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# About Sea Turtles in Puerto Vallarta

By: Lianna Bernal

Puerto Vallarta is known for sunny skies and beautiful beaches, but out of everything you can do here, sea turtle releasing is definitely an unforgettable experience.

Sea turtle season is roughly from July to December. During this time, female sea turtles come back to the same beaches across the Bay of Banderas 10-20 years later to lay their eggs. The most common turtle species found on Puerto Vallarta beaches is the Olive Ridley, named this way because of their dark green color.

When the eggs hatch and rise to the surface, the newborns make their way to the shore at sunset and are most active around midnight. This is because the sand is cool and their predators are usually asleep.

Predators aren't the only danger for sea turtles. They often get poached and stepped on by people, or run over by ATV's. Poaching is the illegal trafficking and killing of wildlife, and it's one of the main reasons why only 5% of sea turtles will reach adulthood. This is why the Sea Turtle Protection Program urges anyone to contact the Patrulla Verde (Green Patrol) in order for the eggs to get transferred to a conservation camp where they can hatch safely and be let back into the wild.

If you are interested in adopting a sea turtle and being a part of their babies' release once they hatch, you can! This pretty much means you would be purchasing a sea turtle to help with funds for the camp. They are available for around \$500 MXN pesos, and all the money goes directly to the camps for things such as materials, flashlights, gasoline for the 4-wheelers, etc.

If you don't want to adopt a sea turtle, there are other ways to contribute to the project. You can volunteer and work on relocating nests to a safer place, supervise and experience the hatching of sea turtles, watch them get ready to leave their nests, and safely release them into the ocean. You would practically have front row tickets to experiencing the beginning of a baby sea turtle's life. This is also a way to ensure they safely go into the water and hopefully one day, not be an endangered animal.

Where can you volunteer you might ask? There could be a camp near you, and you don't even know it! Here, in Puerto Vallarta, you have a variety to choose from and can pick the one most suitable for you:

1. Boca de Tomates Sea Turtle Camp
2. CasaMagna Marriott Puerto Vallarta Turtle Release
3. Mayto Turtle Sanctuary
4. Turtle Release Nuevo Vallarta Sanctuary



# Renuncia Santiago Nieto después de escándalo de boda

Por: Joel Manzano

El pasado 8 de noviembre, el ahora extitular de la Unidad de Inteligencia Financiera (UIF) Santiago Nieto, dejó su puesto como encargado, y fue reemplazado por Pablo Gómez Álvarez por orden de la Presidencia de la República. Estos eventos tuvieron lugar a causa de la boda de Nieto y Carla Humphrey –la actual consejera del INE– en Antigua, Guatemala.

Esta boda se colocó en el ojo del huracán después de un incidente con Paola Félix, cuando la exsecretaria de Turismo de la Ciudad de México fue descubierta con grandes cantidades de dinero en un avión rentado por el directivo del periódico el Universal, periódico el cual critica fuertemente a AMLO. “Querido @dariocelise el periodismo serio exige veracidad. Le mentiste a la gente: ni quise introducir dinero ilegal, ni el dinero era mío, ni me detuvieron. Aquí la verdad. No sé a qué intereses sirven!!” twitteó, Félix en respuesta a una fotografía de Darío Liceo - columnista de El Financiero.-

Nieto tomó cargo de la UIF en el 2018, durante la administración de AMLO. Teniendo una licenciatura de Derecho de la Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro y un Doctorado en Derecho de la UNAM, Nieto tenía promesa de ser un buen representante para semejante puesto.

Este caso comenzó a verse en redes después de la declaración de Nieto en el periódico Reforma sobre el exdirector de PEMEX, Emilio Lozoya, el cual fue presionado para declararse inocente en el caso de sobornos por la empresa Odebrecht. Tras asumir control de la Fiscalía Especializada en Delitos Electorales (FEPADE) en el 2015,

Nieto investigó a los exgobernantes de Veracruz y Chihuahua, César y Javier Duarte y otros altos mandos de la SEGOB. En octubre de 2017, el entonces encargado de la Procuraduría General de la República (PGR), Alberto Elías Beltrán, le exige a Nieto su renuncia después de calificar sus acciones como conductas transgresoras. Después de una semana él argumentó su despido y permaneció una semana más, a la que después dejó por presión del gobierno de Enrique Peña Nieto.

En retrospectiva, es irónica la actual situación de esta polémica, la cual resultó con la renuncia de Nieto, quien se consideraba tener una relación muy cercana y estrecha con Andrés Manuel López Obrador. En una conferencia matutina, Obrador expresó cómo perdió la confianza total de este funcionario que en su momento él tenía de relación cercana en su entorno presidencial. La verdadera razón, creo yo por la renuncia de Nieto se centra más en el sentimiento de vergüenza e hipocresía al ir completamente en contra de los ideales que persigue Andrés Manuel, esto con el hecho de que él es el jefe de la unidad de inteligencia financiera, encargada de detectar anomalías en actividades económicas de varias entidades y aun así, su boda no fue nada austera.





# Ethiopian Civil War

By: Valeria Ortega

It's been over a year of uncountable death and nearly two million people displaced from their homes since the civil war erupted in Ethiopia. The prime minister, Abiy Ahmed, drastically changed everything when he decided to begin a military campaign in the Tigray region, which sparked a rebellion that is now in motion against the capitol, putting Ethiopia at risk of collapsing.

