**Soldiers say goodbye**

By BECKY JIMENEZ

Military soldiers including a Delano campus administrator said goodbye Monday morning before being deployed on an 18-month rotation. Numerous tears, hugs and laughs were shared among the soldiers’ friends, family, parents and boyfriends.

John Jaramillo and other fellow soldiers departed at San Luis Obispo. They will spend May 9-18 in San Luis Obispo and then Fort Carson, Colorado, for two more months and finally be deployed in August for 12 months.

Jaramillo, 41, was currently serving as the director at Bakersfield’s College’s Delano campus. This June would have been his fifth year as director.

He has served in both the Navy Reserve and Army National Guard for 27 years. He is a graduate of Cuesta College and became his family’s fifth year service member.

Jaramillo will be making the dramatic transition from running a college campus to serving overseas. Since 9/11, his wife and both kids knew that being deployed was a possibility," he said.

He had very little notice prior to deployment but he said he had been focused on his work for the last two years.

A battle cross is a list that attacks you to another unit for deployment. Jaramillo said that, generally, because of his campus position, he was removed from the list, but that wasn’t the case this time.

Regardless of his deployment, Jaramillo continues to be optimistic. "Kuwait is always better than the Bay," said Jaramillo.

He will be leaving behind his wife and child. He has been teaching his son Shane, 6, how to send emails.

Jaramillo recently received the Educator of the Year Award from the Delano Chamber of Commerce for his work at the Delano campus project, and said he is completed, he will be learning, "I pretty much do all of myself and the Delano campus is the same, but for professional reasons, into my job and that I feel like I am learning two children instead of just one," Jaramillo said.

He will be an instructor director while Jaramillo is gone. He will get his post back when he is done with his mission.

Adrienne Custodio, 36, was also deployed along with Jaramillo’s said. Her family decided to drive to San Luis Obispo instead of leaving her with the kids. Custodio is a "CSU,奥林 big majoring in administration. Next semester she would have been her last semester before graduating."

The transfer is also served in the Navy and Army National Guard for 12 years. She is assigned to the new position.

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**BC NORML gets the boot at relay**

The American Cancer Society prohibits NORML from distributing "political material" during Relay for Life on April 30.

By DOTTI BURNS

The Bakersfield College National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (BC NORML) was "concerned" by the American Cancer Society when their booth was shut down during the Relay for Life at Bakersfield College on April 30.

A Bakersfield College media spokesperson, Erica Jones said in a telephone interview that the club was asked to leave after hours of negotiations over the material they were distributing.

"SGA President Jash West and member of the BC NORML group, said, "It seemed like the American Cancer Society has a law on their books about political protests, and we can see how there would be a conflict here that if NORML was recruiting for membership, but as far as I know they weren’t doing anything like that.”

Jones said, "They wanted to distribute political material to the masses." Initially, it was the volunteers of the American Cancer Society asked the BC NORML members to agree and they agreed to wend their way to the event.

"There was no resubmit at first," she said. "When Doug McAskill armed the head of Bakersfield NORML things became a bit stirred up. The group had signs that read "censored" at their booth and pay yellow police tape around their area. We try to be as neutral as possible in our group. We simply want to educate everyone about cannabis."

In a telephone interview with The Rip, McAskill said, "It’s been a bad week for education groups like ACS to withstand criticism of our natural and medical marijuana and other alternative health care solutions illustrate that the ACS that marijuana helps the cancer patient."

As at scientific research goes, Jones said, "ACS is a community-based organization and the science is the science and we cannot talk about marijuana in medication. But that is the secondary issue in regards to asking NORML to leave."

According to a letter to a Rip staff writer, McAskill wrote, "Many people are at ease when away from the exercise of the ACS and we are for national education effort by ACS."

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**Transfer found for track coach Covey**

By VICTOR GARCIA

Sports Editor

Bakersfield College recently hired a new track coach to replace retiring coach of 42 years, Bob Covey.

Despite the new face of a new coach, Covey has been hired because of his "outstanding experience," according to BC athletic director Jim Eilertson.

"He is a very good fit for BC and the community," said Eilertson.

