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## Charges leave SGA on hold

### Five executives and 11 senators suspended

By Kennedy Thomas  
Reporter

"The SGA office will be closed until further notice. Thank you," reads the sign posted in the Student Government Association office.

On Nov. 18, Vice President of Student Services Zav Dadabhoj confirmed that the sign is no inter-office joke. He has suspended the majority of SGA members from performing their duties in light of alcohol and drug use allegations at a recent state-wide student government conference.

"I put a stop to SGA activities," Dadabhoj said. "We are doing an



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**From left to right: SGA Treasurer Jimmy Moran, General Counsel Janessa Jennings, Activities Liaison Daniela Miramontes, Secretary Erin Robinson, Vice President Elizabeth Gonzalez, Legislative Liaison Shelby Sward, and President Travis Tillis. Five SGA executive board members are currently on suspension while under investigation for alcohol and drug use. Sward and Miramontes were cleared of allegations and are currently the only officers serving in SGA.**

investigation. We received some complaints about students engaging in some alcohol and drugs, so we are in the process of looking into those allegations. We're trying to figure out exactly who did what, what the collective responsibility was."

Dadabhoj said that so far, of the

19 SGA members who attended the Student Senate for California Community Colleges General Assembly conference on the Monterey Peninsula from Nov. 1-3, only three have been cleared of allegations.

SGA Legislative Liaison Shelby Sward, 19, Activities Liaison Dan-

ielia Miramontes, 20, and Senator Eric Beadle, 45, were allowed to continue service in the SGA office once investigations found that they were not involved in the incident.

The remainder of the SGA executive board, comprised of President Travis Tillis, Vice President Eliza-

beth Gonzalez, Secretary Erin Robinson, Treasurer Jimmy Moran, and General Counsel Janessa Jennings, are currently suspended.

Eleven senators, out of the 12 that attended the conference, are also suspended. Dadabhoj did not state the senators' names.

Dadabhoj said that students who attended the conference were required to sign two code of conduct agreements, one from BC and one from the conference organizers, that both specified abstinence from alcohol and drugs while attending the conference.

According to the Student Affairs office, a total of \$13,341.24 in school funds was spent at the conference. Dadabhoj said that this figure was typical of the cost necessary to send SGA members to such events.

The complaints filed came from a member of the SGA, who Dadabhoj would not name, and an adviser from another community college  
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## New event commences for BC vets

By Cassandra McGowan  
Reporter

Bakersfield College's Veterans Club hosted a new event to allow BC students, faculty, and Bakersfield citizens to show their appreciation for veterans.

On Nov. 7, VetFest took place outside the gym near the entrance to the stadium, and according to Veterans Club adviser Paul Beckworth, who is a veteran of the U.S. Navy as well as a history professor at BC, he's never seen an event like this take place at BC during his time of employment.

Beckworth said there are approximately 225 veterans at BC who receive benefits like the GI Bill and a few hundred others who are not using the GI Bill. He said that soldiers returning to civilian life may find readjusting to school a bit harder than the average person and that the Veterans Club is there to help.

"The challenges they [veterans] have at college are sometimes going to be different from others, PTSD [Post Traumatic Stress Disorder] issues and GI Bill issues are kind of unique," said Beckworth.

By hosting events like VetFest the club hopes to bring more awareness to services rendered for BC's vet community and also to show that fellow students and faculty are there to help.

Richard Schriver, who served for the U.S. Army as well as U.S. Marine Corp, said that VetFest and the Veterans Club is a safe haven for all veterans.

He said that ever since he started attending BC for his major in Fire Science, he's been a part of the Veterans Club.

"It's a place where we can get together and be ourselves because people on the outside are circles, and we're this square peg that's trying to fit into the circle, so we get together and try to teach each other  
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**Four members of West High School's ROTC color guard ceremoniously walk the American and state flags to their vehicles at the end of the VetFest event.**

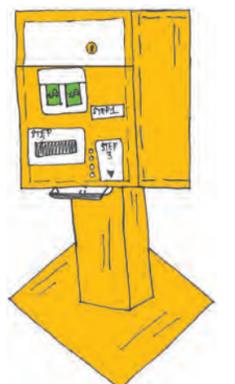
## Removal of free parking slated

By Robert Mullen  
Reporter

According to Zav Dadabhoj, Bakersfield College vice president of student services, there will no longer be free parking at BC beginning in the spring 2014 semester.

This decision was not reached during the Oct.

10 Kern County Community College Board of Trustees meeting because current laws do not require community colleges to provide free parking. Consequently, the decision of whether or not to



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**Starting next semester, the parking permit dispensers may move into the area once known as the free parking area.**

have any free parking is left up to the discretion of the college itself.

During negotiations with the Student Government Association prior to the October board meeting, the increase of permit prices became \$40 for fall and spring semesters and \$25 for summer, but free parking was eliminated.

"[Free parking] was something the administration did, some time ago," said Dadabhoj in regard to this.

A proposal to end free parking was submitted by former executive director of maintenance and operations, Sean James, during the spring semester of 2013. This proposal also included a price increase on parking permits to the maximum amount, which is \$60.

"The SGA originally had negotiated for a tiered parking system, which the administration found would cost more to enforce than it would generate," said Dadabhoj.

## The couple that teaches together, stays together

By Myrissa Johns  
Reporter

Bakersfield College history professor Matthew Garrett's wife, Jennifer Garrett, has stepped into a new role as BC's new director of choral activities. Jennifer took over as director at the beginning of this semester after Ron Kean retired at the end of the spring semester.

When asked how she felt to be taking over for Kean, Jennifer said, "I don't think you ever fill someone's shoes. I think you come in and you do your own thing."

Jennifer explained that she felt that the transition was an easy one for her and the students because

she has similar expectations and musical tastes to those of Kean. She also explained that she did not think that she was an odd choice for the job considering the fact that she was already an adjunct instructor for the music appreciation class, helped with the choirs in previous years, and is local to Bakersfield.

Jennifer has big goals in mind for BC's choir but said that her main goals are to instill musical knowledge in her students, provide exposure for the choir, and bring the community and BC together to show people that BC still produces good music.

"I want to continue that reputation of excellence and I hope that

the community just continues to expect the best music from Bakersfield College," she said.

She said among her many goals, she would like to make a tradition of the choir performing the national anthem at homecoming games and possibly have them perform during lunch hours in the Campus Center.

She feels that these ideas would provide exposure for the choir to people who would not ordinarily go to a concert and also give an opportunity to peak student interest.

Jennifer said that she felt the experience of conducting at Arizona State University and through her church activities really helped to alleviate any nerves she might have

had stepping into this new position at BC.

"I don't have 30 years of experience teaching like Ron Kean does, but neither did he when he started," she said, explaining that she feels like she is geared up and ready to go.

Among other reasons, Jennifer said her husband's presence on campus helped her to settle into her new role at BC.

"I think he's well-respected and his students really like him," she said. "We've got some of the same students and some people say, 'oh, I had your husband,' so there's already kind of a connection."

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**BC culinary arts student Cherylanne Farley stirs the risotto cooking on the electric stove inside the JOFF Big Rig. Farley is one of the Food Champion volunteers being trained to help spread healthy eating in the community.**

## Local chefs learn the fresh and healthy practices of Jamie Oliver

By Kennedy Thomas  
Reporter

Jamie Oliver's Food Foundation parked its Big Rig Teaching Kitchen on the Bakersfield College campus on Nov. 10 in order to groom a new batch of "Food Champions." The tour is set to visit several communities throughout California that have been identified by The California Endowment as being particularly unhealthy.

The first day of training for the Food Champions program was held on Nov. 14. Tour Chef Matt Harrison, 26, who joined the Big Rig Teaching Kitchen tour this year, said that the program is designed to train local volunteers in proper preparation of recipes, and show communities that cooking their own food can be healthy, fun and inexpensive, which is integral to the philosophy of celebrity-chef Jamie Oliver.

"Jamie's whole mission is to get people engaged, empowered, and to let them have fun in the kitchen, so we want to do that," Harrison said. "Our whole approach is letting people know that these recipes are simple, easy, and cost effective. Anybody can make them at home."

Bakersfield participants of the Food Champion program include several former BC students: Verity Harrison; Nancy Garcia, who graduated with a certificate in Computer Science in 2002; Dan Gregor, a biology major who attended BC from 1970-72 and transferred to UC Berkeley; and Elizabeth Clements, who earned a degree in Culinary Arts. Cherylanne Farley, a current culinary arts

student at BC working on her degree in Food and Restaurant Management, is also participating in the program.

Harrison said that after the training period, the Food Champions will then spread their new knowledge throughout the community with the help of The California Endowment and its Building Healthy Communities Initiative, although he was unsure on the details of how and when that will occur.

The Teaching Kitchen will then open its doors from Dec. 3-21 to anyone age 7 or older who signs up on the foundation's website for its Learning to Cook Classes. Harrison said that there will be 20 classes held in the trailer during its stay at BC, of which 10 have already been filled with people planning to attend. JOFF Operations Manager Scott Bottemer, 51, said that classes are free and students can choose classes tailored to their cooking interests.

Bottemer said that the initial Food Champions training period would not be the end of their stay in the Teaching Kitchen.

"Once the Food Champions go through their training... then they will come back to further their leadership skills," he said. "Matt will be able to reinforce the recipes and Jamie's philosophy."

