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Coyote Chronicle

The Ronald McDonald House

By Anthony Perez
Staff Writer

The holidays are starting to ramp up and as we prepare for the festivities, we have to remember the ones who are less fortunate than us. The Ronald McDonald House charity attempts to bring together that missing piece this holiday season.

The charity is aimed at aiding children and their families during rough medical times. During the holiday season this becomes increasingly important and the Ronald McDonald house does its best to create a special environment.

The charity collects donations, whether it be a simple cash contribution or a toy for a child, they are here to help. They decorate their offices to show that they are inviting to children and that they should feel comfortable. All in all, the charity goes above and beyond to try and make children feel at home.

You don't have to donate directly to the foundation in order to lend out a helping hand, as Ronald McDonald has teamed up with other companies for the holidays. One example of this would be the ability to donate a 5 dollar stuffed animal at PetSmart stores. The stores collect all donations from their stores and personally bring them down to a house where they are distributed to the children. A 5 dollar stuffed animal may not be much, but it can make someone's whole day.

Holidays can be rough enough when you're dealing with personal illnesses, and the Ronald McDonald House understands that and attempts to give children the Christmas they deserve just as much as anyone else.

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Photo courtesy of Michael Moody

The Tempest Prospero's daughter Miranda (Shannon Ricciardi) and the castaway, Ferdinand (Garrett Vaughn).

Humor, Drama and Magic in The Tempest

By Yesica Gonzalez
Staff Writer

CSUSB's department of Theater Arts began its 2017-2018 season with the unforgettable production of William Shakespeare's The Tempest.

The live performance ran from Friday, Nov. 10 to Sunday, Nov. 19 and took place at The Barnes Theater.

The play delivered wonderful performances, a splash

of humor, drama and a dose of magic brought to life.

Terry Donovan Smith, a professor of Theater Arts, directed The Tempest.

Along with a brilliant cast and crew, the show left the audience awed from beginning to end.

The Tempest tells the story of a royal family that is left deserted after crash landing on a mysterious island.

Prospero, portrayed by Theater Arts major Isaiah Dodo-Wil-

liams, rules the land and is the rightful Duke of Naples.

He possesses a magical ability and has a loyal, airy spirit named Ariel, portrayed by fourth year student Celia Worster, who acts as his eyes and ears throughout the play.

Prospero's intentions are to reclaim his rightful place as a lord by marrying off his beautiful daughter Miranda, portrayed by third year student Shannon Ricciardi, to one of the castaways that immediately fell for her.

The fallen castaway is Ferdinand, portrayed by fourth year student Garrett Vaughn, who is the son of Alonso, the King of Naples.

The royal family also has set plans to overthrow Prospero and take over the island.

During the story, Caliban, portrayed by Stephen Diaz, is a slave that wants to earn his place in the land and runs into two unexpected characters.

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Gabriella Arana | Chronicle Photos

The bell is rung on the anniversary of the shooting.

San Bernardino Shooting Commemoration Ceremony

By Andrea Engelhorn
Managing Editor

Michael Glen rang the bell outside of the Chemical Sciences building in the Peace Garden. The bell is to be rang once a year on Dec. 2 in honor of the anniversary of the 2015 mass shooting in San Bernardino.

Former CSUSB student, Syed Rizwan Farook, shot and killed 14 people and severely injured 22 others. An attempted bombing at the Inland Regional Center was also on the agenda of the 2010 CSUSB Alumni.

The CSUSB community was greatly impacted by this tragic event. The gunman had gone to this school, and five victims were associated with the CSUSB family.

"Everybody thinks it's not going to happen to them," said Reyes. "And it was such a random day, a random time, you would never think it would happen so close to home," said Michaela Reyes, a student that was in class during the shooting in 2015.

Bill Van Dyke, a CSUSB Life Sciences professor, gave a heartwarming speech at the memorial to honor the five victims from CSUSB, whose names are engraved on the five sides of the bell's base.

Victims' loved one's, including several young children, were handed bundles of flowers to place on the bell memorial.

To conclude the ceremony, Glen rang the bell for the last time until next year's remembrance.

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CSUSB's Giving Tuesday



Crystal Harrell | Photos

Students were seen posing with the #Unselfie frame around the Student Union.

By Crystal Harrell
Copy Editor

On Nov. 28, CSUSB held its first Giving Tuesday, where a new tradition was formed involving students, alumni, parents, faculty, and staff coming together to fund new student scholarships.

Known as a nationally recognized event, Giving Tuesday is celebrated around the world as a way to use social media as a platform to spread the gift of giving after the Thanksgiving holiday.

"Giving Tuesday is a cam-

pus-wide campaign to give back to Coyotes just like me by raising money for scholarships. I'm very excited to participate in this new tradition of giving," said student development partner Meem Kowri Masud.

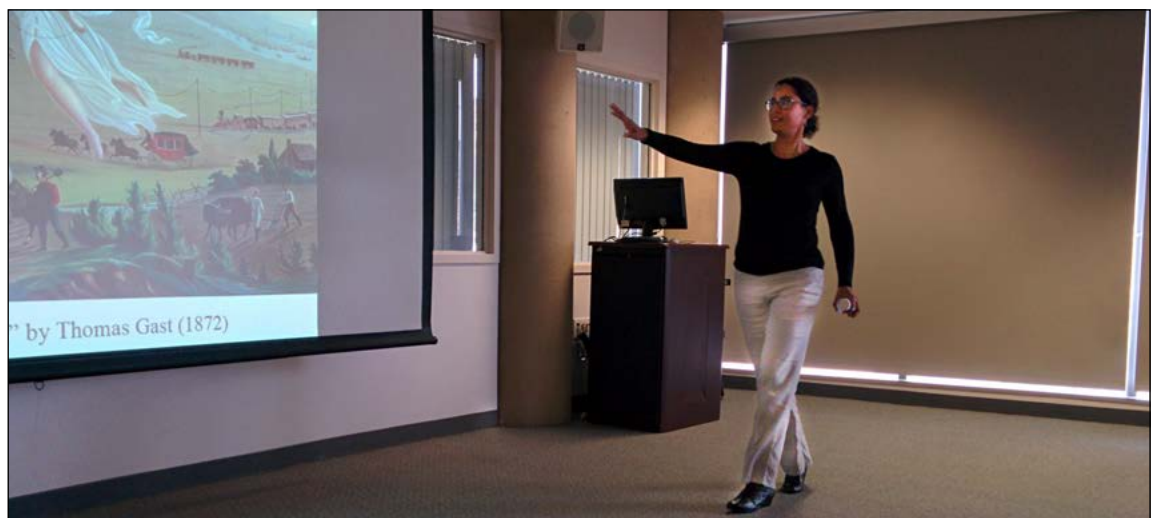
The Giving Tuesday event was organized by the CSUSB Annual Fund, which is a program that focuses on acquiring regular, annual contributions for the university to create a dependable source of non-legislative funding.

Donations were able to be received through smartphone by

texting CSUSB to 71777 and by going on the CSUSB Mobile-Cause website prior to the Nov. 28 date. On the actual day of Giving Tuesday, various tables were set up around campus, including University Hall, the Santos Manuel Student Union, and Jack H. Brown Hall, where students were able to donate and learn more about the cause.

To raise more awareness for Giving Tuesday, the Annual Fund's set up a social media

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Paul Figueroa | Chronicle Photos

Hernandez's presentation began with a history lesson of early incarceration in California.

City of Inmates: history of lockup

By Paul Figueroa
Copy Editor

On Nov. 28, CSUSB hosted Dr. Kelly Lytle Hernandez, associate history professor at UCLA and author of the new book "City of Inmates: Conquest, Rebellion, and the Rise of Human Caging in Los Angeles."

Dr. Hernandez's presentation in the Pfau library concluded a series of four lectures on Borderlands Studies held throughout the fall semester that sought to highlight scholarship on the US-Mexico borderlands, in particular scholarship conducted by Latinas/Chicanas working in the field.

When Dr. Hernandez embarked on her research into the history of incarceration in Los Angeles, she discovered that the bulk of the historical prison records had been destroyed, prompting her to seek the information elsewhere.

"I went and I found the documents from all the dissidents and the rebels who fought the rise of mass incarceration in Los Angeles, pulled their records together, and called them 'The Rebel Archives,'" said Dr. Hernandez.

She explored the history of the incarceration system in Los Angeles, beginning with the targeted incarceration of the native populations of California that

began during Spanish colonial rule and continued throughout American acquisition and administration of the territory.

She laid the blame for the rise of the mass incarceration on settler colonialism.

"The principal objective of a settler colonial project is land," said Dr. Hernandez. "On that land the settlers imagine building a new, permanent, reproductive, and racially homogeneous society... Whoever constitutes a threat to the settler community is a target for elimination"

From there, she examined the various demographic shifts in the incarceration system that

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Conflicts in Turkey effect higher education

By Jason Samp
Multimedia Editor

For over four decades, the Turkish state and Kurdish armed insurgent group in Turkey, known as PKK, have been in violent conflict. More recently, heavy military presence and strict regulations like week-long curfews have lead led to violations of Kurdish people's rights such as security, freedom of speech, liberty and even the right to live.

In January of 2016, a group of scholars who called themselves Academics for Peace created a petition titled We will not be a party to this crime!, demanding an end to the proposed crimes committed by the Turkish state, declaring that they "will not be a party to this massacre."

The petition initially received 1,128 signatures from academics and researchers associated with Turkey and also received support from many Turkish journalists, artists and actors and actresses.

The call for peace between the two groups quickly came under attack by Turkey's president,

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. He accused Academics for Peace and all those who signed the petition of treason against the Turkish state by claiming they were aiding and abetting the Kurdish rebel group. There are also claims that Erdoğan's firm grasp over Turkey's media groups publicized that Academics for Peace were guilty of encouraging terrorism-related propaganda.

The Higher Education Council of Turkey also pressured universities to punish their signatories and start disciplinary investigations against them. Universities complied by firing their signatory faculty or dismissing them by not renewing their contracts. These educators are now jobless with no chance of being hired elsewhere in Turkey and many have no ability to move to another country as their passports have been revoked. "Almost 150,000 public employees have been sacked and 8,000 of them are higher education personnel," said Algan. Trials of the petition signatories begin on Dec. 5 to determine if the signatories are innocent or guilty of supporting Kurdish terrorist groups.



Jason Samp | Chronicle Photos

Prof. Algan is from Istanbul and is concerned with how her colleagues are being treated there.

Prof. Algan: "He accused us of aiding with the terrorists"

By Jason Samp
Multimedia Editor

CSUSB associate professor Ece Algan, is one of the 713 initial supporters of the new petition for boycotting Turkish education system.