Tigray People's Liberation Front and its allies are moving south towards the capital, Addis Ababa. In October 2021, the rebels captured two main towns on the highway straight to the capital, to which the prime minister responded with an invitation to his citizens to rise in arms and block them.

As this conflict started, the UN also announced possible war crimes being committed in the Tigray region. One of which was the government air strike on Mekelle (the capital) and other residential cities located in the Tigray region. The United Nations carried out interviews with more than 269 victims and witnesses of such violations. "The joint investigation team has covered numerous violations and abuses including unlawful killings and extrajudicial executions, torture, sexual and gender-based violence, violations against refugees and forced displacement of civilians," Michelle Bachelet, the UN high commissioner for human rights, said. This included a family of four killed when their house was bombarded and a man attacked with machetes, shot in the back, and thrown in the fire by a Trigray young group.

On another note, foreign governments and the UN have expressed concern about the situation and how fast it is deteriorating. According to Bachelet, the UN's main concern at the moment is the possibility that the violence may increase causing "a lot of bloodsheds and with a lot more pain and suffering." While, according to CNN, "US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Monday said Washington was alarmed over reports that Tigrayan forces had taken over the two towns, and urged all parties to begin ceasefire negotiations." It's also mentioned that Ethiopia could lose access to the US Trade Program due to the human rights violation.

Ethiopia's civil war has been going on for a little more than a year. As time passes, more lives are lost, more damage is done, and the bloodshed is not close to ending. The rebellion is not backing down nor is the government, but the citizens shouldn't be paying for this dispute. They shouldn't be losing friends and families, and we should focus on helping them.



# Drugs Legalization

By: Valeria Alcocer

The world's view is changing, the approach towards drugs has adapted significantly over the years. The main question still remains. Should all drugs be legalized? In the U.S Medical marijuana is now legal in more than half of the country. The states who took even more drastic measures when it comes to the legalization of drugs were Washington and San Francisco (Okland), decriminalizing psilocybin (psychedelic element in "magic mushrooms"); Oregon went one step further, decriminalizing all hard drugs in small quantities, including methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine. For years, the state has ranked near the top states with highest rates of drugs and alcohol addiction and low access to recovery services. From this radical measure, they expect savings from the reduction in arrests and incarceration, and there are plans for redirecting tax revenues from the state's pot industry (worth \$110.5 million) to fund addiction treatment services. "What we've been doing for the last number of decades has completely failed," stated Mike Schmidt, the district attorney, referring to how criminalization keeps people from seeking out help instead of an open healthy environment. Another country that has created legal measures for implementing new drug policies has been Mexico, where cannabis became legal for private-recreational use in June 2021.

Now what does drug decriminalization mean? This new drug regulation would eliminate criminal penalties for low-level drug sales, drug use and possession, and possession of equipment to introduce drugs into the human body (syringes). Criminalization prevents access to a much-needed evidence, harm reduction, and culturally responsive treatment, creating a double standard and showing how prohibition only perpetuates ignorance and lack of solutions. A common concern regarding the decriminalization of drugs is the increase in drug dependency or crime. The answer is no. A perfect example of a renewed system would be Portugal, decriminalizing drug possession back in 2001, and more than a decade later, drug use has remained stable. On the other hand, drug-related incarceration, arrests, disease, and overdose have gotten down, making Portugal's drug use rates remain below the European average and so far lower than the rates the U.S. presents. Decriminalization works but only few countries are taking the next step, such as Czechia, the Netherlands, and Switzerland who have decriminalized drug use and possession for personal use, and have also invested in harm reduction programs.





To have a better understanding of drugs' impact on the human body and therefore on the user, there's a controlled-drug classification, intended to reflect the harm associated with specific substances, and the classes are based on the recommendations of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (non-departmental public body in charge of recommending measures of control over harmful drugs). This classification also determines the penalties that are available to court when sentencing. Class A drugs (heroin, methadone, cocaine, ecstasy, crystal meth) are considered the most harmful, carrying also the harshest penalties. Class B (amphetamines, barbiturates, cannabis, dihydrocodeine) is considered by Parliament to be less harmful than classification A, and can be reclassified if used in the form of injection (amphetamines, dihydrocodeine, codeine). Class C (benzodiazepines, steroids, subutex) is conformed from the considered "controlled drugs". TCDO (Temporary Class Drug Orders) is the group of drugs that haven't been classified yet. This is crucial information for a government to have when it comes to legislation legalisation. The argument of "decriminalizing" provided does not claim that drugs should be approved without any regulation, quite the contrary, proposing a reconstruction of the system both legal and social, should comprehend sustainable health programs and legislations to ensure the welfare of the community involved.

By looking at the facts, it is safe to say that removing criminal penalties for drug possession would be beneficial when it comes to saving money by reducing jail costs and population size, prioritizing of health and safety over punishment for drug users, lessening the stigma surrounding drug use, motivating problematic drug users to come forward and seek medical help, and removing barriers to evidence-based harm reduction practices. According to the Drug Policy Alliance, "Decriminalization – is needed for people experiencing problematic drug use to seek help without any fear of arrest."



# The Controversy Surrounding Thanksgiving

By: Sebastian Guth

For many people, Thanksgiving is a positive holiday to spend time with family, eat delicious food, and be grateful for what you have. For others, the traditional celebration is immensely controversial, and they prefer not to celebrate it. But what really happened back in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621?