Bottemer said that the foundation does not condone or condemn certain types of food as a whole, as long as they are not heavily processed.

"Jamie's philosophy is not about diet food, and it's not about any specific types of food groups. It's all about bal-

ance," he said. "We live in a country, and quite frankly I think most of the industrialized world, [where] we eat way too many processed foods."

"We've gotten into a very bad habit of going to the fast-food restaurant, even to the grocery store, and just finding boxes and cans, and anything that's in a box that you can just throw in an oven or throw in a microwave, and the whole concept of 'scratch cooking,' which is what Jamie kind of talks about all the time, doesn't really exist too much anymore."

The tour is not only about teaching recipes, Bottemer said, but also informing people about where to acquire ingredients within their community.

Harrison pointed out that there are 15 farmer's markets in Bakersfield, and that part of their goal was to reveal the range of options available to people. Bottemer said that they have done cost analysis on the difference from purchasing from local fresh suppliers versus fast food. He said that the cost for purchasing fresh produce was approximately two thirds less in cost than fast food.

"Just buy what's in your budget," Harrison said. "We will give [students] the addresses to the Mexican and the Latin markets. They have great produce that we've gotten from them, and they're like, super, super cheap. Just step out of your comfort zone."

"We're just trying to educate people on not eating it every single day," Bottemer added. "If you want to go to McDonald's, go to McDonald's, but don't go there every day."

## Bakersfield looks to make a dent in diabetes

By Nicholas Torres  
Reporter

On Nov. 16, the local chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation held their 16th Annual Cure for Diabetes Walk at Yokuts Park.

Allison Perkins, chapter manager, explained that she felt that the participation from the city, kids, and volunteers is what makes this event great.

"I think that people think that diabetes is something we get because we eat the wrong food and don't exercise, and that is type 2 diabetes. Type 1 diabetes is when your pancreas just dies and we don't know why, but we do know that this disease is the second-leading childhood disease in the Central Valley," she said.

Perkins went on to explain that we are getting more and more type 1 diabetics.

"We have issues. The reason we do what we do is to raise money for a cure," she said. "This is a serious problem and it needs to be addressed."

Melody Carr, who was part of her son's team, Austin's Army, was there to show support for her son, daughter, and other diabetics.

"When Austin was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes we knew nothing about it. We really wanted to get involved and try to learn more and educate people," she said. Austin was diagnosed in 2005 and their two-year-old daughter, Grace, was also recently diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

Austin said he enjoys coming to JDRF events. "I always love doing this stuff," he said. "I've had diabetes for a couple of years so I am kind of used to it, so now I am just helping my sister keep regulated and comfortable."

Larry Meizer, who is the California Regional director for the JDRF, said he thinks the event is "an amazing opportunity to mobilize the community to find a cure for diabetes."

Meizer explained that diabetes runs in his family.

"I have seen the progress and how what the people are doing here change the lives of many people," he said.

"We really need to be clear on



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A group of young girls participating in the Walk to Cure Diabetes at Yokuts Park race to the finish, leaving their team behind.

the distinction between type 1 and type 2 diabetes," he said. "We need to make people aware of that, it can strike anybody at anytime."

Meizer mentioned that there does not necessarily need to be more events like this, but there needs to be more people at these events.

"It will give a better chance to educate people."

Perkins said the monetary goal for this year is \$185,000.

"We are going to fund raise all the way until the end of February. We would love to get BC to do a walk for us."

Each one of these people had a firm belief that there will one day be a cure for diabetes, whether it is in the near future or in 100 years.

When participants returned from their walk, there were food booths and drink stations that awaited them.

Some of the activities included a jump house for the kids and a performance by Bakersfield High School cheerleaders.

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Artist Jorge Guillen stands in front of the huge mural he helped paint with Tony Martinez and the other volunteers to help cover up a graffiti filled wall in Lamont.

## Local artist helps in beautifying area

By Cassandra McGowan  
Reporter

Jorge Guillen is a local artist who has had, and currently does have, his artistic hand in many projects around Bakersfield and outlying southeastern cities such as Arvin, Weedpatch, and Lamont. Guillen serves on the board for the Lamont Parks and Recreation and he has also contributed his skills to the Keep Bakersfield Beautiful project by painting four of the electrical boxes in downtown Bakersfield.

Guillen was born in Bakersfield but raised in Lamont and said he has been an artist since first grade. Guillen said he has seen his share of big, empty walls being filled with gang-related tagging or graffiti. He, along with fellow artists and the Dolores Huerta Foundation's youth group, are working to change that.

In 2010, Guillen teamed up with the Lamont Boys and Girls club to paint a mural on a large wall on the corner of Palm Avenue and San Gorgonio Street in Lamont.

He said that wall was a constant canvas for gang-related tagging and

that since the wall has been painted with the mural the community has respected it and appreciated its beauty.

Guillen hopes to start a similar project in Weedpatch, as well as on the East side of Bakersfield, and will soon start working on painting three or four structures at Di Gorgio Park in Arvin.

He's working to start a public art policy in Lamont and Weedpatch, which would require anyone wishing to contribute their art to an approved structure to volunteer 20 hours to something like teaching an art class in the area they live.

Volunteers would also be subject to background checks and a small fee for a block of time to paint.

Guillen is also currently working on forming a coalition similar to Keep Bakersfield Beautiful that will allow he and fellow local artists the chance to showcase their talents on graffiti-prone areas on the east side of Bakersfield.

"We're going to start going into the east side in particular, in what is considered east Bakersfield, within the city and county and start doing

murals on walls that are continuously getting tagged on, and possibly some electrical boxes," said Guillen.

He said at this point he is in the process of obtaining a permit from the Art Council to set this venture in motion.

Guillen said he feels as though simply erasing the graffiti is wasting millions of dollars and he knows that the turf wars that sometimes ensue due to different crews tagging on walls can sometimes lead to violence and in some cases even death.

The first order of business for Bakersfield's east side of town will be a multi-mural project at Bakersfield Play Center on Kentucky Street.

"We just got approved for up to \$800 in supplies to be able to paint about five different murals on Bakersfield Play Center. It will be me and an artist whose name is Esteban, and we're volunteering our time," said Guillen.

The art on the Bakersfield Play Center will include a rendition of Vincent van Gogh's "A Starry Night," characters from "Sesame

Street," pyramids, as well as the logo for Bakersfield Play Center.

"The board for Bakersfield Play Center approved it months ago to allow us to do it," Guillen said, "We just got the funding so we're looking at December or January to get the project done. It'll take a couple of weeks and we probably won't unveil it until February or until there's nice weather."

He said that when they unveil the art they want to make it a community event, and possibly even a fundraiser to gain more money to do more projects on Bakersfield's east side of town where he said the murals are most needed.

"It's not going to stop at the Bakersfield Play Center, we're going to find more sponsors and we're going to try and do as many murals as possible," said Guillen.

He said that in order to garner more sponsors he's been trying to think up a name for his little organization and that the name Tony Martinez kept coming to him.

Martinez is a retired Army veteran who headed the graffiti cover-up unit for the Bakersfield Police

Department, and Guillen said he thinks it fitting to name his group: The Tony Martinez Mural Project.

"We needed a logo and over the past few weeks I just kept thinking that Tony Martinez stood for everything we're trying to do, and it would be kind of a cool way to continue his legacy," said Guillen.

Guillen said that tagging and graffiti will never go away and that many children see tagging every day, and with all the cuts to school art departments these same children go on to believe that tagging is the only art.

He said he believes that if he can institute the various art projects he's working on that he can change the minds of children and people in general to see art as something more beautiful and sacred.

"Sometimes the only art these kids see is tagging so if we could change the message to be more of a social, not necessarily political, of color and beauty then it's going to benefit everybody because then you have these kids that see these murals continuously, everyday, as a way of life," said Guillen.

## International club plans several events



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Mrs. Yan and Mr. Hanna serve samples of a variety of chinese teas including green tea, oolong tea, fermented tea and red tea. The 14th annual International Education Week started on Nov. 18 and continues until Nov. 22. The purpose of the IEW is to facilitate diversity and inclusion of the thoughts, cultures, people and language.

### 14th Annual International Education Week Schedule

"Learning Matters Around the World"

November 20  
Study abroad and language learning  
Mini Language Lessons  
Fireside Room  
1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

November 21  
Thanksgiving/  
Faculty Appreciation Lunch  
Music by Poe Oo  
Renegade Room  
Noon - 1 p.m.

International Film Screening "I Am"  
Fireside Room  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

November 22  
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## Silva family rallies for justice

By Graham C Wheat  
Editor-in-Chief

A little more than six months ago a storm of controversial police actions swirled around the city of Bakersfield, and for some that squall is still on the forefront of city issues.

In what would become national news, the death of local man David Silva quickly spread throughout the community. The controversy around the man's death, which resulted from officers using force during a call out to Kern Medical Center, was heightened when it was learned that sheriffs and police confiscated video and audio evidence of the altercation.

His family is making sure that he is not forgotten.

On the autumn afternoon of Nov. 8, there gathered at the Kern County Superior Courthouse, in front of the liberty bell on Truxtun Ave. downtown, a small showing of family rallying a cry for justice in the wake of David Silva's questionable death. Also present were approximately 10 college students, unrelated to the family, making their dissident voices heard on the matters of an encroaching police force. Motorists of Bakersfield showed what support they could by driving past and giving honks of approval.