The document is circulating within education organizations worldwide advocating for the academic groups to freeze collaboration with Turkish higher education establishments that conform to the demands of the government.

Algan has a doctorate in mass communication from Ohio University. She is part of a worldwide initiative dedicated to ending the conflict in Turkey between the Turkish state and the Kurdish insurgencies in southeast Turkey.

Q: As far as you know, are you under investigation by the Turkish government?

A: Not currently. This does not mean it might not happen in the future. Currently some of my peace petition signatory colleagues in Turkey are facing trials. The Istanbul Public Prosecutor's Office has started indicting all the peace academics in some of the universities in Istanbul one by one. They are charged with making terrorist propaganda and aiding terrorism, which is a very heavy crime. What we are told is that once they go through all of the list and finish up with indicting all my peace signatory colleagues in Turkey, they might start indicting signatories, like myself, who live abroad. So, under the current political climate, it is certainly a possibility.

Q: What is the call for solidarity for the Academics for Peace on trial about?

A: It has two main goals. First and foremost, it is a call soliciting support for peace signatories whose trials are starting next week. We would like journalists, scholars, and human rights organizations to monitor the trials by sending observers and publicizing the process.

Second, it calls for an academic boycott of complicit universities that opened investigations on my colleagues for signing a petition and even fired them. We, the signatories abroad, got very upset with how the Turkish Higher Education Council, which answers to the current government, and many university rectors were treating our colleagues in Turkey. Erdoğan is so strong and powerful that the Council members and rectors think that if they don't side with him, they are going to lose their positions, and they can.

Q: What does the boycott entail for participating universities?

A: Cancelling the memorandum of understanding would prevent the student exchange between the two universities and the scholarly exchange for big grants and projects. A number of Turkish universities are in large collaborative projects with other countries. TÜBİTAK, which is the The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey is one of the governmental institutions that we are boycotting because as the governmental agency that grants a lot of money for these collaborations, it has been the most complicit in terms of cancelling existing funded projects and grants of the signatories, and removing from its database academic journals which have signatory faculty on their editorial boards.

Q: Is the ultimate goal of the boycott to cut off any ties between the western education system and complicit universities in Turkey?

A: In a way, yes. It is not easy though. Lots of scientific professional organizations like the American Psychological Association (APA), American Political Science Association (APSA) and the Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) all have to endorse the boycott and stop collaborating with the complicit universities in Turkey for it to be effective. It is difficult, but if we can gather some momentum and publicize

all the universities that are complicit with the government, they might realize that they cannot get away with suppressing academic freedom and not supporting their own signatory faculty just because they wanted peace and they wanted it from the Turkish government as opposed to a Kurdish armed group.

Q: Are there any endorsers of the targeted boycott so far?

A: In the United States, we are just beginning our efforts of spreading the word about why freezing collaborations with complicit universities is important for protecting academic freedom. But our colleagues in Europe have made quite a bit of progress. For instance, France's National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) recommended boycotting TÜBİTAK. The Education Union in France also shared the boycott information with its members. The University College Union, which is a union in the UK, passed a motion to freeze collaborations with Turkish universities.

Q: So are you in collaboration with other professors in the area with promoting this boycott?

A: Yes, we are all working to put pressure on the Turkish government. We need them to realize that what they are doing is against academic freedom. It should be up to us to say that based on our observations, there are human rights violations and based on our analysis this is not how peace can be achieved in southeast Turkey. We should be able to say that without such punishments.

Q: Can you travel back to Turkey?

A: Currently I can but I don't know what the future will hold. Trials start Dec 5 but signatories abroad haven't been indicted yet. These are serious charges which can have serious consequences. There is no sugar-coating it.

City of Inmates

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occurred throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, from indigenous peoples, to Chinese immigrants targeted for deportation following the Chinese Exclusion Act, to white vagrants displaced in the aftermath of the Civil War, and finally to exiled Mexican dissidents seeking political refuge in America.

Among these dissidents was Pedro Gonzalez, a Mexican revolutionary who fought with Pancho Villa in the Mexican Revolution and who is credited with starting the first Spanish language broadcast in Los Angeles, which at the time was an extremely inhospitable place for Mexican immigrants.

Dr. Hernandez cited a quote from Bob Schuler, a popular preacher and radio host in Los Angeles in the 1920s, who said of the city, "Los Angeles is the last purely Anglo-Saxon city... in America. It is the only such city not dominated by foreigners. It remains in a class to itself as the one city in America in which the white, American, Christian idealism still dominates."

Gonzalez performed the broadcast with his band, "Los Madrugadores," up until he was arrested on trumped-up rape charge and sentenced to 50 years in San Quentin Prison, where he documented the conditions of the

California prison system.

One of the photos taken by Gonzalez would go on to adorn the cover of Dr. Hernandez's book decades later.

Although it may seem that the incarceration system has progressed since the late 19th century, many of the structures that contributed to its rise are still around.

As Dr. Hernandez pointed out, the Immigration Act of 1929, which criminalized unlawful entry for the purpose of regulating Mexican immigration, is still enforced.

The law, which sought to balance the need for cheap Mexican labor and the desire to keep the southwest ethnically homogeneous, was passed by Coleman Livingston Blease, a senator with a penchant for reciting racist poetry on the Senate floor.

During the Q&A portion of the event, a student cited a recent report by NPR stating that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is seeking to open five new private detention facilities for holding undocumented immigrants.

Given recent the rise of illegal immigration crackdowns by ICE and the recent of cancellation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy, it's possible that some of CSUSB's undocumented alumni may find themselves in this very system.

CSUSB enrolled four students from Puerto Rico after hurricane Maria

By Adam Vilas
Staff Writer

CSUSB enrolled four students from Puerto Rico this quarter who were unable to attend their university after the devastating Hurricane Maria hit the island.

Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico on Sept. 20, leaving an estimated 55 people dead and many more injured.

With the island in shambles and many buildings completely destroyed, the citizens of the island were left with no power and scarce resources.

“The hurricane was one of the strongest hurricanes to ever hit Puerto Rico,” said Jadiel (last name could not be disclosed for security reasons), one of the students from Puerto Rico. “It’s like what you see when you watch the news, only much worse. I had people I knew who lost their houses, lost their cars. I was fortunate.”

After hearing of the disaster that was taking place in Puerto Rico, CSUSB Professor Tony Coulson reached out to his friend Alfredo Cruz, a professor at the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico (PUPR), to make sure that he was well in the midst of the devastation.

Cruz sent an email that explained that there were some stu-

dents at the university who were at risk to lose their scholarship due to the fact that they would be unable to attend their university for at least one quarter after the devastating hurricane.

“Alfredo sent out an email with a lot of people saying ‘hey, we need help,’” said Coulson. “Right away, I reached out and said that I would see what I can do to help.”

Coulson reached out across campus for help and received plenty of it. Thanks to a collaborative effort from many people at CSUSB, the students were immediately made a priority, resulting in the arrival of the students at CSUSB.

Those who helped arrange for the students to join us at CSUSB include Alysson Satterlund, associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students; Tatiana Karmanova, dean of the CSUSB College of Extended Learning; Francisca Beer, dean of graduate studies and student research; Lawrence Rose, dean of the Jack H. Brown College of Business and Public Administration; Jake Zhu, associate dean, Brown College; and Julie Wessel, research administrator for academic research-sponsored.

“The whole campus really just came together in an amazing way and said ‘we’re gonna make this happen,’” stated Coulson.



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The four Puerto Rico students will be in the U.S. with CSUSB for the Fall 2017 quarter

“A lot of people who heard about it said they have never seen a university be able to pull things together that fast.”

Thanks to the collaborative effort of CSUSB, the students were at the university within that same week after Professor Cruz sent out the email. The students were provided with transportation, housing, as well as a meal

plan upon arrival on campus.

When the four students arrived, they immediately became involved on campus and made the most of the time that they spent here.

“We want to get involved as much as we can because I know personally I have never been here in America,” said Jadiel, “I wanna do as much as I can and

get as much out of the experience as possible.”

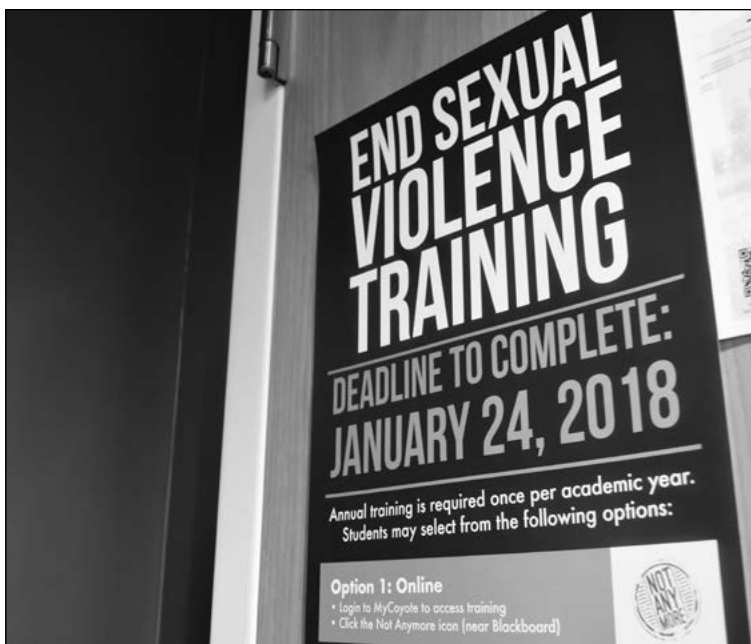
The students will return to Puerto Rico at the end of the fall quarter and finish their studies at PUPR.

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Sexual Misconduct and CSUSB Training



Ashley Casillas | Chronicle Photos

End Sexual Violence training is required to register for Spring 2018.

By Adam Villas
Staff Writer

Sexual misconduct has become the hot topic in recent news. Every day we see more and more celebrities being accused of using their power to sexually harass others or conduct some sort of inappropriate or

unwanted sexual behavior.

CSUSB has already taken initiative in tackling this issue by having students complete a required online training in order to ensure all students are aware of the dangers of sexual violence on campus and how it can be prevented. The training explains the different types of sexual harassment, warning signs, and

possible situations to look out for.

“Hopefully students are taking away something of importance from the training,” said Assistant Director and Deputy Title IX Coordinator Krysten Newbury. “There is also other opportunities online as well as in-person events and just asking questions.”

In order to avoid a registration hold for Spring 2018 on your account, the online training must be completed by January 24th, 2018.