Fridelik, who is currently the head track coach at Citrus College, has 27 years of coaching experience, both at the college and high school levels. He was interviewed in phone interview with The Rip, Fridelik said he came to BC because of Bakersfield’s sports traditions.

He says that he hopes to carry on BC’s tradition of coach in the track program."

"He’s very knowledgeable," said Fridelik.

Fridelik taught at Chico High School for 15 years and South Hills High School for four years before becoming the head coach at Citrus.

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**BCN GETS THE BOOT AT RELAY**

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**Celebrating Cinco de Mayo**

President of MECO Jesse Barra, right, and Gustavo Cano, left, celebrate Cinco de Mayo "del Norte," at a Cinco de Mayo festivities in Campus Center. See more coverage on Page 16.
No construction bids for BC planetarium

Professor hopes to have planetarium done by November

By GINA MENDOZA
s staff writer

Revelation on BC’s planetarium was the topic of the first meeting of the Fall semester. The planetarium will be completed by the end of the year. It will be used to study the stars and planets.

The planetarium will allow students to observe the night sky from inside the building. It will also be used for educational purposes, such as teaching about the solar system.

The planetarium will be located on the second floor of the catwalk, next to the science lab.

Summer snack scramble

By BRYTON PAUL

Mentor, just imagine the fun.

The city of Bakersfield is scrambling to find a way to keep students busy this summer. The city has already announced plans to expand its summer camp program.

The city is also looking into the possibility of opening a summer snack program.

Local money should be spent at local businesses

By JOSHUA AVES

Kip to the end of the street

The local economy is in dire need of a boost. The city has been struggling to attract new businesses and to keep existing ones.

The local government has been trying to attract new businesses to the city. They have offered tax incentives and other incentives to companies that are interested in setting up shop in the city.

Unfortunately, Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen meet with the new Television Vice President

By PHILIP C. KOPP

A phone call to Olsen

Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen, twin actresses on the hit TV show "Fuller House," were in town on Tuesday for a meeting with the new Television Vice President.

The meeting was held at the city hall and lasted approximately 45 minutes.

The actresses were joined by their manager and publicist for the meeting.

The city hall meeting was a follow-up to a previous meeting held between Olsen and the city council.

The city council had expressed interest in working with the Olsen sisters to promote tourism and business in the city.

The city has been trying to attract more businesses to the city and to promote tourism.

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Stereotypes were pushed in editorial on older students

By STEVEN MARSH

Biola University is a private Christian college located in La Mirada, California. The school has been ranked as one of the top 25 liberal arts colleges in the West by U.S. News & World Report. Biola offers a variety of academic programs, including degrees in business, education, psychology, and social work. The university has a strong emphasis on Christian values and a commitment to social justice.

Stacy Hersom, KCCD chancellor, said that the number of students enrolled at the college has increased by 50% over the past five years. The college has also expanded its online offerings, with 70% of its courses now available online.

In your article titled “Joseph, the old and can persevere!”, you might consider making a different argument for your readers. Instead of focusing on the ageism, as you have done, you could instead focus on the idea that older students are just as capable of success as younger students.

Daniel O'Sullivan, KCCD student, said that he has been successful in his studies despite being older than most of his peers. "I feel like I have a lot of experience to bring to the table," he said. "I think that helps me in my studies, and I think it helps me in my future career as well."

We must recognize the value of older students in our educational system. They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the classroom, and they are more likely to be motivated to succeed.

The rise of older students is not just a trend in higher education, but a trend in the workforce as well. Many companies are recognizing the value of older workers, and are offering them flexible work arrangements and other benefits.

As for me, I have to admit that I am a bit of a skeptic when it comes to the idea of older students. I am not sure if I can see myself as an older student, but I do see the value in having them in the classroom.

I hope that we can all learn to see older students as valuable members of our educational community, and that we can work together to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment.

Thank you again for the Fig. 2, the student ID card for the BC security office, and the parking permit for the BC students. Without you, we would not have been able to put together the story of the incident.

BC security officer investigating the incident.

