations for the next year.”

The NFC South, New Orleans Saints are in the lead with a record of 6-2. The Carolina Panthers are right behind the Saints at 6-3.

Both the Saints and Panthers seem to be fairing better this season compared to their 2016 records of 7-9 and 10-6, respectively.

The Minnesota Vikings are in first place at 6-2, in the NFC North. The Green Bay Packers are right behind with a record of 4-3, as of Nov. 5.

The Vikings finished 8-8 last season while the Packers finished 10-6, earning them a playoff spot.

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Review: Super Mario Odyssey

By Dusty Alexander
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Odyssey allows players to take control of a T-Rex and rampage through levels early on, setting a fun tone for the rest of the game. This October marks the release of the first traditional 3-D Mario game since 2010 on Nintendo Switch. Super Mario Odyssey, as it is called, doesn’t fail to make the wait worthwhile.

That is not to say that Super Mario 3D World, released in 2013, was a bad game, but many Nintendo fans, myself included, have been eagerly awaiting a new 3-D platformer that uses the style of gameplay created in Super Mario 64.

The game has had a strong release, selling two million copies in only three days, according to Nintendo’s own financial reports. This is equally impressive when you consider that there are only seven million Switch consoles sold so far. Odyssey is also averaging an impressive 97 on the review aggregate website, Metacritic.

Super Mario Odyssey, like its predecessors, is a 3-D platformer where the goal is to collect “Power Moons” to open new levels where you can collect more until you can reach the final level. Power Moons can be earned through completing platforming challenges, defeating enemies, completing puzzles, helping various characters you find in the levels, and by exploring the levels for the many hidden moons they contain.

Unlike previous Mario games, Mario is also able to throw his cap at various creatures to “capture” them (their pun, not mine). Each of the 50 plus things to possess, from classic Mario enemies to giant slabs of meat, all have their own move sets and mix up the gameplay.

Between this new feature and the level design, each level contains a unique adventure. This is aided by both how open the levels are, and the sheer number of power moons there are to collect. The game has around 10 levels (more if you count smaller levels), and each level is both huge and a treat to explore, densely packed with power moons and other collectibles and secrets to find.

Players will often deviate from the game’s main objectives because it is so easy to stumble upon another power moon to earn. It is the kind of game that is easy to get lost in and just have fun with.

As for the plot of the game, there is not much beyond Mario rescues Peach. But the game does not need much more. Rather than tell a story, the game gives you an experience as you travel across the globe to each level. I feel like I experienced my own story with that “vocation spanning an entire globe,” aided by how the game lets you choose your own path at many points and lets you explore the levels in whatever way you like.

In terms of the presentation, the game is delightful. Each level has its own visual and musical style, with no two levels really feeling alike, which I enjoyed. As far as faults go, while not really a fault, more experienced players might find the game a bit too easy. I cleared the main story in under 15 hours. However, the game would take much longer to 100 percent clear, and some of the game content can be challenging.

On the other hand, this makes the game very accessible for anyone, new or experienced. Inexperienced players can easily get through the main story, but experienced players can complete the game.

The game is also filled with references to older Mario games, making it a nostalgic experience for many. I felt a lot like I did when I was first playing Mario 64 some years ago, which was fun, well-crafted experience that works as both an introduction to Mario games, and fanservice for longtime Mario fans.

The Racism of Dr. Seuss

By Isaac Cardenas
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Dr. Seuss’s iconic picture books have been translated into over 20 languages and spawned countless TV cartoons and films. The idea that Dr. Seuss, who is known for writing children’s books, was a racist kind of shock to me and it was a complete contrast to what you usually think when you remember his work. The controversy all started when a librarian, Liz Phipps, rejected to accept several Dr. Seuss books donated by first lady Melania Trump, citing that the books were racist propaganda and contained harmful stereotypes.

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Dr. Seuss has a history of racist art. In case of Dr. Seuss, however, what is a person supposed to feel when not only is the artist’s character spotty but the actual art he created is problematic? The reason why I don’t feel like Dr. Seuss should be deemed a racist all together is the fact he seemed to outgrow his prejudices.