To begin with, in England in 1620, a small ship named the Mayflower set sail. Their destination was a “New World” where the 102 passengers were looking to start their life from zero with their own freedom and the ability to practice their faith. The journey throughout the Atlantic Ocean lasted a total of sixty-six days and ended at Cape Cod, which was much farther north than they intended. Thirty days later and heading south, they arrived at what seemed to be the perfect place to start their own colony, Plymouth.

Thanksgiving started when the pilgrims and their Native American neighbours signed a mutual protection treaty. The upcoming spring, the pilgrims invited some natives to celebrate the new harvest since they had shown them how to grow crops in their home land. They taught them how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers, and avoid poisonous plants. Ninety men from the Wampanoag tribe and the fifty or so surviving Mayflower passengers were the ones who attended. The celebration lasted for about three days, and the food that was served included corn, deer, and fowl. The dishes were prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods.



However, the peace treaty they had established was ruptured after Metacomet, the previous Native American ruler's son, known to the English as King Phillip, took over the leadership. Some of his men were executed for killing English colonists. This made him furious and led him to start a series of raids. The New England Confederation of Colonies declared war in 1675. The war was devastating for both sides: their men killed and their towns burned to the ground. Metacomet was eventually killed when he wandered into New York in order to search for allies. There he was shot and dismembered. The Colonists used his decapitated head and placed it on a stick that was displayed in Plymouth for 25 years.

In 1789, George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation by the national government. It invited Americans to express their gratitude for the successful ratification of the U.S. Constitution, but Thanksgiving didn't become a national holiday until Abraham Lincoln established a proclamation wanting all Americans to ask God to "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation." On the last Thursday of November every year, families gather and organize dinners where their relatives and close friends are invited.

Nowadays, people seem to avoid talking about the controversy, but it is something we need to face and analyze so we manage to learn from it. Thanksgiving might be known for bringing people together and being grateful for what you have, but remember, that is not the full story of what really happened in Plymouth back in 1621.

The traditional Thanksgiving we've known our whole lives is starting to shift into a new direction. People are starting to honor the Native Americans in the national holiday by learning about their history and traditions. Families have now started to incorporate Native American dishes in the dinner table. Examples of how to decolonize your dinner are by serving quinoa, wild rice, heavily roasted squash, a wild bird, and maybe some roasted wild deer or elk. These foods have been used by natives through generations and really expand the choices of food, but most importantly, it honors the Native Americans and their traditions.





# Clean Renewable Energy

By: Jaden Shirley

Climate change over the past few decades has been a real problem that not many people have paid attention to. Millions of people around the world believe it is not real, and even the former president of the United States, Donald Trump, stated that he did not believe in climate change. There is no doubt that climate change is real, and everyone must take action against it if they want to save the planet. In order to combat this problem, we must change to renewable energy.

Renewable energy is energy that has been taken from the planet's natural resources, resources that do not run out, such as sunlight and wind. This tends to be less harmful to the environment due to the fact that it does not rely on limited fossil fuels that we have to dig up in order to process. The problem with fossil fuels today is that when people use them in places such as factories, it goes into the air, creates pollution, and heats up the Earth, which affects climate change in a significant way. There are many types of renewable energy: solar, wind, hydroelectric, biomass, and many more.

When it comes to solar energy, although it reduces the carbon footprint that humans produce, there are also many uses that can benefit the public. With solar power, electricity can be created using solar panels and the sun's energy. According to EnergySage, over a 7- 20 year period of using solar panels, the average American can save anywhere from \$10,000 to \$30,000 on electricity. Other benefits of using solar energy include a pollution-free environment, clean power that is available even on cloudy days, no greenhouse gases emitted, and no maintenance is required due to the fact that a solar panel can endure up to 30 years.

Other types of renewable energy include wind, which is a form of solar energy that

generates electricity with the use of wind turbines and windmills. Wind turbines use their blades to collect kinetic energy which is created by the force of the wind, creating clean energy and power for thousands of people. The downside towards wind energy is that if no wind is being produced in the atmosphere, the wind turbines will not spin, meaning that no clean electricity will be created. Although this may be the main downside towards it, there are many advantages in having a wind turbine to provide clean renewable energy. According to Energy.gov, the usage of wind power as an energy source is cost effective, at a price of 1-2 cents per kilowatt of energy every hour. It also creates jobs for hundreds of thousands of people and it is a clean fuel source that does not contaminate the air due to the fact that they do not produce harmful emissions such as carbon dioxide.

In conclusion, there are many forms of renewable energy that can be used to fight against climate change. From solar panels to wind turbines using clean energy can be very beneficial for the planet. It reduces the risk of environmental disasters, lowers the amount of fossil fuels being consumed, and limits the amount of emissions polluting the air. Using Earth's natural resources can provide a brighter and cleaner future for generations to come.





# STEM NHS Presents: The Traditions and the Future of Science and Innovation in Mexico

By: Makenna Brissette

Mexico's history is marked by several scientific achievements that have had a great influence across the country and the globe today.

To begin, the Olmec civilization, the earliest known major Mesoamerican group, invented the number zero. From this, Mayan mathematicians and astronomers perfected its use, for instance with its usage in the Mayan calendar, which was crucial for determining farming and harvest times, rainy seasons, celebrations, and many more critical roles that allowed society to develop.

