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Dolores Huerta & family watch "Dolores" movie

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Dolores Huerta is one of the most historical human rights activist in American history. She is well-known for being the co-founder of the United Farm Workers (UFW) with partner Cesar Chavez. Huerta is currently the president and founder of her own organization, the Dolores Huerta Foundation, and continues to fight for equal rights.

Bakersfield College History Professors, Olivia Garcia and Tina Mendoza, hosted a preview of the documentary, "Dolores" along with a discussion afterwards with Huerta and her adult children on March 12.

The film was about Huerta's journey being a Mexican American feminist and activist with 11 children. Her children often mentioned in the film that Huerta was always working and never had a real day off for years. According to her children, it was hard for them not to have their mother around.

There was a lack of equality within minorities, and Huerta simply was not having it when she began in the 1950s.

After seeing the horrible conditions of farmworkers, she decided to team with Chavez.

After the film was over, Huerta mentioned a flaw in the making of the film, and how she was perceived wrongly when it came to her being a possibly candidate for president of the UFW when Chavez passed away.

"I didn't run for the presidency, and they did film me saying that, but they didn't put it in the movie, and it made

it look very dramatic," Huerta said.

She added that when Chavez died, she was 63 years old and thought someone younger should run the UFW. Huerta advocated for Arturo S. Rodriguez, who is now the president of the union.

Huerta mentioned that there is going to be a special election on tax measure in Bakersfield on April 10, the day of her birthday. This is going to aim at businesses that aren't paying for their property taxes.

Garcia spoke about Huerta's accomplishments through the Dolores Huerta Foundation, and the awards she has received through her many achievements.

"She has worked for civil rights and social justice for more than fifty years," Garcia said.

She added that Huerta and her foundation are strong advocates for education and reform, and bring about infrastructure improvements for low-income communities. Garcia mentioned that Huerta is also an advocate for the LGBT community.

She took note of some of the most recognized awards that Huerta received, and that was the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award in 1988 by President Clinton.

Also, in 2012, President Obama gave Huerta the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which is the Nation's highest civilian honor in the United States.

The discussion was livestreamed to Delano, and they were also able to ask questions after the film.

Huerta continues to fight for equal rights and is currently looking for volunteers and offering internships at the Dolores Huerta Foundation.



FATIMA LOPEZ / THE RIP

Dolores Huerta and her son and daughters: Emilio Huerta, Juanita Chavez, Camila Chavez and Lori De Leon coming to BC on March 12 to see a preview of the documentary "Dolores" with their mother.

Local leaders of faith in Bakersfield take a stand in support of DACA

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Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients' future remains unknown. However, that has not stopped Faith in Kern Ministry, a network of churches, from showing Dreamers their support during lent season.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, and it will last for forty days. For Christians, the season represents repentance and preparation for the coming of Easter. It requires that they focus on self-examination and reflection. This year, members of Faith in Kern Ministry have decided to give lent another meaning.

Members of the Church have been engaging in peaceful protests that are expected to last for forty days, just like lent. They began on Feb. 21 and will continue until March 28. As for the location, rallies have taken place in front of the offices of Congressman David Valadao located on M Street and Kevin McCarthy on Empire Drive in Bakersfield. Protests are held outside those offices to push local politicians to take action on the matter. The goal of "40 Days for Action," as the group calls it, is to encourage a clean Dream Act, protect DACA recipients from deportation, and provide a path to citizenship.

Stephanie Smith, Kern Minister

and organizer of the "40 Days for Action," said that the group would be rallying outside local congressional offices until Easter Sunday. She shared that they are determined to continue raising their voices even if they get politicians to speak about the issue.

"If I get a promise on day 22, I'm still going to be here even if I'm standing here alone with my rosary and God," Smith vowed.

Others share her commitment because they have either been affected by recent changes to DACA or know people who live in fear of getting deported.

Nancy Bacon, a pastor at Tehachapi Community Church, said that two of her daughter's friends were left without their mother due to recent changes in immigration.

"A woman who lived and worked in the United States for years only to be taken from them and deported," Bacon expressed.

Bacon added that even members of the congregations and neighbors are now vulnerable to detention and deportation due to their immigration status. Immigrant families, she said, now live frightened and terrorized.

"Some laws are simply unjust. The legality of slavery did not make it right," she concluded.

Another individual taking part in the demonstrations is Josephina Vil-



JENNY BRITO / THE RIP

Supporters of a clean Dream Act stand in front of Congressman Kevin McCarthy's office as part of the "40 Days for Action" protests.

larreal, who said she will continue to participate in the rallies to support other mothers who are DACA recipients. Villarreal believes that people need to stick together. "Everyone deserves to be here, and I'm here in solidarity."

DACA has provided protection from deportation and work permits for young people who were illegally brought to the U.S. as children.

President Trump has been trying to eliminate the program, but federal judges ruled that the administra-

tion must keep DACA in place while courts evaluate the potential termination of the program.

More recently, Trump's administration requested that the Supreme Court hear its appeal of the decision.

However, on Feb. 26, the Supreme Court announced that it would not do so, and the case remains in the hands of the appeals court. The move was considered a victory for DACA recipients because it allows for young immigrants to apply or renew their DACA applications.

CSU Bakersfield appoints its first female president in its history following Mitchell Horace's retirement

By Miranda Defoor
Reporter

Cal State Bakersfield's (CSUB) new president, Lynnette Zelezny, was appointed by the California State University Board on March 21. Zelezny, a current provost and vice president at Fresno State, will be taking the place of Horace Mitchell at CSUB.

Mitchell is scheduled to retire at the end of this 2018 school year.

Zelezny's career at Fresno State started in 1988, and since then she has served in many positions for the school. She has been an associate provost, dean and associate vice president for Continuing and Global Education, associate dean for the Craig School of Business, and chair of the psychology department.

Zelezny was also a lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor for the Fresno State psychology department.

Since 2014, however, she has been provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Although Zelezny is the fifth president of CSUB, she is the first woman to be appointed to this position.

"CSUB provides an excellent education for its students, affording them, their families, and indeed the entire Kern community, the opportunity for a vastly better future," Zelezny said in a statement provided by CSUB.

"I look forward to engaging with the CSUB campus community and university supporters in making that outstanding educational experience even more accessible," she added.

Students come forward with their thoughts following closure of BC parking lot

By Issy Barrientos
Reporter

The last issue of the Renegade Rip published a story about Maintenance and Operations starting to use the funds from Measure J to resurface the stadium and softball parking lots with asphalt.

Luis Lopez, a second semester student, said that the closure of the parking parking lot has made it more difficult to find parking. He also said that it was not a smart move to commence the maintenance during the middle of the semester.

A suggestion that he had is to allow students to park in the restricted areas and that security should move further down.

Lopez said he needs to get here an hour early just to find parking. "Paid for parking, but the parking went to shit," Lopez said.

Paulette Sanchez, a six semes-

ter student, echoed Lopez's opinion about the maintenance occurring at a "terrible time."

Sanchez, just like Lopez, feels "a little ripped off," as she paid for parking but cannot park where she paid to park. Sanchez said she needs to leave 20 mins early to find parking. She also wants more security.

Cristian Flores, a second year student, feels indifferent toward to closure. He has not been late to class, and still gets here at the same time.

He suggested that there should be more security at night. Flores said, "Something that has to be done," about the renovations, which he is happy about.

Mayson Jones, a second year student, thinks that it is stupid that maintenance is happening during the school year. She said that people in here classes have brought up the issue. Even though she has \$10 park-



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A line of CATS on BC parking Lot 3, near the football stadium and BC gym, ready for use as a part of the Measure J initiative to resurface the parking lots on campus.

ing, she feels that the people that parked closed to the stadium are at a disadvantage. She also wants more security.

Tristen Bradox, a second year stu-

dent, has to get up earlier but has not been late to class. He is fine with the maintenance work.

Jorge Gonzalez is a first semester student who is not affected by the

parking lot closure, but his classmates have told him that they are late to class because they have to park further or that it takes them longer to find a parking spot.

He supports the idea of more security because he rarely sees them. He said that it would make students feel safer knowing that their cars are protected. The reason he does not park here is because the parking lot does not look nice, so he is looking forward to the reopening.

Clarisse Aguinaldo, a second semester student, parks by the baseball field "just for a long walk." She is not affected by the parking lot maintenance.

She supports the idea of more security to feel safe due to the school shootings that have occurred throughout. She said that none of her classmates have been delayed by construction either.

Natalie Martinez, a three-year student at BC, is upset about the closure. Since the lots have closed she has been late to class three times which made her get to class half an hour early. "They had summer and winter," Martinez said. She is also upset that she cannot get a refund on her parking. She was shocked when she found out that the funds for Measure J also went to the renovation of the parking lot. She also thought that the maintenance meant more parking spots. She wants more security so that they can use their "little carts," to give rides to students to get them to class.

Christina Gonzales, the executive secretary of the Office of Public Safety, assured that the maintenance will not conflict with the commencement ceremony in May as the resurfacing should be finished by April 27. She also said cadets and officers are patrolling that area.

“A Life Interrupted” brings multimedia presentation to BC

By Miranda Defoor
Reporter

The Bakersfield Police Department (BPD) presented “A Life Interrupted,” a multimedia presentation about drunk and reckless driving, to Bakersfield College Students.

The presentation on March 15 included a trailer with a demolished truck from a Bakersfield accident, photos of car accidents, and actual 911 calls.

BPD Officer Sonja Peery, a previous traffic officer who was a part of the BPD fatal accident reconstruction team for seven years, talked students through the dangers of reckless driv-

ing and driving under the influence. Each accident she presented had different crime scene photos, audio, and a different story.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), 28 people die every day from a drunk driving related crash.

In 2002, in Bakersfield, 12 high school aged students were killed in reckless and drunk driving related crashes. These deaths prompted BPD Officer Don Cegielski to create “A Life Interrupted.”

After the start of the program in 2002, there was a decrease in accidents, but it didn’t last very long. In 2017, there were 45 fatal accidents,

and this year there have already been nine.

Peery noted that the number of accidents doesn’t indicate the number of deaths due to these fatal crashes, since many include several victims who died or were injured.

“High school students may think they don’t get affected, or they’re invincible,” Peery said.

“They don’t think it will happen to them.”

The target audience for “A Life Interrupted” is high school and college students because, according to Peery, they are an influence to those around them.

Although these students don’t

think they are at risk for being in an accident or don’t think their deaths would affect anyone, Peery wants to remind students that their deaths will affect “100 or more people,” like their families, classmates, professors, and coworkers.

Fatal accidents have an impact. Extremely traumatic accidents affect the victim’s families, witnesses, and even first responders.

One example of this was an accident in which a young girl was trapped in a burning car for up to 20 minutes.

Bystanders called 911 repeatedly, each of the calls played in the presentation grew more frantic as the callers



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The Bakersfield Police Department’s, “A Life Interrupted” trailer shows a demolished car from an accident in 2016.

could hear the victim screaming for help from the car.

911 emergency operators tried to reassure the callers that things would be okay and help was on the way, but after alerting officers of an accident and its location, there is nothing left to do.