Chris Silva, younger brother to David Silva, is making sure that the community is aware of what transpired that night, and pleading for a call to action from the police and sheriffs departments as well as the greater Bakersfield community.

"It has been six months of silence," said the younger Silva. He said that although there was action taken by police, and likewise the FBI, during the aftermath of the first few weeks of David Silva's death, it has now largely faded from the minds of Bakersfieldians and the police forces of the community.

"The first two weeks were

great," regarding the diligence of investigators searching for answers about his brother's death. "But now it seems like my brother's death is no longer important," said Silva. "Six months go by and nothing has changed."

"I'm not mad at the people who did it...I just want people to look at how these officers are trained."

Chris Silva remarked about his emotions on the six-month anniversary of the incident, saying that he has felt the gambit of emotions, from anger and remorse to reconciliation, but that there is an overriding factor among that.

"I don't want this to happen to another family." He and his family pledge to protest once a month to keep David's memory alive and until "justice is served."

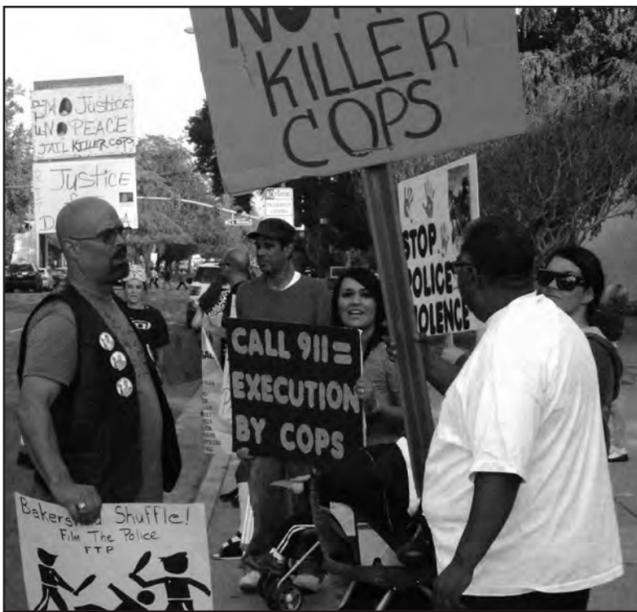
The uncle to David, Ralph Silva, 54, and originally from the New York area, drew parallels from this incident to his experiences of police brutality during his younger years spent on the East Coast.

"More people wake up when it happens to them, wake up and actually see the police," said Ralph Silva.

Of the showing of nonfamily members, California State University-Bakersfield nursing major Andrew Agasid was most vocal on the subject and willing to remove his Guy Fawkes mask (the adopted symbol of "anonymous" on the internet, and widely adopted by a younger generation as a face of resistance) for an interview.

"It seems like our police have lost a sense of compassion," said Agasid. He said that although he didn't know the family personally he was there to support the Silva family as a whole, evident by his shouts of "justice for David Silva" while waving an American flag.

Agasid expressed much of the same sentiment felt that day saying, "Most people won't react until it affects them, and now it's hit home."



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Members of the Silva family gathers outside the court-house to rally for the six month anniversary of david silva's death. David's uncle, Ralph Silva pictured far left.



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Protesters showed support of the Silva family during their protest on Nov. 8 at the Kern County Court House. The family provided materials to make signs and welcomed the protestors to create their own.

## Tesla and SpaceX CEO visits CSUB to discuss his journey

By Robert Mullen  
Reporter

South African born entrepreneur, investor, and inventor-extraordinaire, Elon Musk came to California State University-Bakersfield on Nov. 6. As the first speaker of CSUB's new Distinguished Speaker Series, the founder of PayPal and CEO of Tesla Motors and SpaceX spoke to a packed audience in the Dore Theater.

Musk started first with his early years attempting to start a business. Recalling living in an office building and writing code with his brother for the then infant Internet because it was cheaper to live in the office than pay rent.

From there he went into the development and selling of PayPal, and discussed using those profits to found Tesla Motors and SpaceX. Musk mentioned the difficulties of his time running these businesses, as well as SolarCity, during the beginning of the 2008 recession.

Most of the event's time was spent on questions. These were numerous and involved his current contracts with the US government through SpaceX; his decision to remain in California even with the state's less than stellar business climate; and the most asked question of the night, his intentions and concepts for the California high speed rail.

Congressman Kevin McCarthy was on hand to announce Musk, and also talked about his [McCarthy] history in the Bakersfield area.

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## GARRETT: Teacher couple on campus

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She also explained that she had already met some BC faculty because Matthew was already a professor at BC.

The Garretts moved to Bakersfield when Matthew was offered a job at BC, which he started in 2010. Matthew grew up in California so he said that the position at BC was a “wonderful opportunity to get back close to home” and they both felt it was the best move for their family.

Matthew said that he feels that Jennifer is going to be an asset for BC, stating, “I think that’s one of the luckiest things they did in hiring me here.

“They hired me because they thought I was good, and I am OK, but the real win was that by getting me, they got a chance to get her, which she’s way better than I am. She’s so good at what she does.”

Jennifer’s love for music began at a young age when she became inspired by her father, who she says is her “musical hero.” Among skills in conducting, Jennifer’s many musical endeavors include singing and playing a wide array of instruments including piano, organ, flute, violin and clarinet.

Jennifer began teaching as an adjunct instructor at both BC and Cal State University-Bakersfield, giving private voice and piano lessons, and working with church choirs after the Garretts moved to Bakersfield.

Matthew and Jennifer are both excited to be working together at BC and said that it had been a goal of theirs to work at the same college.

“This was a dream,” Jennifer said. “We hoped that we would get to work at the same school some time, but never did we think that it would be so quickly in our lives.

“I don’t know how life works out the way it does, but it just seems like since we’ve come to Bakersfield we have been just really greatly blessed with so many things.”

They both said that they were very excited to get to see each other at work, support each other’s activities, have a mutual understanding of what is going on in each other’s careers, and have the same breaks and vacations.

Although Jennifer is buried in work as a first-year instructor, the Garretts admit that they fully intend to take advantage of the fact that they now work together. They both mentioned hopeful plans of having a weekly lunch date at The Renegade Room. Matthew said, “It’d be so wonderful to have a date. We love our kids, but it’d be nice to have adult time, too.”

Jennifer mentioned that on a couple occasions Matthew has brought her lunch to her office. “How nice is that,” she said. “How many people get to see their spouse and have them bring them lunch?”

“It’s really just nice to be on the same page.”

Matthew said that he really feels that the opportunity to experience things together strengthens their marriage. He said that a lot of times people have difficulty in marriages when they feel left behind when their spouse advances in his or her own career or the couple might just argue because they can’t understand each other’s responsibilities.

“We both had the opportunity to



COURTESY OF THE GARRETT'S

**Matthew Garrett, history professor, is excited to be joined on staff by his wife, Jennifer Garrett, BC’s new director of choral activities.**

be in the same place at the same time doing the same things,” he said. “So that was a fun journey together where neither one of us felt like the other was getting left behind, which was nice.”

The couple explained that although they both have always individually had the goal of being teachers, it definitely became a joint effort once they met during the pursuit of their undergraduate degrees at Brigham Young University. They pursued their education together after obtaining their undergraduate degrees until they both received their doctorate degrees at Arizona State University.

Jennifer said that the main thing that she is happy about is the fact that they get to be a part of a faculty that focuses on the students.

“We both really like teaching,” she said. “We just want to make a difference in students’ lives. I think that’s really our collective goal, the reason we come to school every day.”

Matthew and Jennifer both talked about their favorite aspects of teaching being the ability to help students on more than just an academic level.

Matthew said, “It’s nice to be able to help, try to help. Sometimes it means I just listen.”

Jennifer said that she felt that even her struggles in life, including many health challenges, have helped her to be a better mentor for her students.

“Those things help me help students because I can empathize with them and I can kind of understand where they’re coming from.

“I love to be able to help them accomplish the goals that they have, or even form the goals that some of them don’t even know what they want to do. So to be able to help them figure that out is just exciting.”

Jennifer conducted her first concert with BC’s choir on Nov. 1, which she felt was a complete success.

She explained that her students are extremely hard working and she has seen a lot of dedication from them.

Matthew also commented that he felt his wife’s students are very helpful and that he believes that she will also have a big impact on them, calling it a “symbiotic relationship.”

Jennifer urges students to get involved and enjoy good music provided by BC’s choir at the next concert, which will be Dec. 6 at First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m.

She said, “It will be a wonderful winter concert and we would love to see people from our campus community there.”

## BC sports honors alums

By Jason Reed  
Reporter

Bakersfield College has added four new members to the football Hall of Fame.

On Nov. 14, BC inducted John Alexander, Peter Reyes, Bill Houser and Gerry Collis into the 2013 Hall of Fame.

“It’s the most surprising thing I could imagine,” said Reyes. Reyes is a BC graduate and still runs out on the field with the football team, leading them with the flag. Reyes has been leading the Renegades for more than 30 years both home and away when they take the field and prepare for a game.

“I love BC; I’ve been part of BC since I was 10 years old. What can I say? I love everything about it.”

Reyes also went on to talk about his reaction to being told he would be inducted into the hall of fame.