Since then, science has come a long way, and a great amount of national research has had Mexico at the center. For example, with the research of Mayan, Olmec, and Aztec civilizations, or the exploration of the Chicxulub crater, an impact crater buried underneath the Yucatán Peninsula. The American Nobel Laureate Luis Álvarez first suggested in 1980 that an asteroid or comet impact was a major cause for the dinosaurs' extinction 66 million years ago, together with his son Walter Álvarez. The giant crash would have resulted in a period of prolonged cold weather, a hypothesized "impact winter," making photosynthesis impossible for plants or plankton, and thus effectively cutting off major food chains from the bottom level. The discovery in the 1990s of Chicxulub crater near Yucatan peninsula bolstered the Alvarez hypothesis, which is still discussed and widely regarded today.

Furthermore, Mexican scientists have made several significant contributions to international research. An early example from the field of chemistry is the 1801 discovery of the element vanadium by Andrés Manuel del Río, chair of chemistry and mineralogy at the Seminario de Minería that had been established in 1792 in what was then called 'New Spain'. One hundred years later, vanadium was used in steel alloys for the first time; Henry Ford applied these alloys to build the chassis of his famous Model T. Vanadium allowed for reduced weight while simultaneously increasing the tensile strength of steel.

Today it's still mainly used to reinforce steel, and vanadium pentoxide is a common catalyst to produce sulfuric acid. The Model T is an early example of the long-term and vital economic and scientific connections to the United States. Today, Mexico is the world largest exporter of flat-screen televisions, as well as the second largest electronics supplier to the US, notably with smartphones and tablets. The North American Free Trade Agreement, also known as NAFTA, established in 1994, has boosted close trade relations in the last twenty years.

Moreover, Mario J. Molina was the first Mexican to be awarded a scientific Nobel prize. In the 1970s, he described, together with his boss F. Sherwood Rowland, how chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) destroy the ozone layer in the stratosphere, thus weakening the Earth's protective shield against UV radiation. The two chemists found that CFCs released into the atmosphere do not decay until they reach the stratosphere, where they are destroyed by solar radiation. In this process, chlorine atoms are released that finally destroy ozone. They not

only published their findings, but also announced them outside of the scientific community to stop the further emission of CFCs.

Their warnings were taken seriously and the harmful substances were banned in the Montreal Protocol in the mid-1980s. This protocol, joined with the Vienna Convention two years earlier, is considered as “one of the most successful international treaties the world has seen”, by the Michigan Journal for International Law. For their findings, Molina, Rowland and Paul Josef Crutzen were awarded the 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. In recent years, Molina has been informing the public about the data and dangers of global warming with the same fervor as his fight against CFCs. He is one of the 76 Nobel Laureates to sign the Mainau Declaration 2015 on Climate Change that urges international governments to take decisive steps against global warming.

But as Octavio Paz wrote, “there are always two Mexicos, one developed, one underdeveloped, existing side by side.” And although the subjects have changed since 1950, this sadly still holds true. Mexico is generalized on a global scale, where world news outlets report more steadily on drug rings than technological advancements.

There are places where the two Mexicos meet, such as at the military-style checkpoint for Intel’s ‘Guadalajara Design Center’, Intel’s only research lab in Latin America. The jobs here are not about manufacturing, they’re about creating chips and apps for next-generation smartphones. In the city alone more than 120 million dollars have been invested in 300 start-ups from 2014-2018, with at least 25,000 engineers working there.

Many believe education can help to bridge this gap. The city’s previous mayor Enrique Alfaro said that only education and employment will break the vicious cycle of poverty, drugs and violence that remains underscored in Mexico’s history. In 2017, the new mayor created a plan that implemented school programs to encourage STEM training, and proposed a tech zone to improve municipal infrastructure for companies. Supporting his claim, the former president Enrique Peña Nieto had announced a new research agenda with increased spending for science and education in 2013.

Mexico's demographic favorability through the next decade, its focus on education to fully capitalize on the growing working and escalating digital accessibility, and its growing start-up business support mechanisms advocates the expanding Mexico's culture of innovation.

Increases in technology investment by the Mexican government, coupled with pro-private investment schemes, will encourage multinationals to view Mexico as a viable locale for centers focused on emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), and cybersecurity. Because of emerging technologies, traditional industries are reinventing themselves.

As Mexico continues to pursue scientific and technological inquiry, they are investing more into the future of society as a whole, the discoveries made now creating tidal waves of change in the future. By giving more access and attention to such subjects, the country comes closer to becoming a hub for innovation.

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# Virtual Gallery

By: Makenna Brissette

The art community of ASPV has diverged to focus on a variety of projects, with each class creating some amazing pieces of art!



In AP Art, Armando Uria from 11th grade designed a deeply sentimental piece. Speaking about the process, he said, "My aim for this project was to create an artwork that showed my perception of loneliness. The CD doesn't only represent music but it represents my mind and feelings. This disc is a way for me to express the inside of my mind by just showing the outside. The blue color and space inside the box create this feeling of emptiness and loneliness, as well as this cold feeling that the blue color portrays."

He continued on to speak of various different details and the thoughts behind each of them: "The Japanese kanji symbol has various meanings, which include loneliness, quiet, mellow, and mature. And the word written in blue means solitude. The reason I wrote them in Japanese is that the meaning is hidden. Writing feelings in another language allows me to understand the meaning behind the words while others cannot. My goal was to make a representation of how hard it is to understand something you haven't experienced, and for me, it's hard to understand other people's feelings... And finally the barbed wire. Barbed wire is used to avoid trespassing, in other words, it's a form of self-defense. Physical and social pain use common mechanisms in your brain, as both feel like a threat, so social pain leads to defensive behaviour when it's inflicted on you. When loneliness becomes chronic, your brain goes into self-preservation mode and starts to see danger and hostility everywhere."