The hold can be completed through the ‘Not Anymore’ widget online on myCoyote, or at a preapproved on campus event which can be found through the Title IX office website.

Though all students are being exposed to this important information because it is required to take the training in order to register for classes, many are concerned that the training is not being taken seriously enough because many students just skip through it in order to simply be done with the training.

Sandra Estrada, a student at CSUSB and employee in

the Women’s Resource Center believes that the topic could be approached differently in order to decrease sexual violence on campus.

“I feel like a lot of the prevention methods are put on the survivors and as opposed to the perpetrators,” said Estrada. “I feel like a lot of it is teaching people how not to be raped instead of teaching them not to rape.”

Aside from the mandatory online training needed to register for classes, our campus also provides various resources, spaces, and information over this topic in the TitleIX office and Women’s Resource Center, both of which are located in the San Manuel Student Union.

“We partner very closely with our campus advocate and her voice peers as well as try to bring in some speakers,” said Newbury. “We’ve also worked with the Women’s Resource Center, the Osher Adult Resource Center, the Cross Cultural Center, the Pride Center, and many others so there’s a lot of different opportunities to get info and know what’s going on.”

Those among the growing list of celebrities being accused include athletes, actors, politicians, and many others in the spotlight.

Some of the most prominent of these public figures include Harvey Weinstein, Louis C. K., Jamies Winston, Roy Moore, Ben Affleck, and many more.

Whether or not all of these accusations are true is another story; however, the increase in the number of people coming forward to reveal these ghastly details has brought the issue of sexual harassment into the spotlight for everyone to discuss.

Victims of sexual harassment have often times been too afraid to reveal their stories about being taken advantage of, or fear they won’t be believed by others when they do come forward.

According to the National Sexual Violence Research Center, one in 5 women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college while more than 90% of sexual assault victims on college campuses do not even report the assault.

New Stem Cell Research

By Daniel Padilla
Senior Reporter

This year's Inland Empire Stem Cell Consortium Symposium (IESCC) on Nov. 20, brought together researchers in the field to inform CSUSB students about the various applications of Stem Cell research.

The event brought a full house to the SMSU theater where Professor of Radiation Oncology at UCI, and Keynote speaker Dr. Charles Limoli, explained that stem cells "can theoretically be used to hasten the recovery of any damaged tissue in the body."

The focus of Limoli's research is on stem cells and their applications to brain recovery treatment. "People survive cancer, but the quality of their life can vary tremendously," he stated.

Limoli is referring to a condition known as "Chemo Brain," which results from chemo therapy that kills cancer cells, but also kills normal tissues in the brain. The result is neurocognitive complications, similar to

advanced dementia.

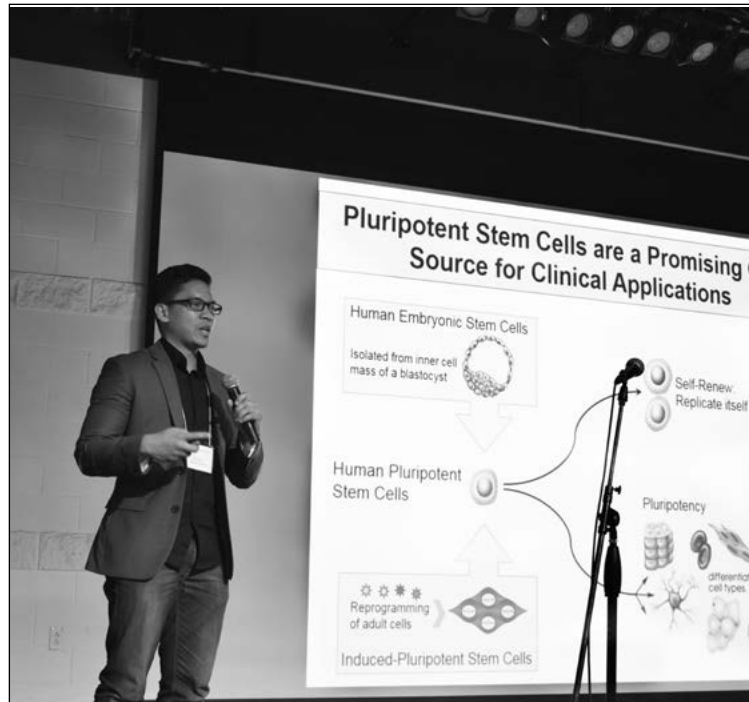
With advances in stem cell research, Limoli believes that such damage to the brain can be repaired.

Other presentations throughout the day varied on their stem cell research.

One student from UC Riverside, Lauren Walker, focused her research on the causes of birth defects with embryonic stem cells. Her presentation examined how tobacco products affect pregnant women, while also questioning whether drug testing in labs is adequate. The answer: lab mice are not equivalent to humans.

Not all research was presented in the SMSU theater though. Some students and researchers presented in the SMSU event center, where posters were set up side by side, allowing attendees to choose works that interested them.

One former student of CSUSB, Jesse Ventura, now works in a UCR toxicology lab. "My project focuses on testing the cytotoxicity of electronic cigarettes" he said. According



Daniel Padilla | Chronicle Photos

Scientists are get closer to less miserable chemo treatments.

to Ventura, heated metals found in e-cigarettes are inhaled by smokers, posing health concerns to pregnant women.

The most exceptional poster presenters were recognized during the student award segment of the event.

First place was awarded to Steven Sera for his poster presentation titled "miR361 Regulates Prickle Expression Allowing for Proper Osteogenesis," which is co-authored with Dorota Kanowska and Nicole zur Nieden.

Before the afternoon presentations began in the SMSU theater, guest speaker Alysia

Padilla shared the story of her daughter, Evangelina, who survived a serious medical condition due to medicine created using stem cells.

Her daughter suffered from severe combined immunodeficiency, and underwent two years of isolation before it was safe for Evangelina to be exposed to the world. Padilla was at times emotional during her speech, but is now thankful to everyone responsible for curing her child.

Presenters at the symposium made clear the usefulness of stem cells, yet ethical concerns are sometimes raised regarding the use of human fetuses for research.

"There hasn't been a single fetus or a single abortion that has taken place so that scientist can get embryonic stem cells," said Professor of Biology Dr. Bournias.

Instead, scientists acquire stem cells from the left-over eggs of in vitro fertilization, a process which some couples use if the normal path to pregnancy is unavailable to them. Multiple eggs are fertilized in the process. Since only one is needed for pregnancy, the rest, with the consent of the couple, are used for research.

"[Our club] is the main organizer for this, with the help of our advisor Dr. Bournias. We help everything get ready by doing the program, getting the food, doing the name tags, and other logistics of it," stated President of the Student Society for Stem Cell Research Jazmin Garcia.

Though the club generally consist of bio-medical students, Garcia says that the club is open to anyone who is interested.

One of the goals of the Consortium is to make the research on stem cells better known in the community. In order to meet this goal, the location of the Symposium will be moved on a yearly basis.

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Quality of Online Classes

By Robert Hancock
Staff Writer

Early last month an online course taught by Dr. Frank Lin received the Quality Matters certification, recognizing the course for its excellence.

IST 609 Information and Systems Technology Management is the second online course taught by Dr. Lin to receive such a certification.

A professor for the College of Business and Public Administration, Dr. Lin currently teaches nine courses ranging from Global Business Strategy to Research Methodologies in Information Systems.

"The QM standards can not only help ensure the quality of online teaching, but also any class", said Dr. Lin.

Developing an online course takes between three and six months. Online courses are not designed to meet the Quality Matters criteria initially.

"Once the course has been taught, the instructor in collaboration with an instructional designer evaluate the course and decide on what modifications are needed should the campus submit the course for QM certification", said Dr. Mihaela Popescu, who is the Quality Assurance Coordinator for Cal State San Bernardino.

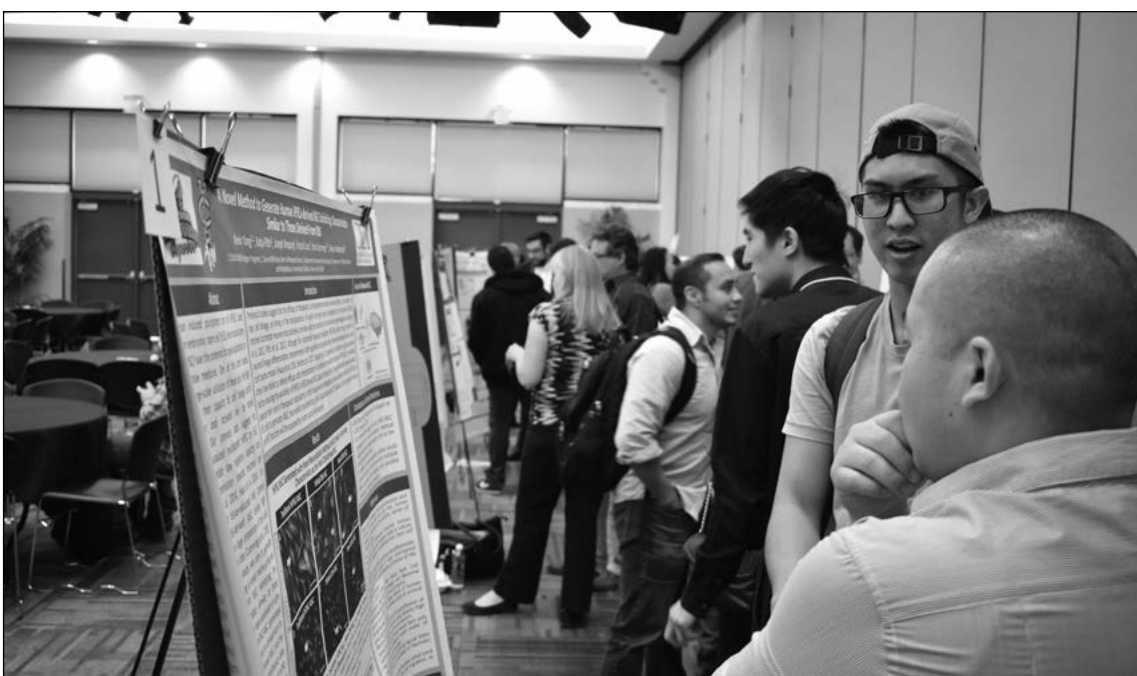
Centered around peer review, the Quality Matters certification signifies a course that has met eight separate standards, and has been reviewed by three faculty members who are usually independent of Cal State San Bernardino. Reviewers take between four and six weeks to assess the course and provide feedback.

Although the Quality Matters certification denotes a well-designed and thoroughly examined course, Dr. Popescu underlines the fact that such a certification is not a requirement for a high quality online course.