“Officers have an oath to protect our city,” Peery said, and even though

they have to get there as safely and as quickly as possible, first responders may fear it’s their own friends or family in an accident.

Although law enforcement is trying to combat drunk and reckless driving with DUI checkpoints, accidents still happen. “Everyone has the idea that it won’t happen to them,” Peery repeated, “Be responsible for your actions.”

Discussion at BC about current state of freedom of speech

By Fitzgerald Graves
Reporter

A conversation about freedom of speech versus hate speech was held on the campus of Bakersfield College on March 21 in the Levan Center.

The discussion is titled Hate Speech and Freedom of Speech and was moderated by Jack Hernandez and paneled by John Giertz, BC Professor of Communication, Erin Miller, BC Professor of History and Nicky Damania BC Director of Student Life.

The purpose of this event was to address the current climate of speech that potentially leads to racial injustice, sexual harassment, discriminatory practices and abuse of authority occurring frequently on college campuses across the nation. As the event began Miller instructed students to fill-out the strip of paper located on each seat. Each slip of paper had questions on them that were developed to drive the conversation about hate speech and freedom of speech.

Hernandez said, “Students think that free speech rights are very important to society, but nearly half the students believe that they are in favor campus speech codes. And furthermore 2/3 feel that the constitution should not protect hate speech like

racial slurs.”

After Jack told a brief story about students who wore costumes for Halloween that mimicked stereotypes of specific demographics. He directed John Giertz to initiate the conversation about Freedom of speech versus hate speech. As he stood and read about the various cases and statistics where the freedom of speech was challenged due to the offensive nature and perceived by the group identified in the speech as hate speech.

Giertz delivered a levy of terms and definitions that are deemed protected under the constitutional clause known as free speech. Terms like abstract ideas, advocacy of unpopular ideas, imminent lawless action, breach of the peace, fighting words and liable language were defined and elaborated on as to provide a clear understanding what was protected under the language of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Professor Giertz said, “I had the most unpleasant opportunity to be accosted by the West Burrow Baptist church. As I was leaving when I went to a funeral in town for military.

As I was leaving they actually crossed the street, which was a violation, but they approached me and my son to tell us that we were going to hell for having attend that [funeral]...



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Communication professor, John Giertz, talks about landmark Supreme Court cases.



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Philosophy professor, Jack Hernandez, facilitates a discussion at the event.

.I responded I don’t love you very much, but for some reason Jesus does.”

Damania shared a story about an English professor was found to show traits of biasness when grading student papers covering the topic of same sex marriage. He said, “Those students who were against same sex

marriage earned higher grades than those groups of students who wrote papers supporting same sex marriages.”

Although professors and students are protected by academic freedom in a scholarly setting, which allows the students and professors to engage in discord covering sensitive con-

tent with the intent to drive in depth dialogue and surface potential resolutions. Students are able to express their perspective until it infringes on the rights of others or violates a contractual agreement agreed upon. Professors are held to a standard of professionalism that allows controversial content under the guise of approved curriculum. Erin Miller professor of history, was the final panelist to present and she said to the audience, “today is designed to provoke you.”

The attendees were again reminded that some of the content she would be sharing could be provoking and controversial.

“I don’t see anything in the constitution that entitles any of us to the freedom not to be offended. You do not have the right to be protected from views that are offensive to you and according to the Supreme court there is no such thing as hate speech. This is not about hate speech but about control,” she said.

Miller went on to tell a story about a student who was kicked out of a class about religion for stating that, gender is biological.

She said, “The discussion of hate speech is about control and descent. A threat to the republic.”

She went on to pose the question

of why would the founders select the freedom of speech as the first amendment. “There is no such thing as hate speech,” she said. Miller went on to discuss a case concerning Clarence Brandenburg.

“This guy Brandenburg is this is the example all of us think of when we think of hate speech. Leader of the KKK, wears a white hood, burns crosses, has a big gathering talking about getting vengeance on [n-word] and killing the Jews and it is clearly hate speech,” she said. It went all the way to the supreme court and it was determined as free speech, setting a precedence as this practice was protected under abstract ideas. She finished by saying that the liberty of conscience is under attack by a Cabal that seeks to maintain the republic by restricting free speech of the people.

And that it is the responsibility of the people to perpetuate the conservative views, liberal views, offensive views, and religious views that avail to freedom of speech.

Free speech; Congress shall pass no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for redress of grievances

Students walk out of class for 17 minutes across the nation in honor of the lives lost at Parkland High School, Florida

By Melissa Puryear
Managing Editor

March For Our Lives, a 17 minute-walkout was scheduled in schools at 10:00 a.m. on March 14, across the nation, in honor of the 17 people whose lives were taken on Feb. 14, in a Parkland Florida high school shooting.

The Walkout was also to protest the inaction on Congress’ part to address gun violence that would keep school children safe.

Bakersfield High School, took part in their own way, with some students who participated in the walkout and other students who wished to remain in their classrooms for three minutes of silence.

BHS Freshman, Malichi Braxton, 15 and BHS Senior, Victoria Zaragoza, 17, were among the students who wished to remain in class and in this way honor the 17, as they took their minutes of silence in their seats with their peers.

According to Braxton, who is also an ROTC student, BHS’s official response was to allow students the choice to remain in their classrooms or participate in the walkout.

He opted to stay in the classroom. About his decision, he said, “I felt like it was something I needed to do

because of what happened.”

“We’re all students and we’re all kids.”

Zaragoza said, “Some of my classmates did still do the walkout, but Mr. Reese (BHS’s High School Principle) went over the intercom and said ‘you can do it if you want to but we’re also doing a moment of silence, cause he knew that a lot of kids wanted to participate in some way, but they didn’t want to have an unexcused absence.’”

The Kern High School District, while encouraging kids to remain in their classrooms, permitted students to also take part in the walkout if they wished.

Those students who took part in the walkout were still subject to the school district’s attendance policy, according to a letter released by Lisa Krch, the public information & communications manager for the Kern High School District.

Zaragoza also said that Mr. Reese [BHS’s principle] said that the moment of silence was a way that they could participate, and that he said, “as a school we should do that, either way.”

She said she “felt good,” about honoring the students in Florida.

“All four years of high school they taught us empathy. That was a part of the Driller Way, so to see that, to see

how our school handled that situation, I liked it,” said Zaragoza.

She also said that she felt the school’s proactive planning was a way of saying to the students at BHS that, “this is what we’re going to do as a school so you can feel that togetherness, that unity that we feel,” so I like that we did that.”

She said that what happened in Parkland is the kind of crisis no student should have to think they will encounter at school because there is an expectation for safety when students are on campus.

She is hopeful about her generation and the future they are willing to invest in with their voice and their future political participation.

She said “We’re students. We can’t vote. We can’t do anything legally yet, but at least we can give them that moment of silence and a walkout. I like that our generation is getting involved. We’re going to be the ones growing up voting and if we don’t have this education, we don’t know what’s going on, we don’t have our own opinion, that can hurt us.”

Although she says that gun rights are important to those who are lawfully vetted, she remains concerned because the world still remains, “a very scary” place.

ShotSpotter detects gun fire upon activation

By Melissa Puryear
Managing Editor

ShotSpotter technology (SST) that was previously installed in some of the high gun-crime neighborhoods in Bakersfield to capture gunfire and clean up crime pockets in these vulnerable neighborhoods, was activated on March 9. Within hours, three men were shot and one man was dead.

Ruben Antonio Garcia, a 26-year old Bakersfield resident was shot in the front yard of a residence on E. 10th.

Anthony Michael Gage, 22 and Trevon Lee Foreman, 22, are suspected of being complicit in the murder of Garcia.

Gage was arrested on March 11 in connection with the drive-by shooting and was booked on murder and

conspiracy charges as well as participation in a criminal street gang, according to police. Foreman is currently at large.

Willie Rivera, councilmember of Ward 1, the ward in which the drive-by shooting occurred, spoke about the technology’s ability to catch gunfire incidents.

“We have had great results so far. It has assisted officers in locating a couple of crime scenes that otherwise would have gone unreported.

Several arrests for gun possession that probably would not have been made as well,” Rivera said.

The recent arrest and pending arrests and convictions may serve as a deterrent to criminals, according to councilmember Rivera.

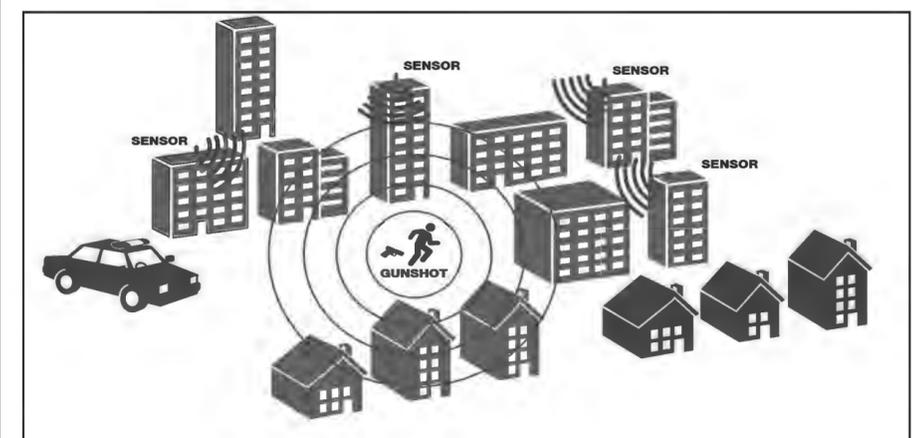
So far SST technology has been successfully detecting gunfire since

its installation, but it may not have detected gunfire that left a man moderately wounded on March 19th, according to police who received a call about a shooting that occurred on the 1200 block of Chester Avenue around 9:30 p.m.

The police were unable to locate the actual crimescene. The police department is communicating with SST to determine if the technology was able to detect any the gunshots.

Liz Einbinder, Marketing and Public Relations Consultant at for SST could not be reached for comment. But according to ShotSpotter’s online FAQs, failure of the technology can occur.

SST website reads, “there have been very few isolated instances where agencies were not able to drive positive operational outcomes.”



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Cruizin-4-Charity hosts its second annual nonprofit car show at the Crystal Palace

By **Miranda Defoor**
Reporter

Cruizin-4-Charity a local nonprofit hosted the second annual Streets of Bakersfield Cruizin Shine Charity car show. The event happened over three days, at two locations.

Thursday, March 15, was a kick-off to the event at the Crystal Palace. Local business sponsors and VIP guests attended the special dinner with a live band and pin up girl contest from Pin-ups For Patriots.

This charity car show is similar to one previously held in Bakersfield, but it was important to the president and organizer of the event, Tony Castiglione, that the event be based around fundraising and helping the local community.

Both old fashioned and shiny, new

cars lined Chester for the event. Local businesses and vendors had booths with merchandise and food available for those attending. Community members who attended were able to donate money to any charity at the Cruizin-4-Charity event.

Castiglione's motivation for organizing a car show in Bakersfield was giving back to the community. "Car owners that own classic cars and travel from state to state will support events that are for charity,"

Castiglione said. Ten local Bakersfield car clubs volunteered their time and effort for the event, and proceeds go to the charities of their choosing. Money is raised through the fees car owners pay when entering their cars into the event.