One amazing art initiative was done by ASPV's 5th and 6th graders, who worked with the international foundation, PAME, an art and social movement that promotes causes such as ending childhood poverty in Mexico. The charity's mission is to give children a voice in philanthropy through the arts, empowering youth to help others in their community in an effort to create a 'values-based society.'

Miss Robinson says, "They have been working hard designing and creating superhero capes for other children in our community who are seriously unwell and have spent time in hospitals recently. The students have developed their sewing and applique skills in this project as well as coming up with thoughtful and creative designs that aim to comfort a child in need. Winners for the best capes will be announced soon!"





8th grade had the wonderful opportunity to fuse art and science fiction together, creating works inspired by the artist H. R. Giger. Born in 1940, the Swiss artist was best known for his airbrushed images that blended human portraits with machinery, the style becoming known as 'biomechanical.' Giger's style and thematic execution were quite influential, and he was part of the special effects team that won an Academy Award for Best Achievement in Visual Effects for the design work on the film Alien.



Sofia Moller



Brandon Harris



Sofia Silva



"In this Art project we made clay sculptures inspired by the artist HR Giger. We could either make a tile of a figure inspired by his unique alien design. Before beginning to use clay, we made sketches of our sculptures so this could guide us throughout the process. In these sketches we also included feedback from our classmates. The last step was to paint them and cover them with a coat of varnish. The result of this project was beautiful and creative alien clay sculptures."

- Quetzalli Moeller, 8th grade



"In this project I made a shark. I made a shark because it is one of my favorite animals. Sharks are always misunderstood, people think they are killers, but the truth is that they are loving and caring animals. I started this project by first making a pinch pot, then blending out the clay so it wouldn't crack when drying up. Next I added the fins, teeth and a little nemo fish inside the mouth of the shark. To finish, I did some texture and painted it. I loved this project because it was independent and you could create anything you wanted."

- Lalo Silva, 8th grade



The 9th grade students were able to learn about the Expressionist Art movement, which originated in Northern Europe in the beginning of the 20th century. Expressionist artists sought to represent an emotional experience rather than the physical reality surrounding us, usually distorting the present world in order to evoke certain emotions or ideas.

The class worked on developing their drawing and painting skills throughout the quarter, while taking inspiration from the movement. Each student chose an emotion they would aim to express, whether it be through facial expression, color choice, and the ability to use acrylic paint.



Josue Villanueva



Kenneth McGregor



Mariana Bonnin



Siena Morris

Speaking about their efforts, Miss Robinson says, “In this project the students have learnt how to use a grid to accurately copy a photograph, use colour theory to mix their own colour palettes and apply paint in a considered and purposeful way. It's been fantastic to see the 9th grade work so hard on this project and complete such high quality final outcomes. All paintings from the class will be the first Artwork to be exhibited in the new revolving STEM lab Art gallery space where they can be marvelled by everyone who visits!”

S E C C I Ó N L I T E R A R I A

# ALTER EGO

# Summer #1

By: Elijah Luna

Fire endeavors of summer  
fire endeavors of life  
joy me with your presence  
joy me with your sunlight  
let me celebrate my success  
let me celebrate my vigorous health.

Flowers of June  
flowers that bloom so soon  
ah, what beautiful life is  
it brings tears to my eyes  
my empathetic mood  
my empathetic love  
love me dear summer  
bless me with a song  
sing whispers into my ears  
no, let everyone hear  
the beautiful songs that you provide me  
during dawn.

Wake me up with kisses  
rest me in your lap  
lean me back and hug me.

Oh dear summer  
let me experience your passionate warmth  
your passionate heart  
let your embrace comfort me  
let your happiness spread within me.

Grant me wishes  
grant me your heart  
don't ever leave me  
never leave me alone.

Oh vigorous summer  
please live on  
don't leave me behind  
follow me for many miles.

Oh dear summer!  
I feel so lonely without you!  
I feel so cold without you!  
Promise me you won't leave!  
Oh dear summer  
stay with me.



## Allá muy lejos

Por: Valeria Alcocer

Allá muy lejos, hacia la distancia  
apenas se alcanzan a ver  
destellos  
de un paisaje hermoso;  
por él que campos de azucenas  
y destacan enormes cedros verdes.

En medio de tanta belleza  
se encuentra un profundo,  
pero cristalino estanque de lirios  
que con su cauce arrulla  
al cuervo con ojos de marfil.

## El cuevo toma agua

Por: Citlalli Nájera

El cuervo toma agua de un estanque  
que refleja el sol,  
como si fuera parte de sus corrientes,  
recuerda el aire del otoño,  
y el frío de noviembre.

Los lirios del jardín danzan ,  
con la luz de la noche,  
y las estrellas brillantes como el marfil  
ciegan mi mente.

Como los cedros enmarcan el paisaje  
y las azucenas el bello cielo  
que me genera un arrullo para dormir.  
Así es el paisaje que imagino,  
tan bello e inherente de la realidad  
antes de dormir.

## Siempre te amé

Por: Miranda Miotto

Siempre te amé:  
aquí en el campo, junto a ti,  
simplemente no podría ser más feliz.  
aun con paisajes rodeados de flores,  
con bellos sonidos y colores,  
tu sonrisa es lo único que veo,  
y estar siempre contigo es lo que más  
anhelo.