"I want to be clear that the QM certification is not the only path to producing a good online course", said Dr. Popescu.

The QM standards can not only help ensure the quality of online teaching, but also any class.

Dr. Lin



Daniel Padilla | Chronicle Photos

There was an impressive turnout for the event with many people interested in the research.

FCC Moves to Kill Net Neutrality

By Robert Hancock
Senior Reporter

On Nov. 11th the Federal Communications Commission announced plans to remove the Internet's Title II status, threatening Net Neutrality's future.

Net Neutrality, which represents the idea that all information on the Internet should be treated equally, has been the standard mode of operation ever since the Internet's classification as a utility under Title II of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Earlier this month, however, Federal Communications Chairman Ajit Pai announced plans to "repeal the heavy-handed Internet regulations."

Chairman Pai, who was put in place by President Trump and is a former Verizon lawyer, has stated that the Internet's current regulation is "burdensome." Pai argues that current regulations treat the Internet like a "1930's utility", harming telecommunications businesses' expansion. Pai believes that a "light touch" framework will be beneficial to consumers, as it will allow businesses to expand and invest in infrastructure.

While removing the Internet's Title II Status may enable businesses to improve infrastructure, it is not clear such changes would be pro-consumer.

"The way [the Internet] is being regulated now I think is good," said local business owner Austin Walti, who runs Pocket Techs, Inc. Walti, who operates the business with his brother, is satisfied with how he currently accesses the Internet. "If we can



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Internet service providers may allow businesses to pay for service prioritization, possibly causing slowdowns for customers.

stay at this pace for a long while, I'd be really content with that," stated Walti.

It appears, however, that the FCC is using the recent holiday as a chance to push its Net Neutrality repeal.

With the repeal established, Internet service providers may split their service into discrete packages, similar to how cable television is sold. Popular websites and services, such as Netflix and Facebook, could be bundled into premium packages, forcing customers to pay extra for access.

Internet service providers may also enact so called "fast lanes" and "slow lanes".

Fast lanes, or the prioritization of one entity's data over another's, poses a problem to

paying customers who expect a certain level of service. Slow lanes, or the slowing of a website or service, also have the potential to cause issues for competition, and may open the door to conflicts of interest.

With the FCC's proposed changes, Internet service providers may allow businesses to pay for service prioritization, possibly causing slowdowns for customers using a competitor's service.

Internet service providers that also offer cable television or other forms of digital entertainment could slow down their competitors, resulting in limited or no connection for consumers.

Prior to Chairman Pai's announcement of a Net Neutrality repeal, the FCC enabled the

public to express their opinions regarding the issue, as it is the commission's duty to represent the public's best interest.

Yet questions remain unanswered as reports of deceased individuals posting to the FCC's website have arisen.

"I checked my family's records to see if they commented, because I know they didn't, and my dad apparently commented, saying that he's in favor of a repeal," said student Ryan Parker, describing his own finding while browsing comments on the FCC's website.

Parker, who believes some Internet service providers are employing impersonation techniques to provide faked support for Net Neutrality's repeal, also maintains that education will be

affected if the FCC's plans are imposed.

"I feel like [education] would be harmed, because things like Khan Academy would be charged extra to provide premium packets, or whatever they'll say, to get better Internet speeds," stated Parker.

While many are concerned for the future of the Internet, websites such as savetheinternet.com and battleforthenet.com have made it their mission to spread the word about the FCC's plan of action. These sites urge viewers to call Congress and ask for the FCC's plans to be halted.

Groups fighting against the FCC's proposed plan are organizing protests across the country.

Availability of Online Courses

By Brandiss Johnson
Staff Writer

With technology rapidly advancing, online courses are becoming more ideal in the fast-paced world we live in. College students here are able to choose online courses to take along with standard campus courses,

helping them save time in the process.

Online courses help to create a more versatile schedule to accommodate the many different situations that college students deal with such as commuting to campus, arranging child care, or medical emergencies and checkups. I decided to get some

insight on how college students feel about the availability of online courses and if they thought online courses were better suited for them or difficult to learn the material. When it comes to registering for online courses, the availability is limited and many students don't get the opportunity to register for the classes they need.

"I wish they had more online courses. Particularly, I wish that we could do the Communications Master's degree online as well because I have to work and I would like to do it here, but it is not offered. It is not feasible to have a part-time Master's degree," said CSUSB senior Andrea Stewart.

Associate Professor Mihaela Popescu has a different perspective on the matter. "I don't think online classes are limited. I believe online courses could be

really exciting when taught well. However, there are some clear challenges when teaching online, like possible lack of interactivity among students and instructor, and issues with technologies used in the class. In a face-to-face classroom, we rely very much on content, in-class explanations, and class learning activities to teach students," stated Popescu.

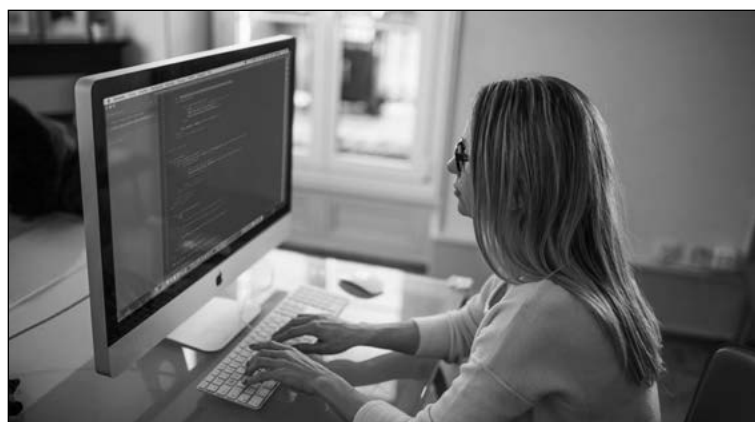
Every college course can't be taken online, but what about the other courses that most college students need? Online courses should be regarded as standard options like on-campus courses.

"I believe the decision to offer more online courses depends on many factors including what professional development opportunities are available for faculty to learn good online course designs. How do we assess the quality of these courses? I think

the decision to encourage or block the creation of new online courses and programs depends very much on how we answer these questions," explained Popescu.

Implementing more online courses for students here at CSUSB isn't going to be easy, but if we can reach out to others who may feel the same way regarding more online class availability, it may lead to results.

"I think it is important for faculty to know which forms of support are available if they were to develop more online courses, and I would encourage them to seek out those resources in the Academic Technologies & Innovation and also the Teaching Resource Center," advised Popescu.



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As technology progresses more online classes are offered.

Latin American Christmas Traditions

Erika Aguilar
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The Christmas season has arrived and around the world many people are getting ready to celebrate the most joyful holiday of the year.

“Christmas is one of the best holidays because all my family gets together and we enjoy each other’s company,” said CSUSB student Alba Valdez.

Different cultures have their own unique traditions in which they celebrate Christmas.

In Latin America, “Las Posadas” or “hospitality,” refers to the inn in the story of the birth of Jesus.

They are a Catholic tradition commonly celebrated in Mexico and Guatemala.

“Where I live, we have Posadas where the people in the city get together; it is a big tradition,” said Valdez.

Valdez said people walk in the streets praying, dancing, riding horses and carrying the Virgin Mary as if they were actually in Mexico.

The celebration begins on Dec. 16 and ends on the 24, which is a nine-day “Novena” (interval) that represents the pregnancy of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Posadas involve the pilgrimage of Joseph and Mary in their search for a shelter where Mary could safely give birth to Jesus.

During the celebration, people split into two groups in which one goes outside and knocks on the door of the house asking for shelter or ‘posada,’ while the other group members act as the innkeepers.

Both groups hold candles while singing a traditional song called, ‘Las Posadas.’

The Joseph and Mary group start by singing; “En nombre del cielo, os pido posada, pues no puede andar mi esposa amada” (In the name of God I ask you for shelter for my beloved wife can’t go on).

Then the innkeepers reply by singing; “Aquí no es mesón,



People set up creative Nativity Scenes inside their homes, churches, and public places.

sign adelante, no les puedo abrir, no vaya a ser un tunante” (Here is not an inn, keep going, I can not open them, do not be a scoundrel) denying them entry.

The song continues until Joseph and Mary are finally allowed in and both of the groups get to sing together.

Gabriela Resendiz is a CSUSB student that celebrates Christmas by doing Posadas and other traditions.

“A posada must have a piñata,” said Resendiz.

Piñatas are also a tradition during Christmas festivities in Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela.

They are made of colorful paper mache or clay and can be any shape.

Piñatas are filled with a variety of candy and are held from a rope, while children are

blindfolded taking turns trying to break it.

A traditional song is sung as children try to hit the piñata, and when it breaks, children gather the candy.

Nacimientos (births) are one of the most famous traditions in Mexico, Peru, Chile, Paraguay and Guatemala, in which people set up creative Nativity Scenes inside their homes, churches, and public places.

Resendiz’ family always places the Nacimiento under their Christmas tree which is an important tradition to them since they are Catholic.

“During Christmas Eve we usually gather all together as a family around the Nacimiento and sing to “El Niño Dios” (baby Jesus),” said Resendiz.

As people set up religious Nacimientos, in Puerto Rico, people are known for their fun

“parrandas or trullas navideñas,” their version of Christmas caroling.

A parranda is when a small group of friends gathers together to “asaltar” (“rob”) or surprise another friend.

People gather at around 10 p.m. to surprise and wake the sleeping friend with music.

Parranderos play instruments such as guitarras, tamboriles, or maracas while singing and are welcomed into the house to celebrate Christmas.

The party goes on for an hour or two and then everyone as a group, including the owners of the house, leave to visit another house.

The group grows bigger as they offer their parranda at several houses during that night.

At the last stop, the homeowner offers them traditional asopao de pollo (chicken soup)

and the party is over at dawn.

The idea of Santa Claus has gained much popularity in Latin America yet there are some countries where “El Niño Jesus” (baby Jesus) is the one sending presents to children as they write letters to him.

On Christmas Eve, the family gathers to carry baby Jesus to sleep and children get to open their presents afterwards.

Another form of receiving presents is through, “Día de los Reyes” (Epiphany).

In some Latin American countries and parts of the United States, “Día de los Reyes” is celebrated on Jan. 6, which represents the day the three kings gave gifts to Jesus when he was born.

During Día de Los Reyes, people eat Rosca de Reyes, an oval shaped loaf of bread that symbolizes a crown along with a small plastic figure representing baby Jesus is found inside.

The plastic figure symbolizes the hiding of the infant Jesus from King Herod’s troops.