“Well, I was surprised,” he said jokingly. “I think I deserved it.” Reyes has been coming to Renegades games for more than four decades, but said this season might be the last season he leads the team on the road with the flag due to health issues.

Houser was the driver for the Renegades and also a graduate of BC. After graduation, he joined the Coast Guard. He then joined a veteran’s group on campus after his time in the military.

Houser served as president of the Alumni Association from 1977-78.

“It makes me very proud,” said Alexander, the football team’s dentist. Alexander graduated from BC 44 years ago and has served as the team dentist for 28 years.

“When I got word that Jerry Collis was going to be inducted too, I said that I didn’t mind being the opening act because I was very flattered.”

Throughout the night the inductees spent time talking to each other and sharing stories about the old times at BC.

Collis met BC president Sonya Christian for the first time and



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**Hall of Fame inductee, Peter Reyes, is served dinner by staff.**

shared many laughs.

“I had goose bumps and it was amazing,” said Christian.

“I’ve heard stories about coach Collis. I actually saw him for the first time in action,” she explained referring to Collis who had the people laughing for most of the night.

“Everything I heard about him did not match up to when I see him, the way he knows and connects with people, and that’s how when he asks people for something they just spontaneously give it to him because of the connection.”

Although Collis did not attend BC as a student, he still referred to it as “the greatest school in America.”

Collis is originally from northern Nevada where he was a three-sport athlete. He attended Denver University and played professional baseball for the New York Yankees. Collis came to Bakersfield College in 1957 to teach physical education.

“I’m really honored because there are so many great alumni in Bakersfield that support and back Bakersfield College,” Collis said regarding his reaction to being inducted.

“I love BC and I think the Alumni Association is a credit to the school and Bakersfield College is well represented.”

Collis said Bakersfield College has meant everything to him.

## First concert '50s and '60s jazz fest

By Sharida Rejon  
Photographer

The Bakersfield College jazz ensemble held their fall concert on Nov. 14. The concert, which consisted of a repertoire of big-band arrangements of jazz tunes from the '50s and '60s, is the group’s first concert this semester.

Kris Tiner, who has been the jazz program director and instructor at BC for 10 years, said that the ensemble put on two big shows each year on campus, one in the fall and one in the spring. This coming spring, the jazz ensemble will team up with the BC drum line and the brass ensemble to offer an outdoor concert.

In addition to the concerts on campus, the jazz ensemble also participates in other performances around town. “Sometimes I break the group down into smaller combos for different events on campus, and occasionally a private event,” said Tiner.

According to Tiner, the group has performed in the Red and White Wine and Food Festival at BC in the past few years.

The group’s next performance will be on Nov. 27 as part of the Bakersfield Jazz Workshop, a nonprof-



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**Kris Tiner leads the BC jazz ensemble in their first concert.**

it organization that puts on music for the community, hosted by Le Cousse Rouge restaurant.

The Bakersfield College Jazz Program relies heavily on donations made by the community. They have started “Friends of BC Jazz,” an organization that urges people to make tax deductible donations to the Bakersfield College Jazz Program, in order to provide instruments, sheet music, music scholarships, help with the ongoing maintenance of the instruments, transportation expenses of performing at local events and festivals, and help bring world-class guest artists to campus to work with the students.

“Once a semester, I try to bring a professional musician to clinic

[teach] and demonstrate,” said Tiner. He also explained the importance of the continued support of the community for the Bakersfield College Jazz Program, which, according to Tiner, provides a positive learning experience for students.

Omar Murillo, music major at BC and member of the BC Jazz Ensemble, is one of the students who takes advantage of this positive learning environment.

“Music is everything, it’s a form of expression,” said Murillo. “You put in a lot of time and getting to play in these shows, having a great turn out like we did tonight, and having people actually enjoy our music, that’s what makes all the hard work worthwhile,” he said.

## SGA: Board members and senators alike suspended

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present at the conference. Dadaboy would not specify which drugs were allegedly used, except for alcohol.

“One of the e-board members came and shared the information with us,” Dadaboy said. “And from a pure leadership perspective, it was the right thing to do.”

SGA Adviser Don Low is heading the investigation, which began Nov. 15. Low is conducting individual interviews of each SGA member implicated in the offenses, and initiating follow-up interviews when necessary, as new information becomes available.

Dadaboy said that he was not sure at this time if the SGA members under investigation would continue to be paid during the process.

“We are trying to determine what to do with that,” he said. “As of right now, I’ve said ‘no pay.’ Dif-

ferent people have made different requests. I’m still trying to figure that out.”

The Student Code of Conduct policies regarding punishment for the alleged offenses are vague, said Dadaboy. He said that penalties will be decided once the investigation is complete, but that the minimum punishment might involve censure proceedings.

Dadaboy was hesitant to specify just how long the investigations would take, however.

“I hope we can wrap it up very soon,” he said. “I would hate to give a timeline, but literally very soon.”

In the meantime, Dadaboy said that Sward and Miramontes are doing the best they can to fulfill the duties of the SGA. He said that Miramontes will be leading the student organization meeting on Nov. 22. Weekly SGA executive board meetings, however, are no longer being held.

## VET: BC holds festival to honor local veterans

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how to fit in out here,” said Schriver.

There were a few booths on hand at VetFest: a U.S. Marine Corp recruiting booth that had a Marine in his Dress Blues, a booth for BC’s Veterans Club, and a booth for the Bakersfield Vet Center.

There was also a group of motorcyclists who came to honor the veterans.

Veterans Club President Wesley Barrientos, who is a student at BC and veteran of the U.S. Army, said the affair had a good turnout for its first year, with many political figures from around Kern County and even some entertainment.

“It’s been a great turn out. I’m so happy to see so many people show up and support veterans and be thanking all of those guys who are running around out there and entertainers like Evan Morgan, who is a Marine veteran combat-wounded double-amputee speaking the national anthem, the president [of BC] speaking to veterans themselves, giving them that podium and that voice and everyone gets to hear it. All the support from all the politicians who showed

up, McCarthy’s office, Shannon Grove’s office, Mike Maggard showed up, it was incredible support, so yeah, I’m pretty happy,” said Barrientos.

He also said that support from the BC administration has been amazing and that BC President Sonya Christian was in full support of VetFest.

“It’s all thanks to work from the Veterans Club, not my work, but their work, and the support from the president of the school who was 100% supportive and said ‘go ahead,’” said Barrientos.

He said that plans are already under way for next year’s VetFest and that he hopes turnout for next year’s event will be at least double what it was this year and he also hopes to have more booths and other happenings for next year.

Schriver said that he’s happy with the turnout as well but hopes that next year will be even bigger and better.

“We plan on doing everything we can to show you that we may have gotten out of the military, but we still don’t have a discharge date. We’re not done serving America. We’re still serving today,” said Schriver.

Staff Editorial

## McCarthy fails constituents with actions

For far too long there has been an oligarchy of rich white men who control the political power in Bakersfield. For the last 20 odd years, the men who are supposed to be our voice at the national level of government have dismissed our wishes while simultaneously gathering power and influence to manifest their own desires.

Kevin McCarthy's most recent dismissal of the people he should be serving is a perfect example of the mentality that has dominated Bakersfield politics for generations, and a readily observable instance that we in the community must take note of.

One of the most influential men in the country, Elon Musk, creator of PayPal and more notably the CEO of Tesla electric cars and SpaceX, recently spoke to a packed house at a Cal State Bakersfield speaker engagement. Many of the movers and shakers in Bakersfield business and industry attended to hear the "21st Century industrialist" speak about the future of transportation and energy.

The billionaire idea man with radical new ideas entering the lion's den of conservatism and oil, as it were, is the obvious analogy that one can draw. The man who envisions a mass people-mover in California descends onto the staunchest mass transit opposition in the state, and the who's who was not going to be left out.

Someone who has gone nearly unchallenged in his bids as representative of the 23rd district, what could be the beginning to a parallel to Bill Thomas' prolific unchallenged races, was most assuredly going to be noticed at such a spectacle.

Meanwhile, actual citizens of Bakersfield, whom he is supposed to be representing, were calling for action from McCarthy at his offices in Bakersfield. The immigration focused rally, and subsequent sit-in of McCarthy's office, was trying to bring attention to issues that would vastly affect residents of Kern County. His concerned constituents are levying a call to action, and where can we find McCarthy during this time period?

Rubbing elbows with Bakersfield elite, hoping to glimpse and grasp at the future he so roundly rejects.

It is obvious that political representatives cannot attend to the needs of every cry that is directed toward them, however this was not some far-off outpouring. When he should have been readily available to discuss important local issues, he could be found mucking it up with who really matter to McCarthy, constituents with money and influence.

His past actions have proven this to be the case, the lavish breakfasts that were ordered during congressional mornings is another of McCarthy's blunders that gained national attention, and this time it is no different.

His track record clearly shows where his allegiances lie, and it is not with the people who make up the majority his constituency.

Do not let another example of oligarchy persist in Bakersfield.

The only way to break down the walls between those in power and those who wield it, and the barriers created by nepotistic systems, is to challenge those who are in control. Do not let Kevin McCarthy, or any other Bakersfield representative who carries membership to "the good ol' boys club," remain unopposed. We must continue to call to light his transgressions until we regain control of our community.