Volteo hacia el cielo color púrpura,  
y tus ojos color verde como una bella  
pintura.  
Aquellos que me ven con una mirada tan  
pura,  
tan espléndida y con tanta dulzura,  
como aquel sabor del vino,  
no hay cualquier cosa que sea más divina.

Te abrazo por un primer momento,  
tu perfume con olor a incienso,  
perdura como el sonido de las olas en la  
playa,  
y me sigue donde quiera que vaya,  
como nuestras sombras reflejadas en el  
campo,  
aquella noche de verano.

Yo sé que nunca te olvidaré,  
y me atrevo a decirte ahora,  
que siempre te amé.

# Entrar a su corazón Jardines

Por: Natalie Ríos

Entrar a su corazón  
como si fuese un campo lleno de flores,  
flores púrpuras que al tocarlas me llenan de  
valores.

Mis sombras van de flor en flor,  
ven todo en su interior,  
sentir cosas que nunca sentía antes,  
me llenan de esplendor.

Pasan varios días,  
y sigue el incienso prendido.  
Lo siento tan real, que pienso que alucino,  
como con una simple copita de vino.

## En el campo de flores

Por: Tristan Flores

En el campo de flores,  
bajo las sombras, del árbol matutino,  
mi amor junto a mí, con un vino color  
púrpura,  
el día oscurece, y la noche amanece,  
los momentos desvanecen,  
quedo sólo con el aroma del incienso,  
y el día que era tan especial, desaparece.

Por: Jaden Shirley

Jardines llenos de fruta,  
sé que es una manzana, sin duda,  
había aparecido la segunda,  
una manzana mediana.  
Vayamos a adornar la parte de afuera  
Cuando llegan las palomas en la primavera  
cuando tome leche en el banquete,  
observaré una paloma con el número siete.

## Calaverita para el amor

Por: María Dondé y Alessio Silva

El amor te enloquece,  
nunca es para siempre,  
pronto se adormece:  
se va con la calaca en noviembre

El amor te engaña,  
pronto desaparece,  
su muerte te daña  
como en un viernes trece.

# I, Icarus, Fell From the Sky

**Por: Ryan Santa Cruz**

It all started one day, my father Daedulus came.  
He told me he didn't want life to be the same.  
Trapped on Crete, imprisoned by the waves surrounding,  
A life like that, he felt as if he was drowning.

As his son, I too felt the same,  
A boy like me, how could I stay?  
I was young, wanted to explore life,  
Not trapped on an island, I wanted a wife.

A great mechanic my father was,  
He said he could help our cause.  
He told me about his new invention.  
A way to fly over the waves was his intention.

A pair of wings, feathered and made with wax,  
I got so excited, I couldn't seem to relax.  
Father's eyes look worried as he told me to try,  
He said to avoid constellations, he told me not to go too high.

I, the young and foolish boy I was, accepted the task,  
Sadly, I never took in mind that it could've been my last.  
I took off, headed to the sky,  
What a fun and exciting feeling it was to fly.

This excitement and greed took over me,  
I started flying towards the heavens, the place I wanted to be.  
Ignoring my fathers warings, the sun taught me a lesson.  
Wax melted off, I always blamed what happened on the invention.

Down I fell, through the clouds, into the dark sea,  
I shouted as my father tried to find me.

But, by the time he did, it was too late,  
Icarus, son of Daedulus, had met his fate.

Island named after me, a fathers tears the size of a lake,  
All this happened, all the pain, all that was to come, it was my mistake.  
I finally admitted as my soul drifted out of my body into the sky,  
It was all my fault, it was me who led myself to die.

# Floating Feathers

**Por: James Harris**

Fragrant wax melts,  
Distant body falls  
Shrieks and cries travel the sky  
As the boy disappears into the abyss  
Of the Icarian Sea.  
Tears fall to the orange ground,  
Sunset disappears beyond the horizon  
A broken voice hesitates to call for him  
Deep down he knows the dark blue ocean has consumed the little boy's body.  
Day by day  
The great inventor  
Crafts more and more guilt,  
He curses his inventions  
Overwhelming world spins  
And now begins his downward spiral  
He feels grief for his actions.  
As time goes on he lets go of his loss and fame  
His mourning has now humbled his heart.

# The Pain of a Mourning Father

Por: Josue Villanueva

I used to be a father  
But now I am nothing but regretful  
I always dedicated my whole life to my inventions  
But I never thought they would take my child away  
I once gave him long opulent wings, thinking he would obey  
But now I constantly visualize that terribly busy day  
If I could, without hesitation, I would revive that young gentle soul  
I would find another way to break free and not defy the king of Crete.  
I never thought that his pride would get the best of him and betray me  
But I might understand why Icarus flew too close to the shining nightmare that gives us life.  
I can't really explain what I felt seeing an angel fall just knowing that innocent life was extinguished  
But I can remember seeing an angler, a ploughman, and a shepherd looking up.  
I won't cry for the past because it's been too hurtful  
But I might reminisce at night how I killed my son with my eager decisions.  
I used to be a brilliant inventor that defied the laws of nature  
But now I am just an old man sailing the Icarian Sea looking for redemption.