The victim's wallet was recovered from the southwest parking lot. The wallet contained $212 million in currency, which was later traced back to the same bank as the stolen money.

We are still investigating the incident, and we ask anyone with information to come forward and help us solve the case.

As for me, I am just glad that we were able to catch the suspect and bring him to justice. It is important to remember that the justice system is there to protect us, and we should all do our part to help keep it that way.

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Baseball team makes its way to the playoffs

By CHRISTOPHER N. PEAR

After winning four straight games with Glendale, Bobbi Coke's team is 10-1-1. In the region's regular season, the학교 랜드 was 10-2-1. "I feel that's a strong year," said Coke, "because we know we can do it."

The school had a 10-2-1 record in the regular season and a 10-2-1 record in the playoffs. The school has a 10-2-1 record in the playoffs. Coke said the team is doing well because they are doing it in the playoffs and "the team is doing well because they are doing it in the playoffs."

Softball defeated in region championship

By MARYANNE JUNKERS

Staff writer

UCSC's softball team defeated California State University-Los Angeles 4-3 on May 11, 2005. The game was held at UCSC's softball field. The team has a 4-3 record in the region championship.

Track and Field

The UCSC track team overcame a 38-point deficit to win the California State University-Los Angeles Invitational Meet. The meet was held at UCSC's track and field. The team has a 38-point record in the region championship.

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BC play a hit
"Rashomon" features bands, samurai, and three different versions of murder

By PHILIP C. KEMP

The animated platinum-selling Gorillaz new album blends deep-thought lyrics with return to the village for whom director Gary Ross was assigned the task of producing the show that paid tribute to the village’s different values.

This is the beginning of the Bakersfield College show. The cast includes: Kim Basinger, Russell Crowe, and Anakin Skywalker. The party is attended by none other than Gary Ross.

The show was very entertaining and captivating and even included an audience participation somehow getting it through the crowd.

Nelly's Sweet Suit tour scheduled for May 18

By BRYSON PAUL

Looking to own a concert of two of the biggest hip-hop artists? Look no further than this tour. Beginning in late spring, Nelly will play across the country with his main chick. The tour will be hitting major cities, including New York, Los Angeles, and Houston.

The tour kicks off in May with a sold-out show at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. Nelly and his main chick will then travel to the East Coast, taking in major cities such as New York and Philadelphia. The tour will then wrap up in August with a final show at the Toyota Center in Houston.

Overall, this is not to be missed and is sure to be a hit for all Nelly and his main chick fans. So grab your tickets today and come see the talent perform live!
**FEATURES**

**MEChA celebrates Cinco de Mayo**

**MEChA braves weather to put on Cinco de Mayo festivities for BC**

By JULIANNA CRISELLI
News Editor

Three-year-old James Escalante boozes on his father's knee to the rhythm of Mariachi music during Bakersfield College's Cinco de Mayo celebration.

BC's MEChA club organized the celebration to teach students that Cinco de Mayo is more than just a day to party. It was built by the history and patriotism of Mexico. It celebrates the victory of the Battle of Puebla when General Ignacio Zaragoza led 5,000 Mexican and Zapato Indians to victory against the French on May 5, 1862.

"People get the idea that it is just time to drink, but there is history behind it," said 2-year MEChA member Gustavo Arellano. "That is what we are trying to tell people." The celebration began with student speakers who recited poetry about Mexic mythology and Aztec warriors.

"Our goal is just to demonstrate the strong Chicano presence at BC," said Jason Berry, MEChA's president.

Co-advisor Jo Ann Acosta was pleased with Bakersfield College's Cinco de Mayo festivities, but she believed it hadn't been for the bad weather, there would have been a lot more students at the event.

"Considering the weather, it is going really well," Acosta said.

Through the rain and wind, the celebration continued with two Mariachi bands, one of which is from the Mariachi class taught by Nick Olmos. The Arvin High School dance club concluded the day with several performances.

"I really liked the celebration. It is a good experience," said BC freshman Patty Torres. "Every one shows their pride."

The Arvin High School Dance Club performs to "Mas que un amigo" during Cinco de Mayo. The dancers had to move inside because of rain.

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