Sponsors help to pay the city to block off roads and the proceeds



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Car owner shows off engine at Cruizin 4 Charity Car Show.

from participants go to charity. Car enthusiasts have an opportunity to give back to the community through the event.

When Castiglione and his wife got their own classic car, their teenage sons told them to enter it in a car show that used to take place in Bakersfield.

They were traveling to different communities with their car and realized Bakersfield could use a revival of its own.

After talking to local car clubs and friends with classic cars, Castiglione was told all it takes is one person to get something started.

We have four race tracks, independent car racers, and NASCAR racers in our community.

A car show will help revive interest in cars, racing, and the location helps downtown businesses, he explained.

"It felt right to put Bakersfield on the map [...] and help downtown flourish," Castiglione said.

One Discussion

Mental Health: For mental wellness and awareness

By **Christina Benavides**
Copy Editor

It can be hard to deal with mental illness when you have no support at home or have friends who understand what you're going through, but there are ways to approach the people you love. It all starts with one conversation.

The first thing I personally recommend that you do is reach out to at least one person who you feel might come to understand you if they tried. Some people are either stubborn, they were born at a different time where it wasn't the norm to talk about mental illness, or they are just clueless.

Sometimes it does take more than one conversation with these types of people, and I can relate to the frustration that you may feel due to this. Make sure you have an idea of how you want to approach this sensitive area in your life. You could start off by explaining your feelings, and how you know that these feelings aren't healthy, and that you need support going through it.

An assumption people make about mental illness is that we can just choose to be happy whenever we want. If the person you're trying to get through to follows this stereotype, then you can guide them away from that way of thinking. I haven't fully been able to change the way of thinking for people who don't want to, however I realized that when I started my first conversation with a sibling about my mental health issues, he only asked questions. I think that's where you reel people in and begin to change their ways of thinking, answer their questions. They probably know nothing about mental illness.

Another thing I absolutely recommend is viewing movies, TV shows, or even books discussing mental health issues. For some people, it takes actually seeing the effects of mental illness to believe it is a real issue.

The Netflix series, "13 Reasons Why" does a good job at showing suicide awareness, however I do not recommend watching it with family and friends if you find sexual assault, or suicide triggering. I do think that the movie has a personal perspective to it, and we can all feel emotion for the main character. There is a suicide scene, one of the strongest scenes in the series. In my opinion, it captures how it feels when you feel alone and don't know what else to do. I think anyone who doesn't understand mental illness or suicide, may begin to, just by seeing something that truthful. Also, there's a Netflix original movie called, "To the Bone" and it touches on eating disorders, and how someone would feel if they were dealing with one. Both these recommendations are personal perspective creations that were made to spread awareness.

Another action I suggest you do is reach out to a school mental health counselor or crisis hotline. Either one would be able to give you some advice on what to do, in addition; they listen to you and give great advice back. They're trained to do so.

One last recommendation would be to write about how you feel. Write everything you want a person to understand, and then give it to them when you're ready. It's never easy to talk about your personal struggles, however sometimes it's easier to send a message without verbally saying it yet. Having that first conversation about your mental health can be scary, but keep in mind that everyone has a struggle. There is someone out there who understands you. If you feel like your mental health isn't doing well because of the people who lack empathy or understanding of your issues, try to cut them out. This is advice from my own experiences, above all things, I always recommend you speak to a mental health professional.



Christina Benavides



DIANA CORONADO / THE RIP

Mother of a candidate observing the projects of other students. As well as two other students looking at the presentations



30th Annual Science Fair takes place at the Rabobank

By **Diana Coronado**
Reporter

The 30 annual Kern County Science Fair took place at the Rabobank Convention Center on March 8.

This year, the event had the honor of welcoming Carl Kloock, Professor of Biology at California State University Bakersfield, as its keynote speaker. He has been teaching at the university since 2001. He is also the coordinator for the Natural Science degree program.

Participants as young as elementary to high school students took part in the event, providing a huge variety of different experiments displayed to the public.

The event began at 9 a.m. with Kloock's speech, judging of the stu-

dents' projects, followed by the public viewing of their work, ending with an award ceremony for the winning candidates.

"My son really enjoyed the process, he put a lot of work into his project with months in advance," said Vicky Perez, mother of a participant. "I strongly feel its more about enjoying themselves and exploring their creative side, as a matter of fact my older son made it to state and I am very happy they both had fun."

Between 1-3 p.m., the floor was open to the public to enjoy and read about the different projects of the students.

"Based on the project 'What is Air Quality in my City?' I thought a lot of hard work was put into it, the student

followed his thoughts with strong evidence, it is easy to see that months of research and dedication was put into this project" Vilma Pineda said.

The one project that caught people's attention the most was the "Illegal Immigrants and Crime, The Hard Statistics".

"I think it is very impressive how big their interest is especially on such a serious topic now a day, you can see how much work was put into it, hopefully it opens up the eyes of many people," Andy Polanco said.

First and second place winners may be eligible to compete in the 67 annual California Science Fair that will take place at the California Science Center in Los Angeles on April 23-24.

"Three Sisters" plays local

By **Diana Coronado**
Reporter

The play "Three Sisters" made its way to Bakersfield on Saturday night, March 17 at The Empty Space. It was originally written by Anthon Chekhov in the late 1900s.

His love and desire to return to his beloved Moscow is brought to life through his characters, as the three sisters hoped to one-day return to the Moscow after being away for so many years. In the first act the family is introduced Olga, Masha, Irina, and Andrei their brother. Their father passes away, but is brought up a lot with fond memories. They grew up in Moscow, but have lived in a small town in Russia for the past 11 years, ever since their father brought them when they were younger.

The siblings are not happy with their lives, Olga (Cody Ganger, also director of play) is a high school teacher, but her work brings her no satisfaction, and feels her life just slipping away. Masha (Mariah Bathe) marries Fyodor Ilyich Kulygin (Karl Wade), he loves her very much, at first she found him very smart and interesting. As the years gone by she has grown bored with her married life.

Irina (Brittany Beaver) is the youngest one, as the play starts with her birthday of 20 years she hopes to find true love one day and have a successful job. Then there is their brother Andrei (Nolan Long), who hopes to one day become a university professor, but becomes a small town clerk. He soon becomes an alcoholic with a gambling problem, in the mix of all of that he marries his longtime girlfriend

Natasha Ivanovna (Shelbe McClain), who his sisters can't stand because of her nasty attitude.

During Irina's birthday old family friend of their father Officer Alexander Ignatyevich Vershinin (Rikk Cheshire) pays them a visit after so many years. Meeting Masha, now an adult an attraction between the both grew and eventually turned into love. Even though the both were in unhappy marriages, they couldn't help but act on their feelings and have an affair. From there the affair leads to a pregnancy that is hidden, the baby girl is raised by her brother and his wife as a child of their own.

Irina still unsatisfied with her job chooses over the years, and her hopes for finding true love decides to settle for marrying Baron Nikolai Lvovich Tuzenbach (Matthew Prewitt), who has been after her for years. Unfortunately, on the day they are supposed to get married he is shot in a duel.

At the end of the play the sisters are pretty much evicted from their own home, which Natasha takes over the household. As the sisters end this chapter of their lives, they go into a new direction with an open mind, yet they are still sad they were never able to return to their home town Moscow.

"I loved this play, every time you think nothing else can happen, they hit us with an unexpected affair, this play is certainly one with a twist in every turn." audience member Grecia Bustos said.

"Even though the play ended on a sad note, it showed us that in every bad situation it is important to find a bright side because live moves on, and we have to move with it." Shantal Alvaro said.



SABRINA LOPEZ / THE RIP

The Three Sisters from L to R Masha Sergeyevna (Mariah Bathe), Olga Sergeyevna (Cody Ganger), and Irina Sergeyevna (Brittany Beaver)

Stories and dance concert pays tribute to well-known activists

By **Fitzgerald Graves**
Reporter

Community members convened at a concert to celebrate a season for nonviolence on March 16. A Peace concert was held at the Center for Spiritual Living in Downtown Bakersfield.

This annual event celebrates the advantageous activism of various civil and social activists who have impacted the landscape of social justice on an international level. The event sought also to honor their legacies by continuing the work of social reform and establishing non-targeting legislature through nonviolent measures.

The event host, Portia Choi, spoke briefly about the importance of sharing the concept of a nonviolent movements, how it sustains humanity's integrity, and the need for us as a global village to return to productive protest.

Choi introduced David Villarino-Gonzalez, the president and CEO of Farmworker Institute of Education and Leadership Development (FIELD), and the son-in-law to Cesar Chavez.

"It's important that we as organizers, organize beyond the parameters of social media and technology," said Villarino-Gonzalez. "Every sustaining effort for changed that was

accomplished came by organizing people. People must believe in what you do in order to act."

In a post-speech interview, Villarino-Gonzalez said, "One of the biggest things that unfortunate is that people have become more and more reliant upon technology instead of face to face organizing. Technology is good, let's not make any mistake about that, but working with individuals will be the only way we are able to find those leaders... in an outgrowth we have all the power... which is the people."

Choi informed the audience as to how the concert was to proceed. There were two components to each performance. The first being the speaker, who gives reverence to a distinguished nonviolent activist through telling stories about their life accomplishments, whether they be personal or public, social or civil, or having an impact globally or locally. The second part being a dance and musical performance that was culturally significant to the activist they were celebrating. Each speaker gave quotes from their selected nonviolent advocate. The activist that were celebrated at this year's event were Martin Luther King Jr., Cesar Chavez, and Mahatma Gandhi.

Renegades were represented well by Professor Rosa Garza of Chicano History, a speaker during the first

performance, which honored Cesar Chavez. And Ishmael Kimbrough III, Professor of History, spoke in the third performance, which honored Martin Luther King II.

Kimbrough said, "This is my second time participating in this event and it is so fulfilling." Although he was under the weather he gave a stirring speech where he reminded us how powerful the nonviolent approach/protest can be. "Violence alienates fair minded people", he said "In order to effect positive change violence cannot be the tool, sacrificial suffering must be!"

Hansa Patel was the speaker honoring the activist Mahatma Gandhi. She gave a speech that referred to Gandhi as the originator of nonviolent protest, as well as the first to implement fasting as a weapon of civil disobedience.

The last Activist to be honored is a local and living legend, Dolores Huerta. Camila Chavez, the Executive Director of the Dolores Huerta foundation, spoke to the past and ongoing efforts of Dolores Huerta and the organization she founded.

As the Peace concert transitioned members of the audience expressed how the performances was inspirational and informative for some, while being empowering or a call to action for others.

Job seekers connected with local companies

Jenny Brito
Web & Social Media Editor

The Annual Bakersfield JobFest provided a platform for locals to connect with hundreds of organizations looking for new talent on March 14 at the Rabobank Convention Center.

The event, hosted by the Kern County Department of Human Services, brought employment opportunities to several regions of the county including Lake Isabella, Taft, and Ridgecrest.

Eight similar events take place from February to June each year.

Companies representing different industries and fields were present. They were available to answer questions as well as accept resumes.

Some companies also provided participants with applications that they could fill out during the event.

Brandon Evans, the event's coordinator, said that about 3,000 people were in attendance and all would have a chance to get in touch with more than 150 employers.