# The Fall of Regret

Por: Mariana Bonnin

I am soaring through the skies  
I wonder if this is what birds feel when they fly  
I hear my father's muffled screams  
I see the ball of fire getting closer to me  
I want to reach the heavens  
I want to reach the sky

I pretend I'm an eagle  
I feel invincible and free  
I touch a cloud, so soft and smooth  
and for a second I feel guilty  
I sense my fathers stare,  
piercing my skull with worry  
But I can't feel sorry  
I am soaring through the skies

I feel the wings get heavier,  
It's getting harder to breathe  
I'm no longer going up  
I no longer feel free  
I see my life flash through my eyes  
I see my life end in the sea

I remember my dad's words,  
"be careful" repeating in my head  
Regret courses through my veins  
Too young, too naive  
A splash and here comes my death  
Too careless, dad I'm sorry



# My Waning Wings

Por: Kenneth McGregor

My father was a great man,  
Who made many great mistakes,  
The biggest one he ever made,  
Was when he sealed my fate.

Banned from Crete we wished for home,  
But no boat was safe from Minos' eyes,  
So my father, a great fool, said,  
"Screw the sea, we'll use the skies!"

He went to work with down and wax,  
And made 2 pairs of feathered wings,  
"On the ground we may be trapped," he said,  
"But the heavens know no kings!"

I was fitted with great plumage,  
And looked eagerly out to the sea,  
That I would fly so high above,  
Never having felt so free.

Daedalus wasn't excited though,  
He felt a looming sense of dread,  
It's as if when he looked at me,  
He knew I'd wind up dead.

We were lifted over the sea,  
Free and headed homebound,  
The crashing waves below  
Muffled every other sound.

I felt a rush of power,  
I was the first man to touch the sky,  
I was above all other men,  
I was the first man to learn to fly.

I flew higher up,  
To see how close I could get to the sun,  
But the air began to heat,  
And the wax began to run.  
I felt myself begin to fall,  
And I pushed with my arms against the air,  
But the feathered layers had thinned,  
Losing height with one less layer.

I fell to the sea below,  
My waning wings scattered,  
I cried out my waning life but father,  
He failed when it really mattered.

# Why Not Me?

Por: Rhythm Luna

I am desperate  
I wonder if I could warp time  
I still hear his anguished screams fill the  
empty void in my head  
I see his distressed form getting swallowed  
by the depths of the sea  
I want nothing more than to see his smile  
again  
I am despairing all by myself

I pretend as if it didn't happen, I close my  
eyes and hope to see him there  
I feel angry at myself  
I touch what's left of his melted wings  
I worry my hollow heart will never heal  
I ask, Why him? Why not me?  
I am tormented with guilt

I understand it was my fault  
I believe things could've gone differently  
I dream we are reunited in another lifetime  
I trust he's now living in a world of freedom  
I hope he forgives me for being so foolish  
I am not, and will never be at ease ever  
again

# I Thought They Were Gods

Por: Maritza Huerta

I was leading my sheep  
It was a fresh new morning  
A boy in the sky took a risky leap,  
I saw a figure falling without warning

The wings looked more adorning in the  
bright morning sunlight  
Like flames dancing in the wind  
I watched in delight  
I thought they were gods of flight

What a miracle it was to see  
But I soon heard a splash in the growling  
dark sea  
And there was another, crying out in  
despair  
I could only make out one word, "Where!"

I knew then what I'd seen was no miracle  
But I was a mere old shepherd, not near  
enough to the ocean  
Where a boy had been consumed whole  
All of a sudden, I felt pain in my soul,  
But I knew it would never compare to how  
a man feels after losing a loved one  
It made me think of me with my sheep, I  
mourned.

# The Angler's Catch

Por: Jazmin Shirley

I am the greatest angler in town,  
fishing helps me when I frown.  
The waves look like they could swallow me  
whole.  
I sit on the edge of a cliff with my fishing  
pole.  
Waiting for my greatest catch of the season,  
while I wait here with reason.

I turn back looking for more bait  
while the night awaits.  
Is that a feathered fish?  
Oh my, this must be a gift!  
I look up and see a god,  
Is this the time I applaud?

He blessed me with my greatest catch!  
I will give back my best batch,  
I yell in excitement but no one seems to  
cheer.  
I wonder why the shepherd is in tears...

# Wordley

Por: Alegria Silva

Worldley feliz Geografía enseñando,  
Cuando miró a la derecha  
Y la muerte se asomaba  
Con un arco y flecha.

Caminó hacia ella y le dijo suplicando  
¡Espérame poquito que mi clase estoy  
dando!  
Déjame despedirme de todos mis alumnos,  
Hacer más detenciones y el boletín en  
turno.

Por favor unas pesas necesito llevarme,  
Que en el más allá, quiero ejercitarme.  
La flaca accedió y contenta se las entregó  
Y Worldley feliz  
al más allá corrió  
Sin retorno el maestro  
Pues jamás regresó  
Y en la escuela ya extrañamos  
a tan agradable profesor

# Miss Daniela

Por: Sebastián Boekdrukker

Miss Daniela tocaba la guitarra  
Cuando su puerta sonaba  
era la Calavera  
que por la miss llegaba  
y ella sonriente  
ya la esperaba,  
¡Pasa huesudita  
cantemos una canción!  
Do-Re-Mi-Fa-Sol y Sol  
¡Qué emocionada estoy yo!  
Dime flaquita,  
¿Cuál es tu don?  
Canciones y cantos  
voy a extrañar  
que como el Americano  
no hay otro lugar...  
Diré adiós a mis alumnos,  
y en el cielo voy a estar  
formando al mejor coro  
que cantará en la eternidad



# Nancy Coates

Por: Brenda Hernández

Nancy Coates se llamaba,  
Esa hermosa mujer  
Que por el Puerto andaba  
Cuando la vine a conocer.