## Valued tradition or something sinister?

By Cassandra McGowan  
Reporter

I absolutely love this time of year, the time where all the grocery stores start to carry turkey, ham, and everything pumpkin.: Thanksgiving. I know that a lot of people don't agree with the whole reason behind why Americans celebrate Thanksgiving, and a lot of people find it contradictory to be thankful on a day when history tells us many horrific things took place, but I love Thanksgiving. For me and my family, we correlate this day with coming together to eat, talk, enjoy one another, let our children play together, and just be happy that we all have each other to spend the day with.

Thanksgiving has no negative connotation for me; it is a day of pure joy.

It's not often when I get to have my entire family in one house, laughing, talking, and loving, and with the addition of my husband's family, I get even more family to spend time with on

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Thanksgiving day.

While at times I may find it stressful because we have to divide our time between three different houses; it also makes me very appreciative to have all those people who love each other so much that they want to spend time together.

I don't really remember many holidays from when I was a child, but as an adult Thanksgiving has become my favorite.

Food, family, and fun are the exact things I associate with Thanksgiving because my family, both blood and extended, are hilarious and fun and just amazing to be around.

Going to my dad's house and seeing all my relatives' cars parked in front gives me a great sense of excitement and happiness.

Walking up to the door and smelling all the delicious pumpkin rolls and Mexican wedding cookies my dad's girlfriend has spent days and days baking, the mouth-watering aroma of my Nana's ham, and all the other delectable treats just waiting on the dessert table near the curio in my dad's kitchen makes me excited to get through that door.

Once inside, I see my sisters, dad, cousins, grandparents, and whoever else may have decided to drop by, and it just fills me with an extreme sense of gratitude and love.

Sometimes I just feel like my heart will explode right out of my chest because I just love them so much and know I am so lucky to have so many awesome people in my life to share these holidays with.

While I am grateful every single day for everyone I have in my life, to have them all in one spot at the same time is just a feeling that cannot be put into words and I always find myself wishing that the night would go on forever, or that I lived right next door so I just keep hanging out with my family.

Thanksgiving truly is a holiday that is full of gratitude for me, and I always notice that I am replaying in my mind all the wonderful things I've shared with my family over the years.

We may not be perfect, but we are the perfect family for each other.

With everyone being so busy all the time it's hard to make time for everyone to get together, and Thanksgiving is a day where we are all able to do so, and by adding all the yummy food into the mix it makes it just that much more enjoyable.

I am definitely looking forward to hugging everyone in my family tight and letting them know just how thankful I am for them, their love ... and their food.

By Graham C Wheat  
Editor-in-Chief

Our horns-a-plenty are perpetuating a great injustice that has been perpetrated for far too long.

Every time the image of a cornucopia brimming with abundance, the very idea of the harvest season, is plastered onto our refrigerator doors from some grade school art project, we actively participate in the continuation of a holiday that is wholly false.

While we are occupied with friends, family and fowl, what should truly be a day of remembrance is lost swimming in the proverbial gravy boat.

The holiday that we so often celebrate as a day of praise for the fortunate circumstances that have been bestowed upon our lives, and in turn bequeath this same mentality upon the younger generation, needs to be spent in retrospection of a history that has been lost many generations ago and is in dire need of revival.

Simply put, this holiday is soaked in blood and washed in "winners history."

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To most, Thanksgiving as we know it today is the image of the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians gleefully sharing the abundance of a good harvest.

Two very distinct peoples struggles which were overcome through sharing and goodwill. The image of brimmed hats adorned with buckles resting atop the pious pilgrims heads and colorful headdresses worn by the gentle, giving natives that has been force fed to us like so much turkey is one of the worst instances of a derivative history our nation has bestowed upon us. Likewise, we too have continued this Thanksgiving myth and will continue to do so unless we take stock and examine what this holiday is really about.

What was the bloody and dastardly take over of our eastern seaboard by our forbearers has become the quintessential sugarcoated, distilled version of American history.

The instances we widely regard as the first Thanksgiving, the pilgrims at Plymouth Rock and the Native American benefactors there to help them, is something we merely latch onto to recognize this holiday.

Like many nations and peoples did during that time, harvest festivals were a usual occurrence in the colonial days of America. Not only were the colonists that were arriving here celebrating anything that was keeping them alive for another few years, but many established cultures had their own version of such festivals.

The reality that a mere year after what we regard as "the first Thanksgiving" the Jamestown Massacre of 1622 occurred should speak volumes to the true nature of Native American and colonist relations.

Things were not cooperative and often ended in violent action from either side of the spectrum.

We cling to the ideas that peaceful relations occurred and "the first Thanksgiving" happened simply because we do not wish to acknowledge the facts. The 500 years of betrayal and destruction that precipitated these events can be hard to swallow. Especially when we are trying hard to swallow dry breadcrumbs from a bird's butt.

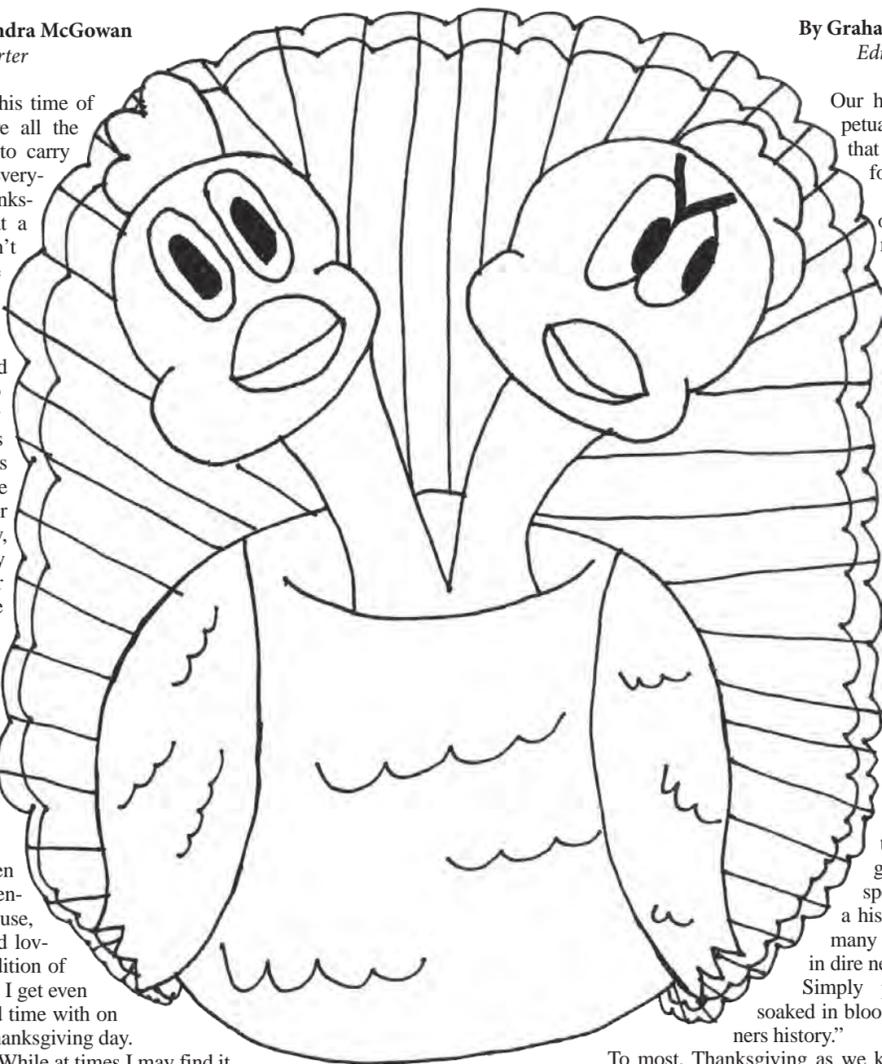
The tradition of Thanksgiving is a construct that was created by the very people who helped oppress Native Americans.

It was not until the institution of American government did we find proclamations on the righteousness of the final Thursday of November. It wasn't until the 1800s did the holiday become synonymous with American ideals and traditions when Lincoln declared it so.

Our traditions today only continue this preposterous notion.

So while you are lauding the generosity of others, and your own family, take time before the carving the big bird and recognize what this holiday represents, not what it has become or stands for now.

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## One last rewind; Blockbuster, you will be missed

By Sharida Rejon  
Photographer

When I received the news that all Blockbuster stores were closing down, my heart dropped. No, I am not being dramatic. As the popularity of Netflix, Redbox, Hulu, Amazon Instant Video, and even the On Demand menu from cable providers increased, I knew it was only a matter of time until Dish Network pulled the plug on my beloved Blockbuster.

To me, Blockbuster was more than just a place to go rent movies and videogames. It was part of a

family tradition, and I feel memories of my childhood and young adulthood slipping away as their doors close.

Blockbuster was like the Disneyland of movie stores.

Every time I walked in, there were movies playing on the TVs, someone always greeted me with a smile on their face, and I could literally spend hours looking at all the products they offered beside movies.

I would almost always walk out with a poster, a keychain, or even a toy in addition to my movies. I also have Blockbuster to thank for

greatly contributing to my collection of over 600 movies. Sometimes they even had games and activities for children when they were promoting the release of a new film. Where else are we going to get that? Definitely not Redbox.