The caricature of the Asian man from the mural was from the book, And To Think That I Saw it on Mulberry Street, and actually reworked by the author himself. He created a less stereotypical version of the man because he realized how his original was offensive to people. More than likely if he was alive today, then he would have done the same thing to the image that people still find offensive.

Not only did Seuss stop creating offensive artwork, but he wrote and created many books with anti-racism messages. Horton Hears a Who celebrates and advocates equality for everyone and his book, The Sneetches is about tolerance and diversity. Many scholars also say that he regretted the political cartoons he did.

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Both viewpoints held some truth. However, I didn’t find myself wanting to join either side. Was Dr. Seuss really a racist? Or were people just exaggerating? I decided to see for myself.

Doing a search of “Dr. Seuss racism” brought me to many offensive caricatures of Asian, African American, and Jewish people in the form of political cartoons and artwork. It didn’t take me long to see that someone would find some of his work objectionable. One particular image that shocked me was a drawing he did from the 1929 titled, “Cross-Section of The World’s Most Prosperous Department Store,” which depicts a department store and contains a prominent display of the N-word and people in blackface.

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Christmas Time in Fall

By Michael Embry
Staff Writer

As Halloween quickly passes those who chose not to celebrate that particular occasion prepare their decorations for another holiday, Christmas. Halloween draws a big crowd and an even bigger hype, but Christmas enthusiasts don’t let this discourage them from spreading holiday cheer.

My family was never big on Halloween, hence we always decorated for Christmas instead. I found that a big reason people don’t celebrate Halloween is religious conflict.

I conducted a survey among my Christian friends at Azusa Pacific University, inquiring if they were allowed to celebrate Halloween or not due to religious beliefs. Of the 20 friends I surveyed, an astonishing 15 of them said they weren’t allowed to celebrate Halloween, but instead attend the church harvest festivals.

“I was taught that putting up Christmas decorations early was a way to shun the evil brought on Christmas or not due to religious reasons as to why they refuse to decorate early or at all,” student Nathan Whitmire, my old roommate at APU, stated: “I don’t hate Christmas, but the more I see the decorations, the more I’m reminded of a family tragedy that happened during Christmas.”

Although I sympathize with those struggling through the holiday season for whatever the reason, nothing will stop my family from decorating.

“Although I personally participate in decorating early, I realize that there are pros AND cons to the process. Conclusions include experiencing the hot weather while getting decorations out, busted lights from heat, hustle, labor, and judgment from neighbors (let’s not act like we don’t care, because we do).

Many people get so angry at me when they find out I decorate for the December Holiday on Halloween or sometimes earlier. They say decorating early is a sickness and that the decorations are metaphors for false joy and happiness.”

People have their various reasons as to why they refuse to decorate early or at all. As with anything, practice makes perfect.

Perhaps if all of us were to give one smile or hug a day, people would have a merry Christmas, indeed.

Fall Flower Crown

Flower crowns are fun to make and are fashionable.

By Michael Embry
Staff Writer

The materials you’re going to need are floral wire, floral tape, floral wire cutters, and fake flowers. For my fall flower crown, I used sunflower, baby’s breath, lavender, twine, and fall leaves. There are over 50 types of faux florals to choose from so don’t feel limited. Altogether, these materials cost about 23 dollars.

On your way home, you should definitely be jamming to some poppy tunes, with glue about how beautiful your flower crown is going to turn out.

First, take a small piece from the floral wire and wrap it around your head in order to turn it into a circular shape.

The rest is up to you. Decide how long you want your tape around the front of your head as to see how long you will need the wire to be.

Cut off excess wire and then form the rest into a circular shape and tape the circle shut with floral tape.

The more flowers, the heavier the crown so if the base of the crown does not stay from the floral tape, hot glue will do the trick.