He added that JobFest is held every year in Bakersfield, and the response has been impressive so far.

Before attendants were able to interact with potential employers, they had the opportunity to attend a workshop called "Be Your Best at Job Fest." The workshop began at 8 a.m. and prepared people for the event that followed.

According to Evans, navigating the Convention Center during JobFest can be confusing due to the big crowds and various employers.

The workshop gave people tips on how to successfully connect with organizations of interest and leave a lasting impression.

The workshop discussed topics including how to effectively market oneself to employers, take on a winning approach, transform the follow-up process, and understand the power of JobFest connections.

"One of the biggest [pieces of] advice is to apply to places even if they do not seem like a good match. They might have something else for you along the road," Evans explained.

Some places such as healthcare facilities offer more than healthcare-related positions, he said; they also need janitors, receptionists, accountants, etc. People seemed to be following up

on that advice. Marla Rodriguez, who was looking for jobs in the hospitality industry, said that she applied to other places such as retail stores.

"In this economy, you have to be ready and willing to take any job," Rodriguez shared.

Evans also advised people to have a good attitude when meeting with potential employers. He said that applicants should smile, show positive energy, and be proactive.

"Why would companies want to hire someone who looks grumpy?" he mentioned.

Leonard Ochoa, a recent graduate from CSUB, shared the sentiment. He said that some people seemed like they did not want to be at the event. "Others can see that, and it can throw companies off," he shared.

He said that he believed that one of the best things people can do is have a friendly conversation with recruiters and leave a good impression.

Some of the organizations at the event included Holiday Inn, Target, Maya Cinemas, Social Security Administration, and the U.S. Navy. The next JobFest will take place on March 29 in Lake Isabella.

Youth encouraged toward self-empowerment at the 19th Annual Leaders in Life Youth Conference

By Hector Martinez
Reporter

The 19th Annual Leaders in Life Youth Conference is a conference that is made by teens for teens in order to help them make good choices so they can become leaders in their communities.

Some of the leaders who addressed students at the youth conference were Morgan Clayton, the founder of Leaders in Life, Mayor of Bakersfield, Karen Goh, and singer Jessie Funk.

Over 2,000 students from middle schools, junior high schools, and high schools attended the youth conference that was held at the Rabobank Arena on March 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

While many of the students and other audience members were looking for their seats, the Taft High School Jazz band played several numbers before the event started.

After that, the first speaker began to give a small talk to the students. Morgan Clayton, who is the president and founder of Leaders in Life Youth Conference, addressed the students.

Clayton began his speech by letting the students know that it is important for them to start their day with a positive heart and mind, and in order to do that they needed to have self-empowerment.

"This conference is for you to empower yourselves every day and become good leaders for your community," said Clayton.

The second speaker to address the Youth Conference students was the city of Bakersfield mayor Karen Goh.

Goh said that the event was meant for students to raise their voices as

Leaders in Life of Kern County. She expressed that sometimes people might think that raising their voices means increasing volume, but she said that was not the case.

"Let me give you this quote from a Persian poet named Rumi, and it goes like this 'raise your words, not your voice, it is rain that grows flowers and not thunders,'" said Goh.

After the mayor's speech, two senior high school students received a \$250 scholarship by alumni Gustavo Luna.

The first student to receive the scholarship was Isaiah Barron from Golden Valley High School, who is going to attend California Polytechnic State University.

The second student was Kasandra Arriaga, from Wasco High School. She said she was going to attend University of California, Merced.

After the high school students received their scholarships, the last guest speaker came to address the students and that was Jessie Funk, a singer who has been on shows such as "The Biggest Loser" and "America's Got Talent."

Before Funk began to give her speech, she sang a few songs for the audience. She also asked for participation from two members of the audience, a male and a female, and after they were done, she gave them some gifts.

Funk explained to the students that they all needed to have positive relationships because bad relationships can be harmful and damage someone's self-esteem. She called the bad relationship people "suckers" because they suck the life and light of the good human beings.

"That is why we need to surround ourselves with breathers which are

people who always encourage us to do better," stated Funk.

Before she concluded, Funk told a story to the audience. It happened when she was 18 years old and went on a humanitarian trip to Kenya, Africa.

She was there with many other people to build a school for the community.

She met a 13-year-old girl, named Cindy, so full of light that most of the kids there were really attached to her because she always had a positive environment around her.

Funk said that Cindy was determined to read and write, and later on to graduate from the high school that Funk and the other people were building.

She had hoped to come to America and go to college and obtain a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and a Ph.D. in Psychology because she wanted to be a family therapist. But it wasn't to be.

Funk explained that she later was told by her team leader that Cindy had many problems like being abandoned by her mom when she was little, losing her father to AIDS, and being taken in by some very distant relatives where she suffered from physical, emotional, and sexual abuse.

"Cindy at the young age of 13 was HIV positive and that same disease took her three years later. I was in contact with her until the last week when she died, and her light never went out," said Funk.

Funk explained that she likes to tell Cindy's story in conferences such as Leaders in Life because it helps students know that this is the role of leaders to continue fighting and never letting go of their own spark.



JENNY BRITO / THE RIP

Job seekers line up to apply for positions with companies that had job openings at the Annual Bakersfield Job Fest event at Rabobank Arena.

Renegade Struggles: Matthew Bray

We all have a struggle, and every person has a different story. Each issue of The Rip will feature a student overcoming certain struggles to gain an education and better their life.

By Paige Atkison
Reporter

Matthew Bray, 22, was on his way to class when a U-Haul truck struck his Chevy, smashing his truck in between two vehicles. The accident took place in the fall semester of 2017, but it didn't stop him from earning straight A's and making the Dean's List.

Further exemplifying his dedication to academic achievement, Bray emailed his professor right after the accident to explain that he would be late to class.

"It all happened so fast. It was traumatizing," said Bray.

"It was the first accident I had ever been in. If I were in a smaller truck or a car, I would have died. The size of my truck probably saved me from worse injuries."

Later, Bray would discover that the accident caused him to dislocate his knee.

"The way my legs were positioned in the car during the accident lead to the dislocation," said Bray.

Following the dislocation of his knee, Bray had to take time off work.

"I also had to miss a week of school, which meant I missed

important lectures and all of the things I cared about the most," said Bray.

Once Bray returned to classes, he was on crutches.

"My physical condition was much harder to manage after the accident than my mental condition," said Bray.

He found himself struggling to navigate the Bakersfield College campus while on crutches.

"Walking back and forth from the parking lots was frustrating," said Bray.

"The stairs were the worst."

Though he struggled with moving around campus after his injury, Bray highlighted the understanding his professors showed him.

His professors were lenient with absences and tardiness, knowing that Bray was simply struggling to walk to class.

"My work was incredibly understanding as well," said Bray.

"In a sense, my work was even more understanding than the school was. I was fortunate to work at a place where everyone cared about me."

Despite the hardships the accident caused him, Bray credits his academic achievement that semester to the focus he channeled

afterwards.

"I had to look at myself and say 'Okay, this happened. Now I just have to focus on something else,'" said Bray.

Following the accident, Bray threw himself into his schoolwork.

He spent his time and energy on subjects that he loves- music and philosophy.

The time he took off work also contributed to the amount of effort he was able to give his schoolwork. "I was incredibly lucky," said Bray.

"Had I been working, going to school, managing physical therapy, and handling everything involved in the accident- I would have gone nuts."

Bray also credits the accident for giving him a new outlook on life.

"It helped put things into perspective," said Bray.

"It wasn't that bad. I lost a car, I got hurt, I'm in a lawsuit."

He also said, "I'm waiting for that to be settled. But I'm aware that there are people in far worse situations."

"I try to remember that there are always people who have it worse," said Bray.



PAIGE ATKISON / THE RIP

Matthew Bray, 22, a Bakersfield College student stands in Campus Center after sharing his struggle to reach his academic goals after a car accident that left him with a dislocated knee and on crutches.

The Spring Serenade Concert captivates Bakersfield College

By Alexis Pedroza
Reporter

The Spring Serenade Concert took place at The Bakersfield College Edward Simonsen Performing Arts Center on March 16.

The doors opened at 7 p.m., and guests were able to purchase \$10 general admission tickets for the performance.

The concert featured the BC Concert Band and Orchestra, and even a few student solo performances.

Led by BC's Concert Band and Orchestra Conductor Kathryn Kuby the program began with excerpts from Aaron Copland's "Appalachian

Spring," then followed by "Fractures in Time" by Michael Sweeny.

The Concert Band ended its first performance with "Beyond the Summit" by Brian Balmages and the audience applauded afterwards.

Kuby thanked the audience and told them to bear with them as they switched to their next part of the program.

The BC Orchestra was up next with a Clarinet Concerto solo performed by Jason Miles. The musical piece he played was in allegro moderato originally by Carl Stamitz in B-flat. Followed by his solo was a duet by cello players Sebastian Lee and Cheyenne Toussaint.

They played a double cello concerto in G minor and the musical piece was by Antonio Vivaldi.

Afterwards there was another clarinet solo by Alfredo Ramirez who performed a piece by Carl Maria von Weber in Eb Major.

The audience seemed to enjoy each performance and clapped for each one of the performers on stage.

As the program was coming to an end there was a final performance by both the Concert Band and Orchestra to Carl Strommen's "Prairie" song.

After they finished the audience stood up to applaud, the musicians and the performers got up and took a bow ending the nights show.



ALEXIS PEDROZA / THE RIP

Cheyenne Toussaint and Sebastian Lee performing a cello duet.

The big leagues aren't all that great

Professional Wrestling Culture: From a fan's perspective

By Karla Gutierrez
Photo Editor

When talking about professional wrestling, everyone thinks about WWE (or WWF as it used to be called back in early 2000s) and John Cena or The Rock. WWE is known worldwide and is the biggest company in professional wrestling. However, there are many other companies that are far better in both the aspects of entertainment and wrestling.

I'm here to expose to you all New Japan Pro Wrestling. I've mentioned it before in my other columns, but have never talked about the company itself. NJPW is a company based in Japan and are finally expanding their shows to the U.S. They don't do anything that WWE does as far as being "entertaining."



Karla Gutierrez

They focus more on the wrestling aspect and telling a story in the ring instead of making up BS for 6 months like WWE. In NJPW, the two wrestlers don't need to know each other to have a good match, the chemistry just happens. For instance, Kenny Omega vs. Kazuchika Okada at Wrestle Kingdom 11, they have never faced each other besides when they are put in a tag team match against one another. Their match at Wrestle Kingdom 11 was considered the best wrestling match of 2017 and some go as far as say it was the best of all time.

Many of the awards given by the Wrestling Observer (wrestling newsletter) are granted to NJPW; for example, wrestler of the year, match of the year, show of the year, etc.

If I were to show someone wrestling for the first time a match, it would probably be a match from NJPW because they're that good. A company that I have to mention is Ring of Honor (ROH). Most of the wrestlers that wrestle for WWE have most likely wrestle in ROH once or have called ROH their home. Wrestlers like Daniel Bryan, Seth Rollins, Kevin Owens, Sami Zayn, CM Punk, just to name a few, have made living working for ROH. For the past years, Ring of Honor has been growing because of the expansion of Bullet Club, a well growing faction that originated in Japan. Most people in the crowd are always wear Bullet Club shirts or Villain Club. The faction includes The Young Bucks (Nick and Matt Jackson), Cody, Marty Scruell, Kenny Omega, Adam "Hangman" Page, etc.