Although streaming movies and television shows is more instant, it will never compare to the excitement I would feel as a child whenever my parents or grandparents would announce a movie night and drive us to Blockbuster. It will never compare to the joy I felt in my heart whenever I saw the holiday movie section every year

when Christmas was near. It will never compare to the excitement I felt whenever I saw that one of my favorite movies was on sale, in its original case and all, or the feeling I got whenever I'd get a blue gumball from the machine inside the store and received a free rental.

And it will definitely not ever compare to the warm, familiar feeling of walking into a place filled with memories where people know you by name. Sorry, Redbox. You cannot beat that.

Goodbye, Blockbuster. You will always be remembered with nostalgia.

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## Phone Review

# Nokia Lumia 925 is affordable and easy to use

By MJ Inguito  
Features/Opinions Editor

Long gone are the days of Nokia's 'brick' phone that seemed to have the ability to survive through anything we carelessly put it through, with the exception of submerging it in water. It's now the era for sleek new innovations that can handle more on screen trials than physical ones, although we'd probably prefer if it could do both.

This is where the Nokia Lumia 925 comes in. It gives off a sleek and classic appearance with a polycarbonate back and aluminum finish edges, far more stealthy and mature in comparison to the brightly neon colored Lumia phones in the Nokia line-up. The 925 also grouped its headset port, usb charging port, and micro SIM slot on the top of the phone; while the volume, power, and camera buttons are well spaced out on the right hand side. It gives the rest of the aluminum edges a clean look, while providing for just the essentials in a convenient location.

The AMOLED screen really adds to the look of the phone as well. When viewing photos and videos the colors really pop and makes for a more visually appealing experience. That really comes in handy with an 8.7 megapixel PureView camera featuring Carl Zeiss optics on the back that works



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well outdoors on bright days and in low light situations. The camera can also record 1280pixel videos, while the 1.7 megapixel front facing camera allows for the typical selfies and 720pixel video chats.

With looks aside, the Windows Phone 8 OS was a happy change from the usual Android and iOS systems. It didn't take long to get used to the 'live tiles' and

customizing them to fit my needs. Icons on the screen are great, but being able to just glance at the app tile that's providing you with the current update is more convenient than having to open the app itself, especially when you're in a rush and don't have time to scroll through other information. Not all apps are a tile on the screen, it's customizable to what apps you want, and just

a quick swipe to the left can easily pull up all available apps in alphabetical order with a convenient search tool to find the specific one. Think of it as your favorites page, only the apps you really want are on that screen, and everything else is hidden away until you need it.

And yes, being a Windows Phone you don't get as many choices in apps as compared to with Android or iOS. You're missing big name apps like Instagram and Youtube, but until they become available there are third party apps at your disposal. The app Instance for example allows you to use Instagram, but you sacrifice use of instavid. It's not perfect, but it's the closest third party app I found that worked well. As for other apps, you'll surely find the app you need even if it isn't the same exact one that's available to Android or iOS users. Like the other markets, they had to start somewhere, and Windows is still a work in progress.

By far my favorite apps on the 925 were ones that came with the phone and won me over with its functionality, Nokia's HERE apps and Office Mobile. Nokia's HERE apps are multiple navigation apps that can determine commute times and routes, public transportation; though it doesn't work for Bakersfield. Also it contains your typical GPS for locating nearby restaurants, stores, entertainment,

etc. They were especially convenient and I found them more useful than checking Google maps. Then there's Windows Office mobile, which I'm typing this on, it's convenient in getting work done on the go, especially for a student and a photographer for the paper, carrying a notebook on assignment isn't the most practical at times, so having the office app was convenient in jotting down notes, and transferring the file on to my computer later on saves a lot of time.

But as much as I like the phone, there are still some drawbacks with the 925. The dual-core 1.5GHz Qualcomm Snapdragon processor with a 1GB RAM gets things done, but is only midrange in comparison to some Android phones on the market. This is noticeable in running apps and browsing online tends to be slower than other systems. Another drawback is the lack of extended memory. The 925 comes with an internal 16GB memory, and with just having the phone for a month, I can already say 16gb is not enough.

All in all, the Nokia Lumia 925 with its sleek looks and functionality is a phone worth looking into if you're in the market for a new windows or smart phone. Sure, it has some drawbacks, but for the price at 99 dollars and its functionality it is still a good phone.

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## Food Review

# Renegade Room not as satisfying as thought to be



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BC's culinary art's student run restaurant, the Renegade Room, located in the FACE building served a seafood dinner to its guests.

By Bertin Rodriguez  
Online Editor

Delectable eats or just another meal?

I had high hopes for the Renegade Room, and I was let down by almost every aspect of the food.

The Renegade Room's menu for the day was Pacific Rim Buffet, and upon walking in, the aroma that filled the air was amazing. I immediately smelled the barbecue ribs and my mouth started to water.

Jana Fidler-Wiggers was running the front of the house where she greeted us with a big smile and seemed genuinely happy for us to be there.

She sat us down and asked if we wanted anything to drink besides the water they had waiting for us at

our table.

I started by serving myself a mixed greens salad, which I found myself enjoying despite the simple presentation. It wasn't drowning in dressing and the greens were crisp and fresh. I regret not getting another plate because I enjoyed it the most.

After I finished the salad, I made a beeline for the main course, which consisted of fried rice, "jap noodles," ribs and salmon. The rice was good and full of flavor despite it being a bit too dry.

As for the noodles, they had me wanting more flavor, as some of the noodles were plain and didn't have any sauce.

This was my first time trying salmon and I must say that I hope all salmon doesn't taste like what I

was served at the Renegade Room. It was really dry like almost eating filo dough with an earthy taste. I think it may have been in the banquet trays too long.

The food that caught my attention was the barbecue ribs and I was excited to try them. I took a bite and was immediately greeted with a punch of flavor.

The ribs were a bit dry also, but at least the flavor element was there. This was the saving grace of the main course.

The options for dessert were blueberry pie and apple dumpling. I tried the apple dumpling and with the immediate puckering of my lips, the table knew just how tart the dumpling was.

It was also really sweet so both flavors were battling and the only

thing losing the fight was my mouth. The dough was soggy and didn't add anything to the dumpling.

On a high note, the wait staff including Fidler-Wiggers was always willing to talk to us and made sure we had everything we needed throughout the entire meal.

"These customers that are here are like always here," said Fidler-Wiggers about the room being so packed. "The reason we are so comfortable is because we are always here [together]."

The service clearly outshined the food, but because the Renegade Room's food is cooked by students of BC, I still suggest you go at least once to try it. They are still learning and they will only get better.

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## Music Review

# Eminem brings back 'Shady' sound

By Bertin Rodriguez  
Online Editor

Eminem is back. Or is he? Eminem's eighth studio album, Marshall Mathers LP 2 has been highly anticipated and it is finally here.

Eminem is still Eminem, that hasn't changed, so if you are looking for a "highlight reel" of rap styles that makes him the best today, then MMLP2 is the album you are looking for.

Some of the many great songs on the album include "Bad Guy," "Rhyme or Reason," in which Mathers mixes a bit of old school and new school by using a slower guitar and a simple beat, and "Rap God," the six-minute track where he takes shots at many artists and clearly shows why he is the best in the game today.

MMLP2 also features the song "Survival," which video game company Acitivision used to help promote its next game in the Call of Duty series, "Call of Duty: Ghosts."

The album features only a handful of guest artists like Skylar Grey, Rihanna, Nate Ruess from Fun, and Kendrick Lamar.

"Love Game" is the only song on the album that features another rapper (Kendrick Lamar). You can't expect anything less than perfection when you have "The Best in the West Coast," Lamar and "The Rap God," Mathers. They use a motown feeling chorus with a sample to complement their comedic lyrics as they make fun of falling in love and the ups and down of the relationship.

Nate Ruess' appearance on the track "Headlight" doesn't disappoint. The beat they used for the song was clearly made for Ruess' singing voice and also works very well with Mathers' slower hard-hitting rap style he used on the track.

Many say this is Eminem's final album, but I hope it isn't because he still has the skills to be the best.

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## Movie Review

# Loki takes a surprising lead in the new Thor movie

By Jason Reed  
Reporter

Though we didn't see much of Loki in the new "Thor: The Dark World" movie, he was still the main reason I didn't stay bored out of my mind while watching.

I didn't grow up a comic fan, so I had no idea who Loki was when I saw the first "Thor" two years ago and looking at the excellent job Tom Hiddleston did as Loki, I knew right then and there I had a favorite villain.

Hiddleston was killed off momentarily and it just wasn't inter-

esting when he wasn't on-screen. Don't get me wrong, Chris Hemsworth makes a great Thor and I thought he and Hiddleston even did a great job in "Thor," but even with limited on-screen action, Hiddleston stole the spotlight in "Thor: The Dark World."

The action takes a while to kick up in the movie, but I eventually got bubbled eyes when Loki made his appearance.

He was seen talking to Odin (Anthony Hopkins) and was sent off to prison for the crimes he committed in "The Avengers."

When Loki learns of his adoptive mother, he shows his anger by re-

leasing a powerful force and I have to say that I had goose bumps from being so amazed at his power.

From the entertainment perspective, Loki brought lots of laughter when he created an illusion by transforming into Captain America (Chris Evans).

When watching superhero movies such as "Thor: The Dark World," you know that somehow and some way the bad guy will lose.

When watching and waiting for Malekith (Christopher Eccleston) to make his appearance, I was thinking, could this guy sell the fact that he might win this fight? He failed to interest me.