Roscas are adorned with dried and candied fruits to symbolize the jewels that a crown would have.

Traditionally, the person who gets the slice with the figure of baby Jesus must make tamales and atole on “Día de la Candelaria” (Candlemas Day) on Feb. 2.

Some children across Latin America write letters to The Three Wise Men by placing their old shoes with a wish list on top.

Resendiz celebrates Dia de Los Reyes since her parents never believed in Santa Claus.

“As little kids we would put a shirt, shoe, or towel under the tree along with a letter for Los Reyes Magos and they would bring us a gifts the next morning,” said Resendiz.

Although many countries have their own traditions, Christmas is a holiday which people can adapt new customs from other cultures.

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love and generosity which everyone can enjoy despite their cultural differences.



The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love and generosity.



“Día de los Reyes” Honors the Three Wise Kings.

Celebrating Yuletide for the Modern Pagan

By **Andrea Engelhorn**
Managing Editor

With the commencement of the holiday season, Christmas and Hanukkah are in the spotlight, but the Pagan celebration of Yule (Ewe-elle) is a big deal for those who practice the old religion, although some Neo-Pagans (modern Pagans) may not know how to celebrate in a fun and meaningful way.

Yuletide (“Yule time”) is widely celebrated during the Winter Solstice in the Northern Hemisphere on Dec. 21. Some also celebrate the entire Yuletide season between Samhain on Nov. 1 and Imbolc on Feb. 2, or the 12 days from the Solstice to New Year.

In the Southern Hemisphere, Yule is celebrated in June and Litha, the Summer Solstice, is celebrated on or around Dec. 21. This method can be applied to the entire wheel of the year for the Southern Hemisphere.

The Wheel of the Year follows a story of the God and Goddess throughout the year and the change of the seasons. The wheel represents a calendar of the holidays in order of date, though the dates sometimes change based on the last and first harvest.

“[Pagans] believe that life goes in a circle as do the seasons of the year,” stated Kym Butler, a long-time Pagan who practices Wicca. “Yule is the celebration of the end of darkness.”

The order of the story and holidays is shown through the positioning on the wheel, which has a double meaning of being a repetitious cycle like the seasons.

Yule is the holiday after the death of the Holly King, the symbol of death and darkness, on Samhain in November. From Samhain to Yule, the Goddess is mourning the Holly King as the days grow shorter, the nights longer, and the earth more frozen.

After the Oak King (the sun) is born from the Goddess (mother nature) on Yule, the days grow longer and the earth warms as the young king grows up.

There are many ways to celebrate Yule with a more modern practice based on the older versions of Paganism that included feasts, drinking, and sacrifices or offerings.

Butler celebrates by decorating her house, since she is busy with work during the Winter Solstice and she doesn’t have many other Pagan friends to host a celebration, but that is fine because Pagan holidays are meant to be personal.



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A Yule Log cake is a popular treat during Yuletide for many Pagans.

“My decorations include a lot of snowman, reindeer, mice and stars,” said Butler. “I also have a lot of wreaths and bells.” She also incorporates a Yule log, evergreen branches, bittersweet, candles (red, white, and green), twinkly lights, spices, and herbs.

Many Pagans also exchange gifts during Yuletide. “[We always exchange] wine/mulled wine, home-baked cakes. If there are gifts exchanged in a circle, I like giving something of mine that has brought me joy to someone else so they might get

joy from it,” stated Angela, a 25-year practicing Celtic Pagan and friend of Kym Butler.

Some people purchase cake pans in the shape of a Yule Log. A Yule Log normally consists of a White Birch log with two or three candles in red and green at the top with Holly or bows wrapped around the log. The cake can have nuts, berries, apples, and chocolate.

Pagans suggest to follow individual desires and not to follow strict rules.

“Go outside. Feel the earth

beneath your feet and all around you, feel the cold in the air. Listen to the birds singing and the owls hooting,” stated Angela. “Know that the earth stirs beneath the snow and ice, it only slumbers for a time.”

According to Butler, Yule is all about the coming out of darkness.

“The light is being reborn and the circle of life is about to begin again,” stated Butler. “We get together to celebrate this and the love of friends and family.”

Seasonal Drink Spotlight

By **Brandiss Johnson**
Staff Writer

From lattes to traditional hot chocolate, you will be warm all over enjoying one of the many beverages offered during this holiday season.

The Winter Dream Tea is the most popular drink during the holiday season at The Coffee Bean.

The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf has a few seasonal favorites returning like the Peppermint Mocha, the Winter Dream Tea Latte, and the Chocolate Pecan Latte.

The Winter Dream Tea Latte, (which I highly recommend) is made from rooibos, orange peels, black tea, licorice root, cinnamon, cloves, and is mixed with a vanilla flavoring. It can be made hot or cold and also blended this year. You know you have found a good drink when you don’t need to add flavor or anything to it.

The Winter Dream Tea Latte tastes amazing, and will put you in the holiday spirit. You can also order the tea bags in store or online to enjoy in the comfort of your own home.

Starbucks has a line-up of returning drinks such as the

Gingerbread Latte, the Caramel Brûlée Latte, the Snickerdoodle Hot Cocoa, the Eggnog Latte, and a few others.

If you are into hot cocoa, the Snickerdoodle Hot Cocoa is a must buy! It is made with white chocolate mocha sauce, cinnamon dolce syrup, and it is topped with whipped cream and cinnamon sugar.

It tastes exactly like a sugar cookie in the form of a hot drink.

The Salted Caramel Hot Chocolate was a bit disappointing. This is made with toffee nut and vanilla syrup, caramel sauce, sugar and sea salt topped with whipped cream to finish.

I tried this out, and ultimately, it was lacking the salted caramel I was waiting to taste. What I experienced was more of a hot chocolate with an overabundance of chocolate flavoring.

The Gingerbread Latte has returned this year, made with espresso, steamed milk, and topped with whip cream and nutmeg.

While trying this out, it left a bad aftertaste in my mouth. I didn’t get any flavors or notes reminiscent of gingerbread. The espresso is very prominent, making it the stand out flavor.

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Tips for Packing With An Infant

By Brandiss Johnson
Staff Writer

Preparing an infant for a flight can be quick and easy depending on the duration of your travels. The process can be a little more time consuming if you don't have a plan of action. I use to travel alone prior to having my daughter so I saw a lot go on during a flight. One time I saw a mother trying to console her screaming infant as the plane was in flight. While others on board were a little annoyed by the screaming, I felt sympathy for the mother and child. I am going to share how I prep my daughter's bag for a quick week-end getaway.

It's a good idea to pack things that will keep an infant preoccupied during a flight. You want to make sure you have everything for your little one and also that you are abiding by TSA rules and regulations. It is always a good idea to write a list of the things you want to pack, ideally, so that when it is time to put things in the bag, you can just follow the list which may consist of; clothing, diapers, wipes, snacks, a blanket and in much more detail described below.

I lay out her outfits so

that I can see what she is going to wear the days we are away. This way, I can see if I have to add additional items like onesies, burp cloths, and clothing in case of minor accidents.

I put her washcloths in a little ziplock bag to try and save as much room in her bag as possible. I learned how to condense and save a little more room from traveling on prior trips and it has helped so much. Once the washcloths have been used, you can put them back in the ziplock bag away from the ones that are dry and clean.

When it comes to diapers, you never really know how much is enough. If you are traveling somewhere that has a store nearby, only pack what you need until you arrive at your destination to save a little more room in your bag. It is important to prepare for a longer flight. If you are in the air for a good four to five hours, make sure to prepare your carry on bag with the necessary items for the plane ride. Depending on your airline you can bring two carry-on bags.

When it comes to entertainment, I will be bringing things that will keep her content and occupied. An iPad with headphones so she can watch her favorite shows works as an available option. Don't forget the



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Packing with an infant takes time and proper planning in order to be successful

snacks!

If you have a child at the teething stage, bring a few teething toys to soothe their gums while on the plane.

Make sure all your liquids are under 3.4 fluid ounces

and place them in a ziplock bag. I usually have sample sizes for this particular rule, but if you are checking in bags, then this rule doesn't apply.

Once you get through TSA, you can buy water, snacks

and even fruit to enjoy on the plane. If your child uses bottles or sippy cups, bring an empty one to fill up. With these simple steps, it makes packing for an infant a lot easier and stress-free.



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Division II West Region Champions



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The Coyotes earned their 7th West Region title after beating Western Washington in round 3.



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The Coyotes played the undefeated CBU Lancers in round 2.



The team warmed up before round 1 against Azusa Pacific.



The team members on the sideline cheer as their teammates on the court score a point.



Jayann DeHoog and Diana Maile practice serving to prepare for their turns during the match.



Shawn Farrell, AD, talked with CSUSB athletes at the match.

With the West Region Championship win, the Coyotes advanced to play in the Elite Eight for the final three rounds of the NCAA Division II Championship. The Coyotes earned the No. 6 seed and will play the No. 3 seed, Florida Southern, on Dec. 7 in Pensacola, Fla.



The Coyotes await the start of the match as the lineups are announced and anthem sung.

Reinhiller continues his reign

By Breeze Rivers
Staff Writer

Mark Reinhiller has helped young student-athletes get recognized for their hard work both locally and nationally as the CSUSB Sports Information Director (SID).

Reinhiller has served as the athletics department's Associate Athletic Director for Media Relations for seven years.

His job entails many tasks. He keeps the athletics website updated, publishes recap stories after games are played, handles press box operations, conducts post-game video camera inter-

views with key players, controls the shot clock, keeps a score-book, posts to social media and more.

"I've been able to do some really cool things in my life," said Reinhiller. "Go to games, meet people, work on all coasts and make colleagues nationwide. I've been able to work with people that I would otherwise only see on TV."

He's happy with the choice he made to pursue a mass communications degree and describes his job as gratifying.

"There are very few people who go to school and get to do what they really want to do for a living, and I am one of them,"

said Reinhiller.

He considers working with young people to be the most important part of his job because they are in an exciting period of age with the freedom they have and process of learning on their own.

"I may age with this job that I have, but the student-athletes' age group stays the same... it's just the faces change," he said. "Working with young people keeps me young."

He works with local and national media to help especially talented athletes receive the coverage and recognition they deserve.

For example, CSUSB's own, Kwame Alexander, had the opportunity to be on Los Angeles television (KNBC) and featured in a story for LA Times in 2014. Alexander was known for his basketball dunk.

"Mark's role helps tremendously," said LeBaron Hollimon, head coach for women's soccer. "He has the information that helps with recruiting; stats, important player and team information, getting team news disseminated out to public networks to bring awareness to the team. I know I can go to Mark if I need anything historical with the program."