Next, choose your twine, greens and flowers. You’ll need this to create a pretty base for your crown and cover the wire.

Once you've selected the greenery for the base, use the floral tape or hot glue to secure it around the circular wire.

After the greenery for the base has been added, it’s time to start layering the different flowers. To attach the flowers to the crown, be sure that the flower stems are at least three to five inches long (you should probably cut off excess stems with scissors).

And this is done, tape the stem to the crown using the floral tape.

Like the greenery, it is best to wrap your tape around the stems about 5-7 times to make sure it sticks and is secure.

I recommend spreading the flowers out evenly along the crown with the smallest flowers going in the back and the biggest ones to the front.

Last but not least, add flowers (I recommend more flowers) to your crown to make it look full.

Touch up spots that look loose with hot glue or floral wire and add a few little flowers. This should be an easy-going project, there is no wrong or right way to make a flower crown.

It heavily depends on what function you are crafting your crown for, what you’re planning on wanting it with and even what hairstyle will pair best with the crown.

As with anything, practice makes perfect.

And in my opinion, there’s nothing more fun or fabulous to practice making than beautiful flower crowns.
Govt Good Night and Good Luck: Parallels in Modern Society

By Adam Vilas
Staff Writer

Good Night and Good Luck was released in 2005, yet it is still a relevant film 12 years after its initial release.

The film takes place in the 1950's during a time known as "The Red Scare." It is a time when reporters and journalists were afraid to publish anything that spoke out against the govern- ment. Their fear was that if they spoke out against those in power, they would be accused of being a Communist, or at the very least, a Communist sympa-thizer. The movie was directed by George Clooney. It depicts a time not so long ago when certain American politicians, namely Wisconsin Senator Joseph McCarthy, began to use their status as political leaders to create a fearful climate in our country by often accusing people of being Communists with little to no evidence. "I thought it was a good time to raise the idea of using fear to stifle political debate," said Clooney at the New York Film Festival news conference. It was during this dark period in history that Edward Morrow, host of the show See It Now, decided to speak out against McCarthy and oppose the senator who was creating a coun- try that lived in constant terror by using facts to counter McCarthy.

"We have an assumption that journalists are supposed to be objective and neutral and detached," said Corrigan. "But there's an important role for journalists to share well informed opinions too that can help citi-zens make up their minds."

The film is a reminder of the true purpose of news and journalism, and that is to inform the public and hold those in po-sition of authority accountable for their words and actions. It is an essential piece of our nation's democracy and plays a key role in building a reliable resource of information for the American public. Morrow's actions show that a person using their role as a public figure in media to disrupt the circulation of ideas that is in keeping with the principle of the free press," said Tom Corrigan, a media studies professor at CSUSB.

As the movie points out, when politicians or others in government abuse their power, it can lead down a dangerous road. It is the responsibility of news organizations to not only report on the facts and events taking place, but to also point out the potential harm in the actions taken by these politicians or oth- ers in positions of authority, even if it means facing persecution.

"This instrument can teach, it can illuminate; yes, and it can even inspire," said Morrow during a speech in 1958. "But it can do so only to the extent that humans are determined to use it to those ends. Otherwise, it is merely wires and lights in a box."

Artist Profile: The Music of Les Son

Folk singer Les Son, of Riverside, has just dropped his freshman album, The Trees. At a young age, Son learned the clarinet and trumpet. This progressed into him per-forming with the school orchestra, band, and choir.

"One of my uncles wanted to learn guitar and he was also getting into the Smash-ing Pumpkins," Les Son said. "He kind of forced me to learn the other parts so he could play along." The Trees' album cover This year, Son released his first album, The Trees. Due to time restrictions, he worked several months on demos for the album in the early mornings and late nights. Recorded at Son's home, he deliberately wanted to be sparse when it came to equip- ment and used his iPhone 7 plus as his sole microphone, focusing mostly on songwriting.