But, at the end, it showed from the villain perspective that it was never about the Dark Elves of Svartalfheim.

At the end of the movie, Thor was explaining (to what appeared to be Odin) that he didn't want to be king of Asgard. But when Thor left the scene, Loki reappeared, sitting on the throne of Odin with a smile.

Because of Hiddleston and his excellent performance as Loki, I would definitely recommend people check this movie out. Hemsworth was good this time around, but Hiddleston was great.

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MAYAN LARA/ THE RIP

Bakersfield College quarterback Cruise Adams scrambles out of the pocket to find an open receiver in the Renegades final home game against Allan Hancock College on Nov. 9.

## Bakersfield College ends season with a .500 record

By Jason Reed  
Reporter

With nothing to play for but pride and scouts, the Bakersfield College football team turned a 1-4 start into a 4-1 finish.

In its final home game of the season against Allan Hancock College on Nov. 9, BC was able to force a turnover on downs in the red zone and hold on for a 17-14 win.

The Renegades took a 17-0 lead into the fourth quarter and looked as if they were going to win with ease before the Bulldogs came storming back and scored 14 unanswered points before falling on a fourth down incompleteness by quarterback Troy Prober, who finished the game competing eight of 15 passes, 133 passing yards and two touchdowns.

"We played really well defensively for about three and a half quarters," said BC head coach Jeff Chudy.

"We kind of lost the momentum; I think offensively we left a lot of points on the field, especially in the first half, but our guys played hard and competed."

BC was able to get its first points when quarterback Cruise Adams took the ball into the end zone on a quarterback sneak.

Adams finished the game 5 of 11 on pass attempts including a 23-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Brock Martin.

Kwame Johnson finished with a season high 149 rushing yards with 27 carries. Johnson and running back Preston Hodges combined for 240 yards.

On Hancock's final drive, the Bulldogs set up for a 43-yard field goal to try to tie the score. Chudy



BERTIN RODRIGUEZ/ THE RIP

BC defensive back Javaundre Howington dives for a tackle against Alfred Hancock wide receiver Shakeer Williams.

called two of his three timeouts each time Hancock set up to kick. After the second timeout, the Bulldogs decided to go for the first down on fourth-and-2.

"I thought it would put nerves on him," Chudy explained when asked why he called the timeouts. "The situation would be too big for him. I thought that would put enough pressure on him to where he'd have a hard time executing the kick."

On the fourth-and-2, BC defensive back Cody Jones came away with a potential game-saving play when he broke up Prober's pass that was intended for Henderson Shane, who had 170 receiving yards, 11 receptions and a touchdown.

In their final game of the season

against Pasadena City College on Nov. 16, BC came away with their biggest win of the season when they defeated the Lancers 52-6.

With the win, the Renegades finished the season 5-5 and 3-3 in their division.

After trailing 3-0 early, BC got on the board when Hodges ran for a 46-yard touchdown and led 24-6 at the half when Adams threw a 51-yard to Kamron McKinney.

Adams finished the game completing 10 of 15 passes with 291 yards and three scores through the air.

The Renegades had 214 yards on the ground. Martin finished the game with three receptions and 108 receiving yards.

## Renegades finish off fourth in WSC at 4-6-4

By Jason Reed  
Reporter

The Bakersfield College Renegades soccer team has wrapped up its season, finishing fourth in the Western State Conference at 4-6-4 and 8-8-4 overall.

Held back by injuries nearly all season long, BC will miss the postseason for the second straight year.

The Renegades final game of the season was against Glendale College on Nov. 15, ending in a 0-0 tie score.

In the Renegades final home game of the season Nov. 12, they lost to L.A. Valley 2-1. BC took a 1-0 lead over L.A. Valley in the first six minutes.

The goal came when Emily Blakeslee capitalized on an assist by D.J. Vidal.

"It's just unfortunate," BC head coach Scott Dameron said when asked about Vidal's missed opportunity on a corner kick that would have knotted the score at two-all.

"She's been carrying our attack for weeks, she's been the one that has had to spend all the energy and create chances to help our team."

L.A. Valley immediately responded to BC's goal with two of its own and took a 2-1 lead into the half.

L.A. Valley was also playing for pride and not playoffs, finishing the season behind BC at 3-5-5 in the WSC.

"It's just what it is," Dameron answered when asked how he has gone about handling the team injuries and how frustrating it is to be piled with injuries. "That's what you're up against,"



BERTIN RODRIGUEZ/ THE RIP

Bakersfield College player Mallory Eyraud kicks the ball in the Renegades 2-1 loss against L.A. Valley College. BC finished the season 8-8-4.

he said. "We can decide to be sad about it or we can figure out what we can make out of it."

Even though his team has faced lots of adversity, Dameron said that he was proud of the way this team has worked all season long.

On Nov. 15 the Renegades went on the road to play its final game of the season against Glendale College. BC and Glendale tied 0-0.

"They played well, it was nice, we actually had one more kid who got cleared," Dameron said speaking of Monica Diaz who suffered a concussion against Antelope Valley College back on Oct. 29 in a 1-0 Renegades win.

"Having her back really helped. She was able to help us cover a lot more ground and be a lot more dangerous."

College of the Canyons won the WSC with a 12-0-2 record.

## Dameron wants students aware of men's soccer club on campus

By Jason Reed  
Reporter

As promised, Bakersfield College has an official men's soccer club. With the help of a couple of past Student Government Association board members, male students can get things going with its soccer club.

"For years there have been tons of guys on the campus that have been really interested in trying to find some way to have a men's soccer program here," said the adviser of the club and BC women's head coach Scott Dameron.

"There have always been lots of guys on campus that have had a passion and a real desire to play and nowhere to play," Dameron added.

BC has a women's soccer team, but the men's team was discontinued more than 10 years ago, leaving a club as the only option for men who want to play organized soccer at the college. Dameron said BC student Raul Carrillo was a major part of getting guys together and organized on the campus to get the club going.

"That was their original goal when they were formed, the club was to create a place for everybody that was interested in men's soccer," Dameron said about the men who've been pushing for a soccer club.

Dameron said on the first day of the meeting there were over 50

men showing their interest in the program.

When asked if the number went down since the first meeting, Dameron said there were even more attendees that showed up to the meeting.

"I know that we haven't come close to hitting everybody that has real interest," Dameron explained. "People just kept showing because when they hear about it, they're excited because it's something that people really wanted for a long time."

According to Dameron, one of the main focuses at the moment is to raise awareness of the men's soccer club that is at BC.

When asked about fundraising, Dameron said that he has talked about "possible things," but nothing has been scheduled at the moment.

"They're going to need to raise money if we're going to pull this off because obviously if they're talking about competing, it costs money to travel places," he said.

Dameron said that men from other schools who want to be part of the club have contacted Carrillo.

"That's what I've enjoyed about being around those guys so far," Dameron, answered when asked about the atmosphere of the club. "They do have such a passion for it and it doesn't matter what the situation is, they'll figure out how to get there."

## BC starts slow and fails to recover



ANTONIO MENDEZ/ THE RIP

BC wrestler prepares for his match against SCWA Eastern Conference Tournament on Nov. 16.

By Nicholas Torres  
Reporter

The Bakersfield College wrestling team endured a tough day at the Southern California Wrestling Association Eastern Conference on Nov. 16.

"The scores weren't indicative of how we compete," said BC coach Bill Kalivas. "The individuals we had did the best they could, that's all we can ask for."

Kalivas explained that some of the struggles this year have been because some wrestlers have been

ineligible or have left the team. "Because of the difficulties, we've been a little overmatched at times," he said.

The goal for the rest of the season, according to Kalivas, is to send as many wrestlers to state as possible. "We will look and see who they are," he said.

The three wrestlers he said have a good chance at landing in the top eight for their respective weight classes are 149-pounder Max Ramirez, 157-pounder Jonathan Gomez, and heavyweight Josh Davis.

BC's next tournament is the East LA Duals held at East LA College on Nov. 23.

## Huser three strokes shy

By Nicholas Torres  
Reporter

The Bakersfield College women's golf team just missed a chance to send freshman Kendall Huser to qualify for the state championships.

In order to qualify, Huser had to finish in 12th place or better in the Southern California Regionals, but instead missed the cut by only three strokes.

She finished the tournament with rounds of 85-81 for 166.

Since BC does not have enough players to qualify as a team, the only chance of going to state was for an individual to make it.

The winner of the tournament was Iris Chung, from Mt. San Jacinto, who shot a score of 147.

As it has been the case all season, Santa Barbara City College finished first with a team score of 624.

The team that will challenge SBCC for the state title will be Fullerton College, which shot 639.

The top two teams will battle for the team title, while the top 12 individuals will battle each other for the singles championship.

The championships will be played in Modesto at Tracy Golf Course on Nov. 17-18.



STEVEN LARA/ THE RIP

BC's Edithza Urias kills the ball and scores a point for her team in a three-set sweep over the Citrus College Owls on Nov. 15.

## Renegades serve payback against Citrus

By Jason Reed  
Reporter

With a 12-1 record over its past 13 games, the Bakersfield College volleyball team is in position to capture the Western State South Conference Championship on Nov. 20 against College of the Canyons.

Canyons beat Santa Monica College on Nov. 15, and the Renegades, on the same date, beat Citrus College.