Hollimon believes Reinhiller has an unwavering passion for getting the details of his work done right.

Travel is another benefit of Reinhiller's job that comes along once in awhile.



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Reinhiller keeps score for CSUSB sports & writes game recaps.

In 2011, the volleyball team played in the Elite Eight national championship in Louisville, Kentucky where Reinhiller had the chance to be exposed to other parts of the country.

Another part of his job is to submit names to nominate athletes for awards and state his case as to why he thinks they deserve it. Volleyball's Samantha Middleborn was a two-time national Player of the Year who received local footage and was a contender for national Female Athlete of the Year. Reinhiller played a key role in helping her talent get rewarded.

He works with College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) to help athletes become Academic

All-Americans. Since 2010, he has helped three CSUSB athletes receive this prestigious honor: Chelsey Jones (women's soccer), Alexandra Torline (volleyball) and Laura Aceves (cross country).

"Being able to publicize a student-athlete becoming an All-American is always really special because that's the pinnacle," said Reinhiller.

Reinhiller receives tremendous support from his wife, Nancy, who he will celebrate 23 years of marriage with next month.

"I love and appreciate his passion and commitment to making sure he always presents the team in a positive light," said Hollimon.



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Reinhiller acts as the MC during games played on the court.

NBA halfway point

By Lucero Roman
Staff Writer

Bounce and pass, the 2017-2018 basketball season is in its second half. The National Basketball Association (NBA) teams and rookies are surprising fans everywhere.

The Western Conference-leading teams are the Houston Rockets, Golden State Warriors, San Antonio Spurs and Portland Trailblazers are putting points on the board.

The Houston Rockets have wins over the top teams in the Eastern Conference, winning against the Cleveland Cavaliers, Toronto Raptors and the Philadelphia 76ers. The Rockets are starting off strong including winning against the Warriors in the month of October by one point.

Second in the Western Conference, the Warriors have beaten three of the top five teams in the East. With their top players Steph Curry, Kevin Durant and Klay Thompson, the Warriors as a team have been a matchup for the West and East.

The top five teams for the Eastern Conference are the Boston Celtics, Detroit Pistons, Cleveland Cavaliers, Toronto Raptors and the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Celtics are still at the top, even with the heartbreaking injury of Gordon Hayward at the beginning of the season.

Kyrie Irving has shown the trade is for the better. The Celtics had a sixteen winning streak that ended once they played the Miami Heat on Nov 22.

The Detroit Pistons and Cleveland Cavaliers have the same number of wins but the Cavaliers have one more loss putting them in third in the conference. The Pistons lost to the Cavaliers by 28 points on Nov. 20.

The Pistons have no in between but are holding strong at No.2 in the East surprising fans who thought the Cavaliers would easily lead the East.

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Life of a student athlete

By Evelyn Carmona
Staff Writer

Being a student athlete may seem like a walk in the park, but in reality, it is a lot more difficult than people think.

There is a lot of misinterpretation of what a student athlete does through throughout the day.

Many believe that student athletes only train during the season, which is usually three to four months long. In addition, some may think athletes have many privileges, as well as have many friends on campus.

For example, the CSUSB men's basketball team practices Monday through Saturday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, they have weight training from 5-6 p.m. after their practice.

Once the season begins, not only do they practice, but they also have games, which means tons of traveling and back-to-back games on Friday and Saturday evenings.

"It's very stressful to be a

student athlete," said CSUSB basketball player Amin J. Sahwani. "You have to find the perfect balance between school and your sport."

Student athletes wake up early to head out and train, then they go to class and hope to stay focused on the lecture while trying not to fall asleep. After class, they need to eat a healthy meal and maybe try to take a nap.

Then it is off to practice again as part of a continuous cycle. When they visit other colleges to play against, they still need to stay on top of their classes. If they miss a week of classes due to the sport, they need to contact the professors regarding that week's class.

"The difficulties I usually face is trying to keep up with all my classes and turning in work when we start traveling to other universities," said Sahwani. "We miss a lot of class because we travel and play."

Athletes still have to do their assignments and study for exams, all while preparing for an upcoming game.

"The biggest thing is time management. Once you understand how to manage your time wisely," everything else will be just right," stated Sahwani.

Another concern for student athletes is that many have scholarships, with some that may cover the full tuition, while other scholarships only cover part of the tuition.

Either way, it is essential for student athletes to take care of themselves, whether it is ingesting healthy foods or staying physically fit.

If an athlete gets injured before, during, or after the season, it is their responsibility to recover and cover the medical costs.

This is the case with many student athletes in the nation.

Many have lost scholarships due to injuries occurring during the season of their particular sport. Moreover, there is not any medical insurance provided for the athletes.

Although student athletes face a lot of challenges, they work through them to play the sport they love.

Disneyland's Candlelight Processional

By Michel Embry
Staff Writer

While your turkeys were in the oven this Thanksgiving season, choirs from across the United States were gearing up for Disneyland's 60th annual Candlelight Processional.

This holiday extravaganza is a musical retelling of the story of "The First Christmas" through song and scripture, and features a mass choir as the centerpiece of the show.

The candlelight processional has a rich history and tradition that dates back to 1958 at the Disneyland Resort.

The Candlelight Ceremony and Processional is traditionally performed under the stars on Main Street, U.S.A. in Disneyland.

With 25 to 30 choirs participating each year, the processional features members walking through Main Street with candles in hand singing Christmas tunes until they arrive at the train station for the main event.

The Disneyland Symphony

Orchestra, fanfare trumpets, hand bell ringers, and a guest celebrity narrator will join the mass choir in this joyous holiday tradition.

The best seats for the processional are those the theme park sets up for invited guests, V.I.P. guests, and club 33 members, so if you're thinking about getting there super early for a good view, don't plan on it.

There are no exclusive or secret ways into becoming an invited guest, so if you aren't one already, the chances are you will never be.

Because of the lack of

seating, Disney does not heavily publicize the event.

There are generally no postings on the park's blogs, social media sites, or anywhere really until AFTER this event.

Your best bet for the show dates, which are Dec. 2 and 3, is to show up at around 2 p.m. at Main Street.

The closest you'll be able to get is a little behind the Christmas tree, which are still good seats if you're planning on taking photos.

There are two showings that night: 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Many individuals who leave after the 6 p.m. show make room available for the 8 p.m., so even if you come at the tail end of the first show, you should be able to squeeze your way into a better position.

One word of warning though, the candlelight processional is held on two very busy nights of the week and Christmas season.

So the happy-go-lucky crowd you encountered upon your arrival will likely digress into an angry mob with pitchforks by the time the show actually begins.

If you should happen to be vacationing in the parks, I would not suggest this event as a wise or efficient use of your time.

Moreover, if you plan to visit the parks on both showdays, please be sure to avoid the front of the park at all costs, as moving people out of town square quickly is nearly impossible.

If you are interested in attending the Candlelight Processional at Disneyland but not camping out for hours in order to view it, the processional makes its way down the Disney parade route.

The guests who do arrive early, will be serenaded by the members of the mass choir dressed in gold choir robes and other arraignments singing Christmas carols known to all as they make their way to ...

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New TV Series Coming to Amazon

By Isaac Cardenas
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On Nov. 3, the big-media juggernaut Amazon announced that they had acquired the TV rights to The Lord of the Rings book series. Amazon Studios have released their own original programming since 2015 but have yet to envision a TV project so expansive in scope.

The announcement was made only a few weeks after reports that Amazon had entered early negotiations with Warner Bros and the Tolkien Estate, which hold the rights to the franchise.

The Lord of the Rings is not only an iconic staple of contemporary literature, but the series became a cultural phenomenon when director Peter Jackson brought the books to the big screen in the early 2000s with tremendous success.

"The Lord of the Rings is a cultural phenomenon that has

captured the imagination of generations of fans through literature and the big screen," said Sharon Tal Yguado, Head of Scripted Series, Amazon Studios. "We are honored to be working with the Tolkien Estate and Trust, HarperCollins and New Line on this exciting collaboration for television and are thrilled to be taking The Lord of the Rings fans on a new epic journey in Middle Earth."

Amazon also shared that they have ordered not one but multiple seasons of the series all set in the world of the franchise, suggesting that the series will expand on the films and will explore new territories of Tolkien's universe.

However, the project is still very much kept secret. There is no director or writers yet announced for the TV series. The only thing that is known is the TV series will take place before the book, The Fellowship Of the Ring.

Director Peter Jackson, who helmed the original trilogy, is not

involved in this series so the creative talent will be entirely new.

The show is reported to be the most expensive television show ever made. The Tolkien estate had approached both HBO and Netflix, but Amazon outbid them both with global rights being somewhere around 250 million. That is also excluding cost for the initial production of the TV series, which has not

started yet.

The news that Amazon is developing a big series like The Lord of the Rings is not altogether surprising. CEO of Amazon Jeff Bezos has been on record as wanting to find a hit series that can compete with HBO.

Amazon Studios have released TV series since 2015 with huge critical acclaim like Transparent, but have yet to helm

a show that has been extremely popular with the masses such as HBO's Game of Thrones and Netflix's Stranger Things.

The Lord of the Rings film series that was released in the early 2000s was a top-rated franchise. Not only were the films huge box office hits, but also critically acclaimed. The Return of the Ring won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2003, which was the first and only time a fantasy film has won the Oscar.

With Peter Jackson's three films already inciting much critical acclaim, some people might ask why they would adapt the books yet again. However, with popular franchise sequels like Star Wars and Jurassic Park, there is still a sizable audience wanting to revisit these worlds.

The acquisition of The Lord of the Rings series is yet another sign of Amazon's dominance not only in the business world, but in the entertainment industry as well.



The films released in the 2000's were a culture phenomenon.

Five Amazing Holiday Drinks

By Hanna Gruntz
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'Tis the season, so string up your Christmas lights, spin that Dreidel, and start baking your loved ones' favorite holiday treats in the kitchen. Now while you're getting into the spirit, I have a few helpful drinks that will make your holidays less stressful.

These five ho-ho-holiday drinks will have your guests wondering if you have a secret bartender at your house because they are easy to make, but pack a punch.

Let me introduce to you my first holiday drink, the gold apple! This drink only requires one ounce dark spiced rum, a half ounce of butterscotch schnapps, and three ounces of sparkling apple cider.

You'll need to fill each low ball glass with ice and then pour one ounce of dark rum and a half ounce of the butterscotch schnapps. You will then fill a quarter of the glass with sparkling apple cider, then ta-da! Garnish with a red apple slice and cinnamon stick and enjoy your adult amped up apple cider.