Así comenzó la historia que la calaca contó,  
De una linda güerita  
Que en el Americano trabajó.  
Oyendo gritos y risas  
Su vida consagró  
Y dar amor a los niños  
¡Nancy siempre prometió!

Una buena animalista  
de gatos ella fue,  
Y viajando por el mundo,  
mucho pudo recorrer.  
Con su cámara muy lista  
Ella pudo enfocar, los mejores "paisajitos"  
Que hoy podemos disfrutar.  
Hubo muchas travesías  
Que Nancy pudo contar,  
La historia de un pueblito,  
que ella quiso adoptar  
Con su amado Rodolfito  
con quien se vino a encontrar  
Siguió contando la flaca,  
esta historia singular.

No había visto Canadiense  
Que tuviera tanta pasión  
Pa' contar la historia de México  
Como una afición.  
Siempre amó arte y cultura  
Además de el folklore  
De éste país que es suyo,  
Si no pregúntale a su corazón.  
La tilica decía inspirada  
que hasta parece canción.

Nancy siempre recorría  
El Americano de día,  
Sube y baja parecía,  
que ni el polvo se veía  
Y con todos sus alumnos  
ella siempre se reía.  
Aquí en la tierra estoy segura  
Mucho la van a extrañar  
me la llevo en su vochito,  
Porque quiero yo contar  
con una buena maestra  
Que una clase ayude a dar  
Terminaba la calaca  
a todos de explicar.

Emocionados los niños  
que en el cielo esperan ya  
Escuchar grandes historias  
que Nancy va a contar  
La calaca se despide  
Y con mucha emoción  
De haber ya conseguido  
pa' su hermosa colección  
A una excelente maestra  
"La Coates y cuates" recuerdo yo.

# Sobre la portada

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**Técnica:** acuarela

**Recordando a nuestros muertos vivos en nuestros corazones!**

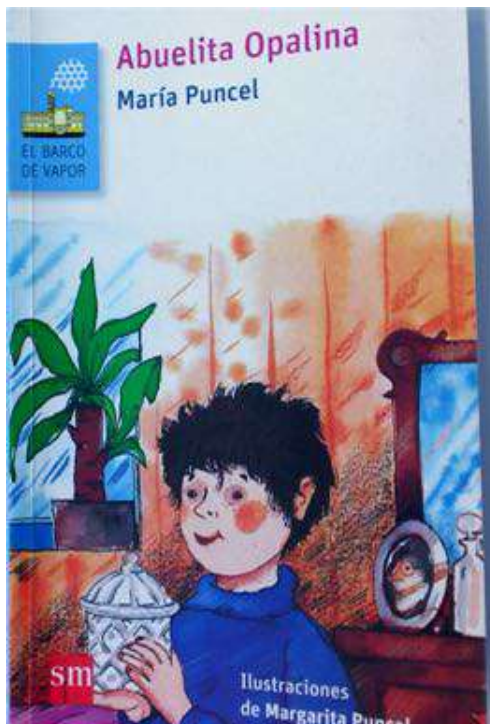
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“Soy una artista inquieta por el arte y manifestar mis emociones. Me preocupa la naturaleza y la niñez, práctico el arte en todas sus facetas y técnicas. Me inclino al color de la vida y de las emociones. Dedicó el mayor tiempo a la creatividad.

“25 años viviendo en Vallarta de mis amores!”

# Libro recomendado por 4º grado



Abuelita Opalina

Lucca Sampoux 20/10/2021 17

Había una niña llamada "Isa" que en la escuela la maestra le dijo que iba a hacer un trabajo de sus abuelas pero le dijo que no tenía una abuela cuando estaba en la escuela en "Brinca la piedra".

El problema era que no tenía una abuela porque nunca la había conocido.

Se solucionó porque su mamá y papá le habían presentado a su tía Nieves.

Willy King

20/10/2021

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El libro "Abuelita Opalina" es de una niña llamada

Isa que trata sobre una abuela de inventos.

Porque su abuela hace un trabajo de hablar de sus abuelas pero Isa no tiene una abuela, entonces ella le contó a su mamá y papá que ella le había presentado a su tía Nieves. Era una niña muy feliz y feliz.



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Celaste Orozco

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Abuelita Opalina

El libro se trata de una nina que tiene que hacer un proyecto de su abuelita pero no tiene una entonces, tiene que inventar una así que agarró ideas de las otras abuelitas para la de ella y cosas de ellas para su abuelita pero no tenía un nombre para ella, hasta que su mamá sin querer le dio un Nombre Abuelita Opalina y escribió un poema de ella y luego fue con unos arquitectos para ponerle nombre a la fuente pero ellos querían el nombre de Abuelita Opalina. Ella no quería que le robaran el Nombre entonces se enojó y se fue luego cuando fue a la escuela los niños se enojaron con ella y empezaron a decir porque tienes las cosas de nuestras abuelitas. Ella dijo no robé a sus abuelitas y estas cosas no las quiero, las tiró y dijo no tengo una abuela y se fue triste. Cuando llegó a su casa estaba su tía y ella dijo ya no necesito a Abuelita Opalina más. Ahora tengo a mi tía abuela. Entonces ella salió y les dio el nombre de Abuelita Opalina a los arquitectos y pensó: mis amigos ya no van a estar enojados conmigo tengo mi propia abuelita ahora.

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