In recent activities, the storylines that have been going on in Ring of Honor makes more excited to see the pay-per-view Super Card of Honor than WrestleMania in the next two weeks.

Another company that I want to mention is Defiant Wrestling also formally known as WCPW (What Culture Pro Wrestling). This company is based in the United Kingdom, but have competitors from all over the world. One of the classic matches that Defiant Wrestling had was Will Ospreay vs. Ricochet. Watching those two wrestle in any ring is like watching magic.

There's so many companies that can be mentioned like Fight Club: PRO, Attack! Pro Wrestling, PWG (Pro Wrestling Guerrilla), Evolve, etc. that have put better quality matches than the big mighty company that is WWE. Everyone has a different taste of what they want to watch. For me, I love watching good quality matches and I feel like for the past years WWE hasn't been that company to have me invested. I do have to say they have put like maybe three or four amazing matches. Their developmental system, NXT, has put better matches than the main roster in WWE has.

Norman Levan Center's Gadfly Cafe discusses truth and beliefs

By Issy Barrientos
Reporter

On March 14, the Norman Levan Center hosted the second Gadfly Café of the semester to discuss the concept of truth.

Professor Reggie Williams, the director of the Gadflies, started off the event by thanking various people such as Norman Levan, the director Jack Hernandez, and the attendees.

"We take the concept of truth with respect to religion," and "the past is something that happened, history is our account of it," said Williams

Joshua Alderson, an attendee, said "truth is subjected to where it comes from." He shared a theoretically example of Hitler winning the Second World War. "If Nazi Germany won, we would say that Hitler is the greatest person ever, instead we say that he is the worst person ever."

One listener said, "logic and science provide the framework for evidence." With that sentence the realm of science was explored.

In science the word "law" means that it is universal such as the Law of Gravity; gravity affects everyone which means that it can be consid-



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The audience of the Gadfly Café looking at someone share his views while another attendee prepares to leave the session.

ered a universal truth. Shane Dozier said, however, that, "the law of gravity doesn't work on the microscopic scale." Even with a law such as gravity affecting everyone there is still an exception.

Cedric Crawford, a participant, said, "we use the terms truth and be-

lieved interchangeable when they don't mean the same thing." He later added that the terms "wrong and unacceptable," are also interchangeably used.

That sentence encapsulated what the Gadfly was about; what is truth and beliefs? What may be true for one person, may not be true for another.

If it is not true for both parties, is it a belief?

As Gadflies normally go, Williams kicked people on a first come, first serve. As the conversation grew long, the populace of the room trickled down.

Williams said, "I really try to think

of issues that BC students would be interested in." He listed a few criteria such as concern, timeliness, socially significant, and bigger picture questions in the news. A few days after the café, Williams said that the truth "...is difficult to ascertain but the struggle is an important one."

Lydia Otero at BC

By Fatima Lopez
Reporter

On March 22, Dr. Lydia Otero spoke to students and staff on campus as part of the Distinguished Speakers Series and in collaboration with the Bakersfield College Women's History and Awareness Month Committee (WHAM).

Otero is a professor in the department of Mexican American Studies at the University of Arizona. She teaches courses in culture, history, gender and urbanization. In her presentation she introduced some of the efforts of Mexican American women in the twentieth century who organized against urban renewal in Tucson, Arizona.

Born and raised in Tucson, Otero researched about this local and archival history, which resonated with her.

In her first book "La Calle: Spatial Conflicts and Urban Renewal in a Southwestern City," she wrote about "La Calle" an area in downtown Tucson where predominately Mexican Americans lived and the urban renewal that the city did to that part of town. The area consisted of 80 acres and roughly 200 structures which caused thousands of people to relocate.

The majority of residents in La Calle were renters so they weren't bought out from the city or compensated. A vote took place but only homeowners were able to vote against it, so the city won the urban renewal and it went through.

The thousands of people relocated to other barrios in the south part of Tucson. A few places in La Calle survived because people resisted the renewal. Alva Torres, a historical preservationist, organized with a group of women and saved La Plazita



ALEXANDRA APATIGA / THE RIP

Student of Bakersfield College listen intently as Lydia Otero speaks about the efforts of Mexican America women and their efforts to protect their heritage in Tucson during the latter half of the twentieth century.

from being torn down and renewed. The renewal was meant to attract tourists and students, as well as making the area more "Americanized."

Since the area in La Calle was mostly made up of Mexicans it also had their lifestyle and culture which included their housing.

After the renewal the adobe houses that weren't renewed were the most expensive in that area because of that urban "touch." The renewal had flopped and that area in downtown Tucson wasn't as active. Otero did a collaboration with Borderland Films to create a documentary about La Calle which included people that used to live there and their stories and memories.

She believed that the oral history they could provide was powerful along with their recollections of that time. The film is called "Barrio Stories: A Community Collaboration"

and it's making its way around a few film festivals. There is also information and stories about La Calle that they gathered and put on a site on www.BarrioStories.org. Otero promotes the importance of researching local history and believes people see themselves in it.

"Imagine that you're in a classroom and you're learning about people in Philadelphia or in Hong Kong but you're not learning about your neighborhood or your city. How do you connect to history? So I think it's a way to connect people to their surroundings," she said.

Her second project is about a Mexican American woman who tried to build a Mexican American museum in Tucson since there isn't one, and other women who partook in local history.

Oral history for students at BC Delano Campus

By Alexandra Apatiga
Editor-in-Chief

The BC Delano Campus hosted Dr. Patrick Fontes of CSU Fresno to speak on his oral history project, Chicano Legacy of Fresno County: Unjust Practices and Lethal Consequences, to Delano students on March 14. Here Fontes gave students a general overview of Mexican history in the United States and the California Central Valley, focusing primarily on the Fresno area.

Sponsored by Digital Delano, which archives local community history in Delano, The National Endowment for Humanities, the Cultural and Historical Awareness Program, and the Social Justice Institute of Bakersfield College, the oral history presentation emphasized the importance of preserving and telling the stories of Chicano, Latino and Mexican immigrants and their impact on California history.

BC history professor and project director of the Digital Delano, Oliver Rosales, invited Fontes to speak. According to Rosales, he wanted to show his Delano students - a majority of which are of Mexican descent - the wealth of information and history that exist in California.

"There is power in narrative and whose talked out in history, if you can see yourself in the narrative, then you'll want to invest yourself more in history," said Rosales. "That's the whole point of Digital Delano and this presentation is to show our students and others their stories matter, and that there are accounts and information just waiting to be found."

Fontes, A fourth-generation Chi-

cano Fresnan himself, studied history with a focus on the, "Mexican American experience."

"When I first started at Fresno State, I was studying ancient history, then I moved toward Spanish history and later the Mexican colonial period" said Fontes. "Before I knew it, I was studying Mexican immigration to America and I quickly connected my studies to my own family, as soon as I made that connection I was hooked."

Among his finding included criminal court cases comparing the treatment of Mexicans and other European groups, interviewing those who participated in the Farm Workers Movement, and even the presence of the Ku Klux Klan in Fresno County.

"Fresno County was settled by former Confederates from the South who moved out to California after the Civil War," explained Fontes. "Unlike other settlements in California at the time like Los Angeles or San Jose that were built as Spanish settlements, Fresno was settled by Anglos for Anglos."

Fontes continued by pointing out that despite these turbulent times in history, much of it is never given any more than a footnote in a most school textbooks.

"A lot of this history is brushed under the rug or ignore completely," said Fontes. "What I'm trying to achieve with my work is to raise awareness of Chicano history and promote further research within the Central Valley so that one day Mexican Americans in the United States can look in a textbook and see, not a bullet point, but a narrative that can be a major part of the American tapestry."

Book Review

“Fire and Fury” reveals the unseen tales

Jenny Brito

Web & Social Media Editor

Written by Michael Wolff, “Fire and Fury” offers an interesting perspective on what the White House is like with President Trump in command. The book paints the current commander-in-chief as somebody with child-like intelligence, no heart, and questionable leading abilities.

Before “Fire and Fury” was published, Trump called Wolff a mentally deranged author. He went on a rant about his favorite topic--fake news--and even sought to stop the publisher from releasing the book. Trump’s efforts to undermine the legitimacy of the book achieved the opposite. Everyone flooded bookstores as soon as it released. Curiosity got the best of me, and I bought it, too. After all, who doesn’t love gossip?

“Fire and Fury” starts with an author’s note where Wolff describes the process through which the book was born. He explained that he wanted to write an account of Trump’s first 100 days as president, but he then realized that there was much more to say. He begins by sharing that Trump did not believe he could win.

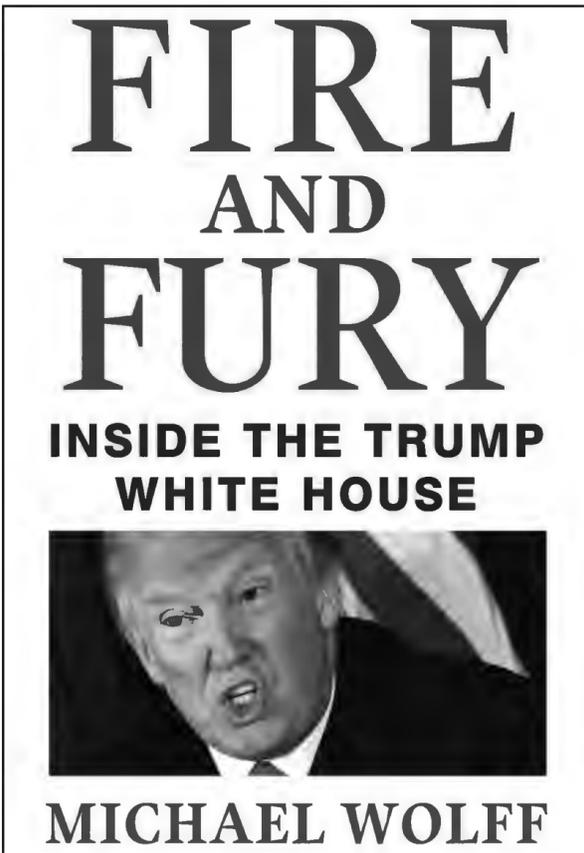
As the author puts it, “Trump and his tiny band of campaign warriors were ready to lose with fire and fury. They were not ready to win.” This simple yet powerful statement would explain so much about Trump’s behavior as president if it could be confirmed. Wolff shared that

close allies such as Roger Ailes, the former Chairman and CEO of Fox News who passed away in 2017, did not think Trump had it in him. Ailes once asked whether Trump “gets it,” to which Steve Bannon answered that he did after an awkwardly long pause. In other words, the people who were supposed to support him secretly doubted his capabilities. Wolff also talked about Trump’s paranoia and how he did not trust anybody.