Counting down to number four on my list, is a vanilla cran-

berry mimosa. For this delicious beverage, you'll only need 1.5 ounces of vanilla-flavored vodka and 1.5 ounces of cranberry juice sparkling wine. Or if you would like a stronger kick, use your choice of Prosecco and OceanSpray Cranberry Cocktail juice, one-fourth cups each.

Simply using a cocktail shaker, combine the vanilla vodka, cranberry juice sparkling wine (prosecco and one-fourth cup of cranberry juice) and shake it like a salt shaker. Pour into a champagne flute and garnish with fresh cranberries to have your guests thinking they are sipping on a mistletoe full of magic.

Number three is one your Uncle Joe is going to enjoy the most: a pumpkin old fashion. Now old fashions are usually my drink of choice--a smooth finish while getting to the point. Although, these pumpkin old fashions are a tad bit sweeter, so your guests may flock to them more. You will need 1.5 ounces of Bailey's Pumpkin Spice Irish liqueur and 0.75 ounces of Bourbon—but I use Bulleit Rye Whiskey.

Shake both of those liquors with ice in a cocktail shaker, and pour over one giant ice cube in a small glass. For your garnish, sprinkle cinnamon and add a cin-

namon stick on the edge of the glass. Pumpkin-flavored drinks are acceptable until New Years in any holiday handbook in my opinion.

Getting down to the top two, the second refreshment is going to be a peppermint White Russian. A normal White Russian includes 1.5 ounces of your choice of Vodka, one ounce of Kailua, two ounces of heavy cream, and last but not least for the twist, one ounce of peppermint Rumchata. Pour all of these ingredients into a glass over ice, stir gently and for garnish use crushed up peppermint mints! Let the candy cane obsession commence!

Finally, the time has come to introduce the show stopper at your holiday parties this year. The number one drink on my naughty or nice list this year is the slow cooker mulled wine. This lovely beverage requires some time to create, so plan accordingly! You will need one bottle of red wine (Merlot or Cabernet Sauvignon), two cups of apple cider, one-fourth cup of honey, one orange tested and juiced, five whole cloves, 1.4 cup of brandy, and two cinnamon sticks.

Start by adding the wine, apple cider, honey, orange zest



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If alcohol is not for you, another option is sparkling cider.

and orange juice into your slow cooker and stir together with a wooden spoon. Follow by adding the cloves and cinnamon, then leaving the cooker on low for 30-45 minutes. Next, you will stir in your brandy and to your satis-

faction, enjoy! Ladle into a glass mug and garnish with an orange slice and cinnamon stick.

This warm holiday drink is going to have every one nestled up by the fireplace embracing the holiday spirit. Enjoy!

Best Original Christmas Songs

By Lauren Jennings
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Now that the turkey has been carved and the pumpkin pie cut, the time to listen to Christmas music has arrived.

Of course, there are the classics like "Baby It's Cold Outside", "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", "Jingle Bells" and "Winter Wonderland".

These songs have come a long way since they first debuted,

being covered and redone by just about every artist who has produced a Christmas album. They have been remastered, revamped and remixed to have the new artists' own flair show through the original styling of the song.

Instead of focusing on songs that cover versions of the classics, let's look at some original tunes that have become holiday staples.

"All I Want for Christmas is You," by Mariah Carey is probably one of the most well known

and most played, even overplayed, of the original Christmas songs.

It is very catchy as it tells a story of love at Christmas time. Carey's feelings of love outweigh any gift that could be left under the tree as she is willing to give up snow and seeing Santa for her one and only.

Since Christmas is associated with so much happiness and love, it only makes sense that this song would be such a big hit, even if it was released in 1994.

Another immensely popular song that is usually overplayed is "Last Christmas" by Wham!.

It has the romance that Carey sings about, but it takes a sad turn.

Lead singer George Micheal sings of a broken heart at Christmas time after a past love broke his heart the year before.

It has the standard Wham! '80s vibe to it instead of the usual bells and chimes associated with holiday music. Even still, it has become a favorite for radio stations and intercoms in department stores everywhere.

"It Could Happen Again," by Collin Raye is a song many have likely not heard of, but it tells the true and touching story

of the Christmas Truce of 1914.

It speaks of peace in a time of war brought on by the celebration of Christmas between enemies. The Christmas Truce saw enemies become acquaintances as they exchanged words, food and gifts of sorts.

Another song with a similar theme of peace during a time of war is John Lennon's "Happy Xmas (War is Over)". However, instead of peace within the military itself, Lennon sung in protest of the Vietnam War.

Lennon's song was a peaceful protest of the war during a time when peace was a hot topic. The holiday season is heavily associated with goodwill and forgiveness, making this song a timeless favorite.

"Present Without a Bow" by Kacey Musgraves is a duet released in 2016. Leon Bridges joins Musgraves to sing about love and how the holidays would not be the same without that special person.

It touches on spending time with loved ones and slowing down to enjoy the season instead of running around frantically. It also compares not being with the special someone to a more dismal and bleak Christmas.

Sia's "Candy Cane Lane" also talks about spending time with friends and enjoying the holidays.

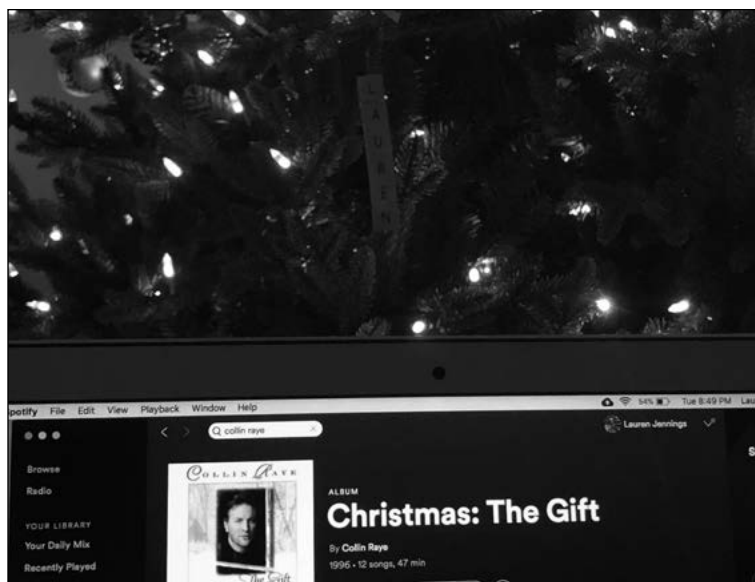
She mentions visiting with Rudolph, eating candy canes, and the bright colors of Christmas, which brings back memories of classic Christmas songs while putting a fresh and modern spin on them.

The last song on the list is "You Make it Feel Like Christmas" by Gwen Stefani and featuring Blake Shelton. The song focuses on being thankful for a new love entering your life.

This new love Stefani and Shelton sing about reminds them of the giddy feelings of Christmas and the happiness of the holiday season. They mention festive treats and sleigh bells, sharing familiar themes with songs from many years before.

Of course, not everyone will agree with these choices, but these are just some recommendations to get in the holiday spirit.

With finals coming up and last minute shopping in the near future, listening to some festive music could be just the thing to help melt some of that stress away.



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Collin Raye's song that features the Christmas Truce of 1914.

Advice For Zodiac Signs In 2018

By Ashley Casillas
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♈ Aries: As the headstrong and fiery first sign of the zodiac, it comes as no surprise that 2018 will bring a significant amount of successes that you have been actively cultivating for a while now. But be aware of your impatience. You know better than anyone else that a single mood swing from an Aries is a very powerful blow that could potentially end up burning some bridges this year.

♉ Taurus: Ever reliable earth sign, this upcoming year is teeming with opportunities to make big changes in your work and school life. Take the energy and abundance you will receive in January and put it towards becoming more organized and tactful.

♊ Gemini: Use your keen sense of adaptation quickly this year, air sign. Changes from the end of 2017 will truly integrate themselves into your life in 2018, meaning this could be sink or

swim for you. Do not be afraid of embracing and exploring your duality this year.

♋ Cancer: Hard-shelled and tenacious Cancer, let your defenses lower for those who care about you; allowing yourself to love and be loved can open your eyes to new perspectives as you continue growing your personal repertoire. The second half of the coming year may challenge you in familial aspects, so be wary of your loyalty blinding you from seeing the truth of situations.

♌ Leo: Keep your passions in check. As a vibrant sun sign, your energies might get overwhelming and you could end up neglecting some of your relationships. Be sure to focus on balance and awareness of your surroundings.

♍ Virgo: Don't be afraid to be a little selfish and lay low. Your loving earthy qualities make it easy for you to pour your energies into other people, however, you must make yourself a priority in 2018. Find the spark

of inspiration you so desperately want to motivate in others in yourself.

♎ Libra: Air-aligned Libra, you must learn to let go of a grudge or regret you hold from your past. The middle of this upcoming year will require you to be a role model of some sort; do not allow your self-pity to rule the energies you are to put out.

♏ Scorpio: A mysterious water sign like you, dear Scorpio, is no stranger to using intuition as a key to keeping your relationships in tact. Use your heightened senses to understand that you can trust those closer to you. The beginning of 2018 will truly put your mind to the test with conflict in romantic and academic affairs.

♐ Sagittarius: Curious air sign, the growth and achievements you made in 2017 will continue to flourish, but know your limits. Do not be afraid to admit you are in over your head, and ask for help when necessary. Business and career goals are optimal for you once realizing this

during the last half of 2018.

♑ Capricorn: Horned and determined, you must learn to live in the moment. Though you have made many advances and realized a lot about yourself this past year, make 2018 the time you enjoy the little things and allow the concerns of the future to humble themselves in favor of the things you deem important; family, art, and travel await you.

♒ Aquarius: Penultimate air sign, you are known for being aloof and a bit of a humanitarian. Learn to become passionate. The

early months of 2018 hold many of your highest highs and lowest lows, so you must learn to fight the urge to stay neutral and silent to protect yourself from negative energies.

♓ Pisces: 2018 is very choppy for you, water aligned Pisces. 2018 is a golden year for you to cut off ties from your safe space and fly free in uncharted territory. You will quickly learn your true and ultimate self if you become comfortable with being more independent. 2018 is perfect for travel, career change, and new business ventures.