That sets up a showdown between the two powerhouses of the WSSC with a 6 p.m. match Nov. 20 at BC.

Both teams are 10-1 in the WSSC, and the match will be the regular-season finale.

BC won its sixth consecutive game when they took down Citrus in three sets. BC won the first set 26-24.

Citrus would go on a 5-0 run to pull even before BC went on to close it out with two straight points.

"It's awesome," said BC's defen-

sive specialist Maddie DeMarco, who finished the game with 21 digs.

"It was just really exciting because this win means that we can win our conference."

DeMarco said they wanted to come in as a team and get the job done to be able to move on and focus on Canyons with the conference title up for grabs.

In the second set, it was all BC.

The Renegades won the set with ease at 25-13 and played completely in sync throughout the entire game.

"Preparation," said BC head coach Carl Ferreira, when asked about his team's dominant effort.

"The first time we played them, we weren't nearly as prepared as we were now; just having really good preparation with scouting report and film."

During the midst of BC's 12-1 record in 13 games, Citrus has been the only team to knock off the Renegades.



STEVEN LARA/ THE RIP

The Bakersfield College volleyball team huddles and celebrates a point scored against Citrus College. With the win against the Owls, the Renegades, after starting at 5-6, improved to 17-7.

After a 5-6 start to the season, BC went on a six-game winning streak.

The Citrus Owls snapped that streak on Oct. 23 with the Renegades losing in four sets at Citrus.

"We were very excited to come out and play them," said outside hitter Edithza Urias. Urias finished the game with 14 kills and 17 points to lead the Renegades.

"It feels great, it was something we really wanted to do and we ac-

complished it," she said.

BC would go on and win the third set 25-20 to seal the deal dropping Citrus to 7-4 and stopping the Owls' two-game winning streak.

Earlier in that day, Canyons beat Santa Monica in four sets and will now bring its perfect 8-0 road record to BC.

Canyons come in on a five-game winning streak with its last loss coming Oct. 25 at BC.

The Renegades beat the Cougars in three sets in the two team's last battle.

BC won 25-21, 25-21, 25-20.

"We're very excited to go play them again; this game is in the past and now we're going to focus on Canyons," said Urias when asked about going against Canyons.

"We have time to prepare both mentally and physically, so we'll be ready," she added.

## Bakersfield College drops two straight after victory over College of the Desert

By Jason Reed  
Reporter

Freshmen Rosebrooke Hunt and Leigha Moland led the Bakersfield College women's basketball team with 18 points each in their college debut and the Renegades came away with a 75-67 victory over College of the Desert on Nov. 7.

Other Freshman Dakota Oliver came off the bench and delivered a double-double with 11 points on 5-of-13 shooting and 13 rebounds.

"I was thrilled with Dakota, she's been injured and she comes out and played really hard," BC head coach Paula Dahl said about the performance of the 6-foot-1 freshman from Stockdale High.

"We've got some phenomenal post potential," Dahl said when asked what she liked from her players.

Dahl had talked to her team on several occasions about their lack of effort on defense, as they had a hard time stopping Desert College players from making jump shots and fighting through set-screens.

BC shot just 34 percent from the field but was able to get a huge lift at the free-throw line, going just 25-for-40; offensive put-back attempts played a big part of getting free-throw opportunities. BC grabbed 32 offensive rebounds and had a total of 61 rebounds.

Coming off an ACL tear last season, guard Claesey Tarver struggled to find a rhythm offensively going 0-for-8 with just two points. She did however get two assists, which helped her team close out the Roadrunners.

BC was down 50-48 after an 11-7 run by Desert College with 10:10 remaining. BC ended the run after some easy baskets in the paint going on an 11-4 run, leading 59-54. Desert refused to go away, cutting the Renegades lead to 68-65, with a 3-pointer by Desert guard Hana Qaqui who finished the game with 26 points with 7-of-15 shooting, including 5-for-11 at the three-point line.

In the game against Riverside City College on Nov. 8, BC gave away 33 turnovers and lost to the Tigers 59-53.

After a tough time in the previous game against Desert College, going 0-for-8 on her field goals, Tarver had a much better night of shooting. She went 4-for-10 from the field, including 2-for-6 at the three-point line, and scored a team high 13 points (the only Renegade in double figures) to go along with two blocked shots and three steals.

After 18 points each in the first game, Hunt and Moland combined for just 15 points on 6-for-20 shooting.

As a team, the Renegades shot 17-for-69 from the field, including 3-of-19 from the three-point line. With so many missed shots, BC was once again able to crash the boards effectively on offense with their length in the frontcourt, causing Riverside to foul them. However the Renegades weren't able to capitalize, making only 16 shots out of 36 attempts.

With over 37.1 seconds remaining in the game BC was down by seven and it seemed they were trying to force turnovers instead of fouling. After the game Dahl explained what happened.

"We really didn't break it down like we should have," she said. "But I was yelling at them to foul." During the final minutes, the Renegades were able to come away with steals and points at the other end using the full-court press to force the Tigers into turnovers.

BC, however, couldn't stop Riverside from making shots when the Tigers were able to break the press.

"We've got a lot of fundamentals we've got to fix," Dahl said. "We've got to have all of our kids geared and ready to go."

"We can't have some here one night and others here another night. We have a lot to work on, but we'll get there."

In the game against Moorpark College on Nov. 16, the Renegades suffered a 60-48 loss to the Raiders. With their second consecutive loss, BC fell to -2 in the early season.

"It was our first road trip, and we have to learn how to be prepared," said Dahl when asked her thoughts on the game. "We're young and it (our performance) shows how young we are."

Moland led the Renegades with 15 points and shot 9-for-14 at the free-throw line.

BC totaled only 12 points off the bench with Oliver leading the way with just six.

Riley Abraham presented a dominate post presence all game long according to Dahl.

"She just tore us up," Dahl said. "We made poor adjustments and once we started making the adjustments it was better."

Abraham led her team with 23 points, shooting 11-for-15 from the field and added 11 rebound for a double-double.

BC's next game will be on the road Nov. 26 against Santa Ana College.

## Led by Campbell, women's team qualifies for state cross country meet

By Jason Reed  
Reporter

The Bakersfield College women's cross-country team qualified for the State Championships by finishing 11th in the Southern California Regional Cross Country Championships at Central Park in Santa Clarita.

The BC men didn't qualify as a team, but freshman Juan Calderon qualified for state as an individual.

The BC women had a team time of 1:43:54 with 307 points. Freshman Jessica Campbell finished at 28th place with the time of 20:05.57.

"It went really well," Campbell said when asked about the race performance. During the run, Campbell said she rolled her ankle during the final mile of the race.

"Right now I'm trying to heal up for the meet so that I can get myself everything I got at state," she said.

The other four runners to place for the Renegades included sophomore Orieth Rodriguez, who came in at

20:33.91, Esthefani Perez finished with the time of 20:42.71, and behind her for BC was Amber Cruz at 21:10.88. The final runner to come in for Renegades was Moriah Millwee with the time of 22:02.38.

In the men's race, San Bernardino Valley College took first place with the time of 1:46:07 and scored 53 points. Orange College took second with the time of 1:47:18 and scored 88 points.

Omar Caro of San Bernardino came in at first place with the time of 20:44.19.

Twenty-seven schools took part in the event, and Orange Coast College came away with a first-place finish. The Pirates finished with the team time of 1:36:50 seconds, finishing with a dominating score of 58 points. College of the Canyons finished second with 149 points.

Freshman Laura Aceves of East L.A. College finished first with the time of 18:35.78.

The state meet will take place Nov. 23 at Woodward Park in Fresno.

## BC starts 3-1 in first four road games

By Ruben Hill  
Reporter

The Bakersfield College men's basketball team is off to a solid start, winning three of its first four games.

The team took home third place in the Cuesta Tournament Nov. 8-10 of the season going 2-1 with wins against Mendocino College 65-63 and West Valley College 55-52. The Renegades lost to Allan Hancock 67-54.

Coach Rich Hughes is optimistic about his team's start.

"It's early and we've won some close games, which is good because last year we lost a lot of close games," he said.

Corey McDonald-Mitchell has been the team's biggest producer averaging 15 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. McDonald-Mitchell was also selected

to the all-tournament team at the Cuesta Tournament.

"He's played really well," Hughes said. "He rebounds really well for a guard. We're expecting more as the season unfolds."

In their last game, the Renegades squeaked out a one-point victory against Monterey Peninsula College 63-62.

"We're struggling a little with zone. They zoned us up and kind of shut us up, but when you win games like this it gives you confidence," said Hughes.

BC will be taking their 3-1 record on the road on Nov. 20 when they travel to West Hills. Afterward, the Renegades will host a four-team tournament at Bakersfield College Nov. 29-30. The tournament will feature Allan Hancock, Merritt and Reedley colleges.



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Elizabeth Brown, 2013 Miss Rodeo Tehachapi, arrives on a horse at the end of the Veterans Day Parade.



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Veterans ride a float in the parade to honor the Salazar brothers who fought in multiple wars.

# VETERANS DAY PARADE



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Sgt. 1st Class Howard walks with a child during the Veterans Day Parade.



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Vietnam and Korean War veterans ride in multiple vehicles, designated by the war they fought during, holding up signs that read "freedom is not free."



MAYAN LARA / THE RIP

The Bakersfield VA Outpatient Clinic members parade in a military Humvee.