In addition to comments about Trump’s “semi-literacy” and “lack of leadership,” the book suggests that he and his close circle engaged in illegal acts. Wolff talked about the controversial Trump Tower meeting. Steve Bannon, according to him, called the meeting “treasonous” and added that it should have been reported to the FBI. He also suggested that he was pretty sure the Russians had met Trump himself. So far, Bannon has not confirmed that he made those comments.

The book also provides a picture of Trump’s marriage. According to Wolff, Trump has been “a chronically unfaithful husband to Melania.” The couple allegedly sleeps in separate rooms, spends no time together, and Trump has called her a trophy wife. Wolff added that the First Lady never wanted that role. After Trump won, Melania was inconsolable.

These are the most dramatic claims made in “Fire and Fury,” which was a bit disappointing considering all the attention it got. There are no huge se-



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crets revealed, and most of the information is something that people can conclude from watching the president on national television for a couple of hours. That is fine. There are hundreds of books that only reached popularity due to good marketing.

What truly bothers me is that Wolff, a reporter, did not seem to do much reporting or fact-checking. Those who have read the book have probably noticed that half of the claims are made by Wolff himself, and there is no evidence to prove them. When he quotes others and what they shared

in interviews, the claims seem more accurate. When he does not, it seems like he is only sharing his opinion, and opinions cannot be corroborated. He could be making stuff up for all we know.

Good marketing for an average book was the secret to the success of “Fire and Fury.” As for the content, I must—and it pains me to say it—agree with those who call it just another work of fiction.



Wrestling Review

“Strong Style Evolved” was like watching a movie

Karla Gutierrez

Photo Editor

When going to watch a movie, a live act, or in this case a wrestling show and not knowing what’s about to happen, is probably the best way to enjoy anything. New Japan Pro Wrestling (NJPW) presented Strong Style Evolved at the Walter Pyramid in Long Beach on March 25. With the doors opening at 3:30 p.m., the line for the show was wrap, not only around the Walter Pyramid, but it was going as far as to the parking lot.

My brother and I were waiting in line and next to the line was the merchandise table. I told him to wait in line while I went to go get merchandise. There was a variety of shirts to choose from, but I got the traditional “I was there” t-shirt with a few other ones. Since NJPW partnered with Hello Kitty, my brother got that t-shirt where the face was in USA colors instead of her white face.

The doors opened and I was ready to be a part of something big. However, I had to get through security check

before I went through the big doors (safety first). They had separated the women from the men, so I ended up in the front of the line and entered first.

Without waiting for my brother, I immediately went to the second merchandise table where they sold different and more merch. I ended up getting the big “Okada Dollar” towel. My brother had informed me that the towel had sold out when he got to the line, so I’m very fortunate to have gotten one. In the show there were many tag team matches. The show started with a tag team match and ended with a tag team match. One of the matches that sticks out to me the most was Zack Sabre Jr. and Minoru Suzuki vs. Tomohiro Ishii and Hirooki Goto.

The reason that match stood out to me was because of hard hitting forearms Ishii and Suzuki were giving each other. The crowd was so into that moment that they would “shhh” people, so a person can hear the hit of the devastating forearm. It gives me chills just thinking about it.

Even though that match was awe-

some, the show stealer of that night was definitely the main event with The Young Bucks (Nick and Matt Jackson) vs The Golden Lovers (Kenny Omega and Kota Ibushi). It was such a roller coaster match.

A simplified version of this storyline is that Kenny Omega and The Young Bucks are long time best friends. They even have a subgroup called “The Elite” and based a YouTube series off themselves named “Being The Elite.”

On a show for NJPW/Ring of Honor, Omega said that The Golden Lovers were the best tag team in the world, which ticked Matt Jackson off and he came out with Nick Jackson saying that The Young Bucks are the best tag team. I have a feeling the reason they got pissed off was because the Young Bucks have been a tag team since

birth.

The match could go on forever, and I wouldn’t be bored of it. I believe there was a chant that we chanted that expressed that, “fight forever.” From two tables breaking to the little details where Omega is close in doing his finisher to Matt Jackson, but refuses and then Jackson grabs his hand forcing Omega to do his “One-Winged Angel.”

I can admit that I cried a bit when the match was over because it got me emotionally invested. Matt Jackson put it best, “...a great match should feel like you’re watching a movie.”

There’s was a person behind me that said to his friend, “I can see why you love wrestling.”

I’m so glad that NJPW have decided to come back in early July at a bigger stadium.



KARLA GUTIERREZ / THE RIP

Kenny Omega getting ready to hit his finisher “V-Trigger” on his best friend Matt Jackson, one half of the Young Bucks.

Renegade Events

News

Bakersfield College is now smoke-free, and people are no longer allowed to smoke tobacco on campus.

Campus Events

Apr. 05: My Muse is Kenya: Artist Andrea Kamiti at the Edward Simonsen Performing Arts Center (Indoor Theater) from 6-7:30 p.m.

Apr. 05: Political Activism: Panel and Discussion at the Levan Center for the Humanities from 6:30-8 p.m.

Apr. 06: Humanities Book Discussion: “When Breath Becomes Air” at the Levan Center from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Apr. 06: AAMP Open House at the Forum West from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Apr. 06: Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Training - Delano at DST 109 from 1-7 p.m.

Apr. 07: Electronic Waste Recycling Event at the Southwest Parking Lot from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Apr. 07: Counseling and Advising (Available in Wasco) at the Wasco Public Library: 1102 7th St. Wasco, CA 93280 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Apr. 08: Last day to file for graduation

Apr. 09: Korean Culture Festival at the Fireside Room from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Apr. 10: Renegade Pantry: Fresh Fruits & Veggies at the Renegade Pantry from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Apr. 11: Gadfly Cafe Beauty: The Pursuit, Privileges, and Pressures at the Norman Levan Center for the Humanities from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Apr. 11: Spring Fling: FREE Carnival at the CSS Lawn from 4-8 p.m.

Apr. 12: KCMEA Jazz Day at the Edward Simonsen Performing Arts Center (Indoor Theater) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Apr. 12: Health and Social Justice Hackathon: Day 1 at the Forum 102, Cafeteria, AERA STEM Success Center from 2-5:30 p.m.

Apr. 13: Arte a la Fresco at Noche de Cultura hosted by BC M.E.Ch.A at the Outdoor Theatre.

Apr. 14: BC Basketball Academy: Growing Your Game Series at the Gil Bishop Sports Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Apr. 17: Counseling/Advising - Shafter Learning Center at 236 James St., Shafter CA 93263 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Off Campus Events

Apr. 06: Campout Against Cancer at Kaiser Permanent Sports Village from 5 p.m. to 3 p.m. the next day

Apr. 06: Box Car Talent Contest at The Bakersfield Music Hall of Fame from 7-11 p.m.

Apr. 06: Temblor Brewing & Meeting People Is Easy Present: Brendan Schaub from 7-11 p.m.

Apr. 07: Skillz Day at the Kern County Museum from 1-3 p.m.

Apr. 07: Country & Craft Beer Festival at Central Park from 1-5 p.m.

Apr. 07: Elements Venue Presents - Noche Latina GLOW Party from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Apr. 08: Haggin Oaks Farmers Market at the Kaiser Permanente Parking lot from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Apr. 11: 25 in 24 Tour at the Shafter Ford Theatre from 7-9 p.m.

Apr. 12: Distinguished Speaker Series: Kerem Sanga at Bakersfield College Forum West, LA Building 6-8 p.m.

Apr. 14: Family Day at Buena Vista Museum of Natural History

Apr. 14: Pure Sensation The Ultimate White Party at The Mark from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Apr. 19: 2018 Conference featuring Laila Ali at the Bakersfield Women’s Business Conference from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Apr. 27: 32 Annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival at CSU Bakersfield Amphitheatre from 7-10:30 p.m.

Apr. 28: Photo Safari at the Kern County Museum from 1-3 p.m.

Apr. 21: The 3rd Annual Medieval California Festival at the Kern County Fair Grounds

Apr. 21: The WatchTower at Beacon Studios from 3-8 p.m.

Apr. 22: Haggard Boxcar Music Festival at the Kern County Museum from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Apr. 26: I-rish I Knew More About Teeling Irish Whiskey at the Old Fashioned Drinkery from 6-9 p.m.

May 25: Temblor Brewing Presents: Chelsea Williams w/ The Sheriffs

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Meals on Wheels helps seniors in need

By Sabrina Lopez
Reporter

North of the River held its 16th annual March for Meals campaign from March 19 – March 23.

The event was held at the Rasmussen Senior Center, but was enacted into law 46 years ago by a measure that amended the older American Act of 1965 that established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older, by then President Richard Nixon.

Here in Kern County the Meals on Wheels Programs have come together each March since 2002, to collaborate with the public, local community organizations, and businesses to raise awareness due to the rising need in our community for homebound seniors.

Senior Service Supervisor, Desiree Ingalls said, "...this event goes on all the month of March and is put on to raise awareness nationwide for the meals on wheels program. Here at NOR we provide homebound seniors with meals five days out of the week and that averages up to 250 meals per day." This service enables seniors to remain as independent as they can and in their own homes longer to prevent their premature institutionalization.

Seniors who qualify for the Meals on Wheels service are homebound due to chronic disabilities that prevent them from shopping for food and preparing meals to meet their daily nutritional needs.

James McCright a Meals on Wheels recipient had this to say, "I appreciate this program because people like me need help and its good for us to be able to get it, because I have no way of getting to the store... I'm handicapped and I have no one else to help me." Meals on Wheels is not an income based program. So for each meal there is a suggested two dollar donation. However, if a senior is unable to pay, they will not be turned away.

The program is funded by county, state and federal grants, Kern County Aging and Adult services, and NOR's general fund. They also rely heavily on sponsors and volunteers to drive these meals to homebound seniors.

Drivers like 21 year old Josephine Maldonado, "I started doing this because I needed a job...but overtime it became more than a job, and I saw how alone and in need these people are... not just for food but for conversation and a simple smile. I realized they were helping me way more than I was helping them and I just love it so much it really has just impacted my life in the best way."



SABRINA LOPEZ / THE RIP

Meals on Wheels driver Josephine Maldonado delivers a meal to Carlton Woltmann, a homebound senior, as part of NOR's March for Meals campaign.

BC paint and create during the Frida Kahlo easel event

By Christina Benavides
Copy Editor

Brush & Blush hosted the Spring Fling Easel Event featuring Frida Kahlo as the theme of the night. Bakersfield College students and their families were invited to celebrate Women's history month during Spring Fling week in the cafeteria.

The event began at 6 p.m. and offered snacks and refreshments. There were several tables with clean canvases set up for each person who paid to attend. Each station had several painting brushes, and paint. Attendees were giving aprons to wear to keep their clothes safe. The paint that they use does not come out of clothing.

In the front of the room there was a completed canvas of Frida Kahlo, and a blank canvas for the hostess to use while teaching everyone step by step instructions. The event was very fast paced. It included mixing colors, and a little bit of sketching before painting.

At the end, each painting came out unique. There was

not one painting that looked identical to what the hostess had created.

One BC student named Sebrina, who would not provide her last name, mentioned that she had a great time at the event.

"My overall experience was really enjoyable, and I like to see the Latino community come together to celebrate women's history month," Sebrina said.