"If the content was good, then I wouldn't need to rely on 'studio magic' and overly expensive gear," he explained. For Son, it is less about studio polish and was inspired by the timeliness of records from the 60s. "When we compare the quality of studio recordings from today to those from the 60s or 70s, it's noticeable even to the untrained ear and to a casual listener who isn't a musician or engineer." Link Wray's 1971 self-titled album was an inspira-tion for Son. "It's low quality by today's recording standards, but the songs are good and stand the test of time." Other influences for the album were Matt Sween- ney, Billy Corgan, Neil Young, Lianne La Havas, and Chris Cornell.

Son enjoyed the entire process of writing, planning, editing, tracking, but found the mixing to be the hardest element which he meticulously worked on. The Trees is sparse sounding yet throughout the record, there are musical flour-ishes such as strings that expand and add depth. The instrumen-tation was all done by Son and he consequently made it that way. However, he is not opposed to working with a producer in the future.

"This is simply not a project that I wanted to develop together with a group. To get what I wanted from the record and in shaping the music, I had to retain the control," said Son. For The Trees, Son was also inspired by live performanc-es, in how they can sound differ-ent from the studio version yet be just as good, if not better. Two examples he gave were, a-ha's "Take On Me" acoustic perfor-mance from MTV's Unplugged and Lianne La Havas's album Blood.

"I couldn't get out of my head how good those stripped down versions were and I wanted to produce something like that," the Trees is lyrically rich with different themes and ideas that Son said he could only express via song and wanted the lyrics to be meaningful.

"At the root of each song, as I look back on it, I wanted it to be honest and at the same time I was processing my own deconstruction. In the past several years I've gone through a lot of deconstructing of values, in family and other outside commu-nities."

Natural imagery is a theme that surrounds the album and is an aspect that Son did not purposely set out to do but was developed during writing. Album highlight "Thirsty" explores the theme of self-acceptance.

"The song is an affirma-tion of what makes us human, of our loves and joys and diversity."

Another track, "Roots," is about Son's experience with poverty and longing for a place to call his own.

"We Rise, We Die" draws from the life of Philando Castile who was shot and killed by police officer Jeronimo Yanez with the police officer later being acquitted of all charges. Addressing the verdict, Son said, "It's a punch to the gut that leaves you breathless that yet another life had been taken needlessly by racism and the ex-euctor not held accountable and no justice given for Philando. Philando became another name added to the list, with Emmett Till, Michael Brown, Eric Gar-ner, Sandra Bland, and on and on," said Son.
The day begins with the sun peaking over the palm trees against an orange morning sky in La Quinta, Ca.

Take in exquisite artwork crafted by local artist at the scenic La Quinta Civic Center Park.

Have dinner at Bill’s pizza, a local pizzeria that shines the light on Palm Spring’s celebrity past.

For dessert, head towards Palm Desert and enjoy some beautiful-looking pastries at the French Corner Café.

The evening begins to dim with shadows falling over the unique architecture of the Coachella Valley.

As the night deepens, stroll through the streets of El Paseo shopping district as the parking lights guide you through the avenues.
A nuestros seres queridos
Les ponemos un altar,
Pues sus almas y latidos
Los sentimos regresar!

-Davina Guadalupe Ponce Martínez

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De saber que las queremos,
Recordamos sus amores,
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Hoy recuerdo a los muertos de
mi casa.
Al que se fue por unas horas
y nadie sabe en qué silencio
entró.

- Octavio Paz

No es que hayan muerto,
se fueron antes.

-Amado Nervo

“Flores para el muerto”
no pido lágrimas ni lamentos
Sólo pido de verdadero corazón,
Flores para el muerto
Que el muerto soy yo

-Luis Salas

En este mes singular,
En que todo es fiesta y danza,
Recordamos con amor
Tradiciones y alabanzas.

-Davina Guadalupe Ponce Martínez

La recompensa final de los
muertos es no tener que volver a
morir.

-Nietzsche

“Sentado sobre los muer-
tos”
Varios tragos es la vida
y un solo trago es la muerte.

- Miguel Hernández

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