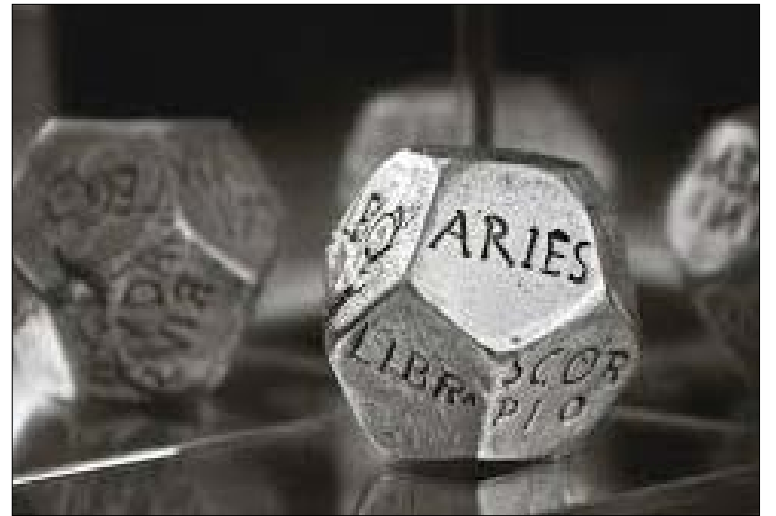


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Humor, Drama and Magic in The Tempest

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They are Stephano, the drunken butler, and Trinculo, a jester, who add the dash of humor in the tale and are portrayed by Swamantha Hall and Kevin Dallas, respectively.

One of the members of the audience, Julie Diamond, first heard about the play from her friend who is a student on campus.

"I loved the story. It kept me on my toes from beginning to end. The actors that were involved, did such a good job," said Diamond.

William Shakespeare was an English poet and playwright who is widely regarded as one of the greatest dramatic writers in history.

He wrote *The Tempest* between 1610 and 1611, and is said to be the last play that he wrote alone.

"I liked the design of the poster and the quote. That kind of convinced me to see the play," shared Diamond.

The pamphlet that the Theater Arts department provided before start of *The Tempest* draws people into a state of mystery and intrigue.

The front page of the pamphlet has an incredible art design and a well-chosen quote from the



The *Tempest* tells the story of a royal family on a mysterious island that is ruled by Prospero (Isaiah Dodo-Williams).

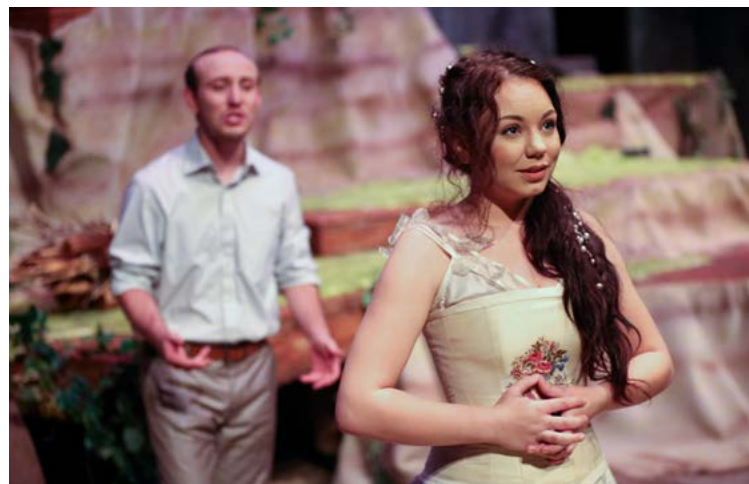


Stephen Diaz portrays the slave, Caliban.

script, spoken by the character of Ferdinand: "Hell is empty and all the devils are here."

"The special effects, light-

ing, and design of the set were well thought out to the last detail. Whenever Prospero would use his magic, the production crew



The *Tempest*'s daughter Miranda (Shannon Ricciardi).

made it come alive before my eyes. I enjoyed that a lot," said Diamond.

Throughout the live production, there would be brief moments of singing and lighting effects that kept the audience captivated.

"It was a bit hard to hear what they were trying to say since they used Shakespeare's language, but I did end up getting the plot in the end. It all tied

together," shared Diamond.

What also gave her an understanding of the tale was the synopsis that was provided by the director in the last page of the pamphlet.

With the effort that the crew and students placed in the production, it was obvious to see how much passion was invested in bringing Shakespeare's story to life for CSUSB and the community.



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The *Tempest*'s royal family and Prospero.

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New Year, New Me: Resolutions

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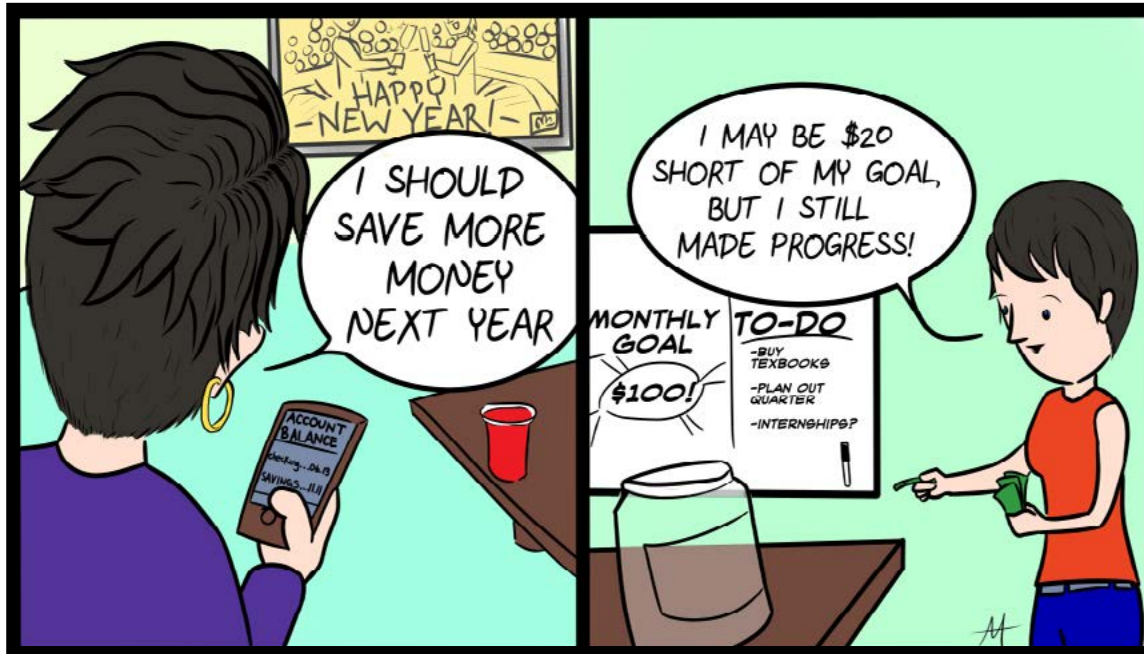
As the new year approaches, it's that time where everyone is deciding on what their New Year resolutions should be.

The anticipation of the New Year is something to look forward to, we countdown and the countdown until it has come then we start another countdown. People are constantly wanting that point to start over and set a goal. Their end of the beginning.

It seems as though we set these goals over and over because we know we can always restart.

Some of the top resolutions often heard are losing weight or saving money. The dedication for the month of January is there but tends to fade as the months go by.

"It is a fresh start for the new year, new me is a thing people think if you start a year off good it will end good," said Melissa Avila, a CSUSB fourth year student. It takes about two months to establish a habit; most



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of us don't make it that far.

"People choose the New Year to change their ways because bad habits are hard to snap out of so people like to enjoy the last days of their bad habits and prepare themselves for better ones," said Mariah Mitchell, a CSUSB fourth year student.

It seems as though making a New Year's resolution is an

excuse to hold off on making a change.

Life comes around and takes over and people lose track of their resolution as days go by. If we make it a habit within the first two months, we can make it a positive life change.

"I actually stuck with my New Year's resolution for 2017 for three months and I loved the

changes I made with myself," admitted Brenda Urrutia, a CSUSB fourth year student.

The idea of having a new beginning and start is appealing to people. The first step is to create a list of resolutions for yourself. Once you have them written down, it becomes more and more of a reality.

We celebrate New Year's

just to have a relief for all the bad that has happened and celebrate the good that has occurred.

"I tend to take care of everyone around me and forget to look out for myself," said Noelly Garcia, a recent graduate.

A lot of the time we become wrapped up in other people's lives and forget about self-care.

As the New Year approaches, it's important to reflect and make changes to improve. Even if the change isn't drastic, it goes a long way for people just to contemplate their goals.

Saying something out loud allows people to believe in the resolution. People tend to use the New Year as their stepping-stone since everyone else is. They feel more confident when joined by others with the same goal.

Just because your resolution is not fully met doesn't mean you didn't make a change.

"The most important thing is to make the New Year better than the last one," said Deyssi Murillo, CSUSB student.

Being single during the holidays

By Daniel Banks
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In a perfect world, I would be with my dream girl. She is five-foot three-inches and curvy, has sense of humor, is loyal and kind, and I would be figuring out what gift I should get her for the holidays. However, I wake up from my dream and reality sets in that I do not have my dream girl. It makes me wonder why it hasn't happened yet. What is the problem?

With the holiday season in full effect, the pressure of being single during this time is on another level.

During Thanksgiving and Christmas, it is supposed to be a joyous occasion where family and friends come together as one to embrace each other. However, there is one thing about the holidays that can be very annoying, and someone who is single can relate.

Having someone special to spend the holidays with is something that I've never experienced before.

Seeing my friend John buy his girlfriend a diamond necklace is something that I've been envious of. He was discussing with me the gift that he bought and how it costed a lot of money.

"Being in a relationship isn't what everyone makes it seem. The necklace that I bought cost me over 500 dollars and it put a dent in my wallet," he said.

For years, the media has brainwashed people with these ideologies of how a successful relationship should be because it brings more money to the consumer. The more people buy, the more money these companies gross.

There is a constant reminder of being single whenever romance movies are being played during Christmas and the typical love songs that take over the airwaves on the radio every day. Without a doubt, it can bring back thoughts and feelings that I've tried to suppress and forget about.

The most dreadful thing that my family members, particularly my grandmother, ask me daily is, "when are you going to bring a

girl home and start having kids?" At 25 years-old and still trying to get my life together, it doesn't help when my family brings up that topic as if I'm running out of time. There is huge difference between Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's compared to other holidays throughout the year.

If you don't have a significant other on the Fourth of July, it's not really a big deal because you will have family around you to fill that void. But Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's is another story. It's the time of year when someone brings home their boyfriend or girlfriend to meet the family and getting a kiss when the clock strikes midnight to bring in the New Year.

Each year as I get older, I wonder if I will ever find the one that's right for me. The feeling of being alone and seeing other people happy in their relationship is very unsettling. Will my time come soon? Will I have a girl to bring home for the holidays next year to meet my family? I'm still optimistic that my time will come eventually.



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