She added that she also mentioned that her last event she went to regarding women's history month was the women's march.

Sebrina believes that art is not meant to be perfect, it is subjective. She recommends other people come to these type of events, and she hopes there are more similar events on campus.

This was Brush & Blush's first easel event at BC, so the time was extended thirty extra minutes and ended at 8:30 p.m.

Spring Fling week was on March 19-23. Many of the activities were related to women's history month.



CHRISTINA BENAVIDES / THE RIP

Following the Spring Fling Easel Event at Bakersfield College, student participants gathered their Frida Kahlo paintings and posed for a photo together.

M.E.Ch.A holds symposium on Valley Fever to bring awareness for BC and public

By Melissa Puryear
Managing Editor

M.E.Ch.A. sponsored the Valley Fever Symposium on March 23 at Bakersfield College. The symposium was part of an awareness campaign that Julie Solis orchestrated so the public would be made aware of the same disease that has afflicted her husband. The symposium gave those in attendance knowledge about the disease which included advocates that ranged from those who have suffered, to researchers, as well as Assemblyman Rudy Salas who has been a vocal advocate for education and funding to combat the disease.

UC Merced Researcher Kartina Hoyer, who is an immunologist, was a guest speaker who shared what she and her colleagues are doing to move one step closer to finding a cure against valley fever by studying the immune system. She said that the disease is endemic to the Kern County region where the fungal infection seems to propagate. There are 10,000 to 20,000 new cases diagnosed each year, with 150,000 undiagnosed cases because the disease mimics the common flu. She also said that at least 100-250 people die of the disease each year. The pathogen grows in the soil according to Hoyer. When the soil gets dry the spores are carried on the wind and people inhale them and become sick. Weather patterns and massive amounts of people moving into

the area who do not have immunity to the spore are thought to be cursors to more cases being diagnosed each year, and its why as a researcher she studies the disease through the lens as an immunologist.

Those who came to learn more about valley fever such as Professor Isabel Stierle, who teaches anatomy and physiology in her biology class at BC, invited her students to attend. She said that in a classroom her students are just learning textbook information but at a meeting like the symposium they can learn about how a public health issue can affect the community. She also said that Julie Solis is a former student of hers and knows about valley fever affecting Solis' husband. As an educator she said that this gives her students tools to learn to identify valley fever.

Faith Waid, a nursing student said that she attended the symposium to learn about valley fever and doesn't know anyone who had had the disease. She said that everyone is susceptible to getting valley fever and this gives her the ability to be able to possibly identify symptoms.

Belinda Lopez Rickett who is the treasurer of M.E.Ch.A attended because she said that she is supporting her friend Gladys Quintero, a BC student who contributed art pieces in response to her struggle with valley fever. Rickett said that valley fever was a disease that also affected Rickett's family because her own mother,

who was a farm worker who came into contact with a lot of dust and developed symptoms of the disease.

Some of the public who attended the event demanded answers. One woman who said she was in remission wanted to know why a cure hadn't been found yet and pointed out that it was a 100-year-old disease, but those questions did not fall on deaf ears. It's why Assemblyman Rudy Salas (D) was present at the meeting and has been a vocal advocate in educating the public about valley fever awareness.

In early January Salas introduced four bills aimed at strategically fighting valley fever, acquiring funding for research to aid in awareness and requirement for reporting standards that can lead to addressing the illness with greater efficiency in areas that are plagued most in Kern County.

The Assembly Bills 1787, 1788, 1789 and 1790 were recently reviewed by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations on March 20. Two of those bills 1787 and 1788 have passed out of committee and will find their way closer to becoming California law.

Educational symposiums like this one gives the community an opportunity to learn about this highly susceptible disease. It allows the public, educators and students alike to become involved in the process of combating valley fever by helping them identify the disease.

23rd Scottish Games comes to fairgrounds

By Miranda Defoor
Reporter

The 23rd annual Kern County Scottish Games were held on March 24 and 25 at the Kern County Fairgrounds. The Scottish Games have become an annual tradition to celebrate Scottish culture and heritage.

The event was over two days, both filled with family friendly events to ensure there was something for everyone to take part in. There was live music, dance shows, a petting zoo, Scottish athletes in competition, and vendors. Food vendors had traditional Scottish food like haggis and sausages, and other vendors sold kilts, wooden swords, and held raffles.

Along with eating traditional foods, attendees could learn about their Scottish ancestors, and see reenactments.

The Kern County Scottish Society is a non-profit, created in 1971 to celebrate Scottish culture in Bakersfield. The Scottish Society is funded by donations and is run through the help of volunteers, and hopes to give back to the community through their memberships, donations, and even college scholarships.

BCSGA FY19 ELECTION RESULTS

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How to manage school and depression

Student Success: Tips, tricks and practical advice for students

By Paige Atkison
Reporter

Though depression can be a taboo subject in American society, it is not uncommon. According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide. Additionally, depression is the second most common mental illness amongst college students, according to the American Psychological Association. Depression can seem like a life-consuming illness. So how do you manage depression and schoolwork?

The first step in thriving academically despite your depression is to adjust your course load. Sadly, this step requires a great deal of introspection. Taking the time to study your behavior. Do certain circumstances lead to an increase in depressive episodes? Are there certain triggers you need to avoid due to your depression? Are there specific times that your depression is at its height? Knowing these things about yourself can help you decide what kind of course load you want to sign up for. For example, if you find that your depression is more prevalent in the fall season, you may want to take a lighter course load during the fall semesters. Or maybe you find that you struggle the most during the morning, so you may want to take afternoon classes. Perhaps you find that having too much free time contributes to your depression, so you may want to take an extra class. Designing your course load in a way that minimizes stress can help you succeed even when your depression is rearing its ugly head.



Paige Atkison

The second most important way to succeed in school despite depression is to talk to your professors. Though I've written about it before, I cannot overstate the importance of informing your professors about your illness. Opening up to your professors about your struggle with depression can not only provide you with support, but it can provide your professors with the information he or she needs to help you succeed. Treating depression can involve a whole host of time-consuming activities, such as frequent doctors visits, trying new medications, or attending therapy. As these responsibilities pile on, it can become difficult to attend class or complete assignments. If your professor is aware of your struggles, they can help you work out a way to keep up with your schoolwork. Should you find yourself struggling to open up to your professors in person, consider emailing them instead.

Once you've made these changes in your academic environment, it is time to make more personal lifestyle changes. Depression can manipulate your sense of time and cause you to lose interest in things that you once loved. One way to start reclaiming your life from depression is to set small goals. Setting small, achievable goals can give your day a sense of purpose and personal achievement. If you're not sure which goals you'd like to set, spend some time in reflection. Which lifestyle changes do you wish you could change the most? What aspects of your depression do you most wish to change? If you have a difficult time attending classes regularly, make that your central goal for the semester. Or if you find that procrastinating on assignments greatly contributes to your depression, make finishing homework quickly your goal.

Finally, when juggling school and depression, recognize that setbacks are normal. It can be easy to become frustrated with yourself if your depression worsens or returns after a period of health. However, ruminating on your hardships and personal failures will only keep you from moving forward. Forgiving yourself for your shortcomings and choosing to move forward despite your frustration is the most difficult part of navigating depression, but it's the only way.

BC baseball team takes down LA Mission 11-10

By Naythan Bryant
Reporter

The Renegades took down Western Conference leader LA Mission College on Thursday March 15 in an 11-10 victory at Bakersfield College.

The scoring started early as BCs offense jumped ahead of LA Mission, scoring four runs in the first two innings with the help of RBIs from Brycin Hernandez and Ashanti Ross.

The next inning was more of the same as BC scored three more runs off five hits, extending The Renegades lead to 7-1 by the bottom of the third.

The game was nearly secured with a homerun from BC's Zach Williams in the bottom of the fifth inning, bringing the score to 10-3.

Williams, a freshman from Liberty High School, went two for three on the night with three RBIs and two

runs scored.

The top of the sixth inning prompted an apparent comeback by LA Mission as they were able to bat in four runs with RBIs from Andrew Scheineit and Cade Spurlin.

After scoring two more runs in the seventh, The Eagles comeback was stopped short by an RBI from BCs Williams.

The single brought in baserunner Konner Dodge and allowed BC pitcher Nathan Ortiz to secure the win by striking out the last two batters he faced in the ninth inning.

Frankie Villasenor started on the mound for The Renegades and is credited with the win, allowing five runs earned on eight hits with three strikeouts.

Bakersfield College (9-14, 4-3) look to keep their momentum going as they prepare to play LA Mission again on March 20 at 3 p.m.



NAYTHAN BRYANT / THE RIP

Bakersfield College's pitcher Frankie Villasenor warming up on the mound against LA Mission College in Thursday's nail-biting game.



NAYTHAN BRYANT / THE RIP

Renegade Tim Billingsley faces off against Eagles pitcher Mac Lomas in the bottom of the first inning during Thursday's game at BC.



NAYTHAN BRYANT / THE RIP

BC pitcher Kylee Fahy warming up on the mound before the game.



NAYTHAN BRYANT / THE RIP

BC player Yesenia Saldana facing off against Cuesta College's pitcher.

BC Softball team defeats Cuesta 3-1

By Naythan Bryant
Reporter

The Bakersfield College Softball team defeated Cuesta College 3-1 on March 20 at BC. The game was won with the offensive help of BC player Aryka Chavez. Chavez went two for three at bat with three RBIs and a homerun.

Each team was able to score in the first inning as Cuesta player Dayna Torres registered an RBI, bringing in Cuesta's only run of the night.

BC answered by scoring two runs of their own as Jordan Jimenez was able to cross the plate with the help

of Chavez' hit in the bottom of the inning.

After Chavez' solo homerun in the bottom of the third inning, Renegade pitcher Kylee Fahy was able to shut down Cuestas offense for the rest of the game. Fahy (17-3) was awarded the win after allowing just one run on five hits with twelve strikeouts total. She currently leads the state in both wins (17) and strikeouts (157).

Cuesta pitcher Sam Cabrera was credited the loss, allowing three runs earned on four hits with one strikeout.

BC will play their next game at home against Moorpark College on March 22 at 2:30 p.m.

Renegade Baseball team defeats LA Mission 12-6 again

By Naythan Bryant
Reporter

BC defeated LA Mission 12-6 in their third victory against The Eagles in the same week. The game was decided late in the bottom of the eighth inning when BC's offense batted in seven runs to secure their sixth win in the last seven games.

The victory also moved the Renegades into first place in the southern division of the Western State Conference. The team currently leads by half a game over LA Mission and LA Pierce.

The Eagles were the first to get on the board by scoring two runs in the top of the second inning with RBIs from Sam Gray and Matt Elser. BC answered with two runs of their own in the bottom of the fourth with hits from Zach Williams and Kyle Williams.

The Renegades pulled away from the Eagles in the fifth inning thanks to Ryan Darbee's double down right field line and another RBI from Zach Williams. Williams, who proved to be a threat to LA Mission in earlier games, totaled five RBIs and went four for five with two runs scored. However, LA Mission responded yet again, scoring three runs in the top of the eighth inning to bring the score to 6-5.

The game broke apart in the bottom of the inning when BC's offense took full control. Seven players registered a hit for BC, bringing in seven runs total. This included a three-run double from Zach Williams and a two-run single from Tim Billingsley.

The Eagles failed to score in the ninth against BC pitcher Joey Salinas who was credited with the win.

BC (12-14, 7-4 WSC) will play their next game at Rio Hondo on March 24 at 1 p.m.



NAYTHAN BRYANT / THE RIP

Bakersfield College baseball team gathers to celebrate their victory against LA Mission College on March 20.



NAYTHAN BRYANT / THE RIP

Luke Lewis makes with the ball in the bottom of the eighth inning.

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BC player Zach Williams preparing for a pitch against LA Mission College in the bottom of the first inning on March 15.

NAYTHAN BRYANT / THE RIP

Renegade women's tennis team beats Santa Monica, 7-2

By Alexandra Apatiga
Editor-in-Chief

The Bakersfield College women's tennis team defeated Santa Monica College, 7-2, at BC Thursday, March 15.

The BC women's tennis team followed up their win against Santa Monica with another victory at their March 20 game against College of the Canyons with a final score of 8-1.

With their season now at an overall score of 9-8, 7-4 for the conference, the women's tennis team will be soon be participating in the Western State Conference with their first game scheduled for Friday, April 6.

As for both Bakersfield College home games, the victory over Santa Monica on March 15 saw the BC players win 4 of the 6 single matches. For their doubles, the women's tennis team swept through the double matches.

BC's game against the College of the Canyons on March 20 also ended in victory.

The Bakersfield tennis team won all 6 singles in a clean sweep and 2 of the 3 double matches.

The Bakersfield College women's tennis team will play at home again on March 27 on Tuesday at 2 p.m.



ALEXANDRA APATIGA / THE RIP

During one of the single matches at the women's BC home tennis game against Santa Monica College, Kenzi Williamson just barely manages to hit the tennis ball across the court to her opponent.



ALEXANDRA APATIGA / THE RIP

BC women's tennis player, Serena Contreras plays against one of Santa Monica College's tennis players during her singles match that occurred on March 20. The press time season score is 9-8.

Bucks defeat Lakers, 124-122

By Jenny Brito
Web & Social Media Editor

Milwaukee Bucks defeated LA Lakers 124-122 in a game that brought the audience of the Staples Center to their feet.

The game began at 7:30 p.m. and people enjoyed a slideshow of former and current Lakers. The Lakers Girls were also there getting people excited for the match while the players prepared to start.

Brandon Ingram, Lakers forward, was the first to gain possession of the ball; however, Milwaukee Bucks' Eric Bledsoe, point guard, soon stole the show with a 24-foot three-point jumper.

Kyle Kuzma, Lakers power forward, made a 26-foot three pointer which drew applause from the audience. Shooting guard Josh Hart also made several two-point shots, but the first quarter ended with the Lakers behind. The score was 39-34.

The second quarter began with changes. Channing Frye replaced Kyle Kuzma. For the Bucks, Giannis Antetokounmpo, forward, replaced Khris Middleton. There were also several fouls; approximately 13 free shots gave the Bucks a significant advantage.

Brandon Jennings, point guard, and Antetokounmpo made most of the free throws. The Lakers tried their best but continued to lag behind. Kuzma missed shots including a 28-foot three-point pull-up jump. The quarter closed at 68-57 in favor of the Bucks.

The audience seemed to be losing interest, and the third quarter resulted in a lot of disappointed Lakers fans. The quarter began with a 27-foot three-point jumper by Bledsoe.

He continued to dominate with quite a few jumpers and driving dunks. The Lakers made some unfortunate bad passes, but free throws helped them somehow keep up with the Bucks.

Still, the quarter ended badly for the team with a score of 97-83 in favor of Milwaukee. People wearing Lakers memorabilia began to leave even before the fourth quarter started. Those who stayed, however, were in for a treat. Although the team eventually lost, the fourth was a particularly strong quarter.

Ivica Zubac, Lakers center, led the team's fourth-quarter comeback. By minute eight, the score was 102-98, and the audience got loud.

By minute 2, Ingram made a 26-foot three-point jumper that put the score at 110-110. Unfortunately, he had to leave the game because of a neck injury. After that, Antetokounmpo made a two-pointer, and Julius Randle followed with a 2-foot layup. The score was 112-112, which meant overtime.

During overtime, Lakers' Kuzma and Hart made several two-point shots. Unfortunately, Bucks' Bledsoe and Antetokounmpo led their team to victory with a final score of 124-122.



JENNY BRITO / THE RIP

Players standby after Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo makes a two-pointer at the Los Angeles Lakers Game in the Staples Center, in Los Angeles. The Lakers tried their best to catch up to the Bucks, but they failed to due to being so behind. The Lakers played strong. The home game occurred on March 30.

Bakersfield College men's tennis team comes to a close call with home game against Los Angeles Pierce College, 4-5. Will they improve?

By Alexandra Apatiga
Editor-in-Chief

The Bakersfield College men's tennis team lost to Los Angeles Pierce College during the BC home game on Thursday March 15, with a final score of 4-5.

With two more losses outside of Bakersfield College, at press time the overall score stood at 4-10, with 1-5 for the conference.

During the singles BC won three of six matches, BC tennis players Manrico and Mario Cabaloza and Ivan Rivera winning their single matches.

The doubles ended with Bakersfield College losing two of the three matches, Alec Slykerman and Conrad Dalton of BC winning their doubles match as a pair 8-3.

Bakersfield College men's tennis team will be playing at home on Monday, March 26 at noon.

Shortly after which the BC tennis team will be participating in the Western State Conference Individual Championships, with their first match scheduled for April 6 at Ventura College.



ALEXANDRA APATIGA / THE RIP

Bakersfield College tennis player, Kaleb Johnson after serving the ball to his opponent from Los Angeles Pierce College on March 15.



ALEXANDRA APATIGA / THE RIP

During his singles match against Los Angeles Pierce College, BC tennis player Alec Slykerman hits the tennis ball back and forth.

Snowboarding at Mountain High



SABRINA LOPEZ / THE RIP

Sabrina Lopez takes a selfie photo while she is on the ski lift.



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Sabrina takes to the slopes on her snowboard at Mountain High Ski Resort and successfully maneuvers the big run, while her friends watch her.

By Sabrina Lopez
Reporter

It was the New Year with new experiences to be made, so when I was invited to go snowboarding, I had to say yes! But there was one problem the closest I had ever come to snowboarding, was skateboarding and that was a big fat fail. I didn't believe it when people told me, "Skateboarding and snowboarding are very similar if you can do one you can definitely do the other!" It's blanket statements like this that we all should take heed to.

As the date was coming closer for us to head to Mountain High, my friends could sense my unease for what awaited me on the snow slopes. So to counteract that my friends put me through some drills using a skateboard because they believed that this would help and it did... until it didn't. It was the last day of my training and I was going down a steep driveway of sorts.

As I was picking up speed, I failed to notice this unusually big crack smack dab in the middle of where I was going. With no time to change direction, I flew off the skateboard and ended up on the road with what felt like at the time a very broken body, but later we find out is a minor sprain in my middle finger.

The day came though where I reluctantly succumbed to my friends pleading with me and went to meet my doom on one of these mountain slopes at Mountain High. For anyone like me with little to no knowledge about snowboarding and all that is required to participate, prepare yourself; the list is long and can be pricey for us "noobs". So for starters you'll need: a snowboard, bindings, snowboard boots, snowboard socks, snowboard helmet, snowboard jacket and pants, snowboard gloves, and snowboard goggles.

If you're like me and did not own any of the items listed above prior to going snowboarding, thankfully most of these items can be rented at a fair price from a local sports store, or whichever snow resort you head to. The drive to mountain was one I'll never forget because it was the cold-

est I've ever been in my life despite the three layers I had under my snow jacket it felt like I was in Alaska. As we entered the gates it was everything I envisioned, multiple ski lifts and the white snow resembled those white fluffy pillows you only see in high class hotels, it was the closest I had ever been to a winter wonderland.

It was projected to be overcast all day that day with the possibility of rain and yet the sun still managed to penetrate and shine through the thick layer of clouds hovering over the ski lifts ahead of me.

It was just so beautiful and breathtaking that all that anxiety I was feeling on the way up just vanished, the sight of this place was enough to put my mind at ease.

Before I was able to go on the ski lifts that take and drop you off at the higher points of the mountain slopes for the bigger runs, I was advised to do a few runs on the bunny run.

At Mountain High there are three types of runs: the difficult/hard ones that seasoned snowboarders for the most part stay using, a cruise run is a mellow smooth run used generally by those whose skill set lies between advanced and beginners, and lastly the bunny run, it's a cheeky way of naming the children/beginner area.

The bunny run was my home for most the morning and it was there I discovered when I ride a snowboard I am a "goofy" footed rider. There are three different stances that can be used when snowboarding: goofy (like me) is riding with front foot forward facing downhill, regular is more common among riders and that is riding with left foot facing downhill, and lastly duck footed which consists of having a stance you're your angled toes pointed outward like a duck.

The duck footed stance though is how I started out before I made it to goofy and the duck footed is best described as gliding like a falling leaf from left to right. Thankfully I didn't face plant in the bunny run area because that would've been beyond embarrassing since more than have those kids around the age of four could pass as little professionals. After lunch it was time to go on the ski lift and meet my doom; the past

week of training, my broken body, and my sprained finger was all for this moment ... the big run. To give some perspective, leading up to this big run is a very big and long ski lift and from the ground looking up it didn't seem too bad if you were to accidentally fall off of this ski lift.

After multiple times trying to just get a seat on the ski lift my viewpoint changed instantly; because once you're off the ground and in the air with your snowboard hanging off your feet on what seems like a string like cord, with a strong wind swaying you back and forth, I was afraid to move a muscle. I finally made it off the lift and there I was at the top of the Big Run it was cold and I was not ready at all but down I went.

I fell numerous times in all sorts of ways: face planted straight into the snow, I managed to do a scorpion fall where you slide forward and your legs attached to snowboard go over your head... yes it did hurt, and when I could no longer stand up and snowboard properly I slid down the rest of the slope sitting on my bottom.

The big run usually takes people 30 minutes to an hour but it took me three hours and it was the longest three hours of my life. After that I stayed at the bar for the rest of the night just to be safe and I was thankful I made it out of there with no serious or visible injuries in sight. Others that day were not so lucky, a few girls had broken their collar bones, a man broke his leg and yes someone did fall off the ski lift but was totally okay. The following day or days I should say, I was unable to move or walk, snowboarding is no joke.

Despite the soreness I felt, snowboarding was a great experience. I'm glad I challenged myself to do something new and since then I have been snowboarding again but at a different location up north called China Peak.

I plan on going again next year to both locations and I recommend to everyone to put yourself out of your comfort zone, that's exactly what I did and I'm telling you from experience you will not be disappointed.



SABRINA LOPEZ / THE RIP

Snowboarders pack the hills to practice and show their snowboarding skills at Mountain High Ski Resort.



Pictured from left to right, Aleeah Hermosilla, Joey Hernandez, and Sabrina Lopez toast to a quick shot of liquid courage before hitting the slopes at Mountain High Ski Resort

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