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By MARYANN KOPP

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The Basics of a Magic Show

By ASHLEY FLORES

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**April 15th deadline for filing taxes, a necessary annoyance**

Everyone is required to file their taxes, but some find it more convenient to file them from home.

By DONNY VAN SLOoten

If you're looking for ways to save money, consider filing your taxes from home. It can be done online using software or a professional. In fact, if you're low-income, you can get help from the IRS. Even if you're not low-income, there are still ways to get help. Don't wait until the last minute to file your taxes.

**Cinderella Waltzed in**

"Cinderella Waltzed in" directed by Randy McMillan, was performed by the Bakersfield College Drama Department Feb. 27-29 and March 5-7, in the Recital Hall of the Bakersfield College. The show featured the talents of the entire cast and crew.

**Student consumers beware**

By EARL JORDONS

Consumer products, along with local and national government agencies, have declared the month of May to be Consumer Awareness Month. With the increase of consumer fraud, it is important for students to be aware of their rights and responsibilities as consumers.

**FEATURES**

**Acrobats fly Shanghai at Rabobank**

The Golden State Dragon Acrobats from the USA performed a spectacular show of skills and acrobatics at the Rabobank in Bakersfield. The performance was well-attended by the local community, who enjoyed the thrilling display of athleticism and artistry.

**Golden State Dragon Acrobats perform in Shanghai at Rabobank**

By JEFF FISHER

The Golden State Dragon Acrobats, a group of highly trained and skilled performers from the USA, performed a dynamic show of skills and acrobatics at the Rabobank in Bakersfield. The show was well-received by the local community, with many expressing their excitement and admiration for the acrobats.

**A Chinese acrobat balances multiple wine glasses filled with water on her hands, feet, and mouth at Rabobank Arena on Feb. 27**

The Chinese acrobat performed a remarkable feat of balance and skill, captivating the audience with her coordination and precision.

**St. Patrick's Day: an occasion to eat cabbage and pinch people**

By MARGARET CALL

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in Ireland every year to honor the patron saint of Ireland. It is a day of cultural celebration, where people enjoy parades, dances, and traditional Irish food.

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**Above: Harnessing about 20 feet from the ground, a female acrobat balances several wine glasses filled with water on her hands, feet, and mouth at Rabobank Arena on Feb. 27.**

**Right: Golden State Dragon Acrobats perform in front of a packed house at Rabobank.**

**Below: Two performers dressed as dragon balloons.**

*Note: The text content is a mix of various articles and announcements, including news, entertainment, and educational pieces. The layout suggests it is from a local newspaper or community newsletter.*
The number of students who are bothered by the audio levels in the computer labs is fairly high. According to the psychologists, some students may have a harder time focusing in a noisy environment. However, BC is not the only college that has encountered this issue. At California State University at Bakersfield, a study was conducted to assess the effects of noise on student performance. The study found that noise can significantly affect student performance, and BC is not immune to these effects. Therefore, BC is taking steps to address this issue. The study has also found that noise can affect student learning, and BC is working to ensure that all of its students have a conducive learning environment. Overall, BC is committed to providing its students with a high-quality educational experience, and it is taking all necessary steps to achieve this goal.
The Earth deserves more care

For years, there has been a need in America for increased awareness of our eco-system and the need to protect our environment. Unfortunately, unless the public understands the importance of nature and the environment, we may lose it forever. This is why the National Park Service needs to find a way to inform the public about the importance of nature and the environment.

John Coltrane paints a picture with his sax

One result of a recent exhibition held at “The Rip” is a form of music that does not fit into the category of mainstream jazz. This new genre, which has been called “Progressive”, is an electronic and experimental form of music that is currently gaining popularity in the United States. This new way of music-making is being called “Progressive Jazz”, and it is the goal of the National Park Service to make this type of music known to the public.

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La Colonia: watery beans

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By Jay Prigov}

Omnivores need to back off

By JOEL RAMANO

BC students too lazy to pick up after themselves

By KRIS BEALL

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BC's faculty support

Bakersfield College teachers and faculty members called on Feb. 27 in support of elementary school teachers in a contract dispute.

Jockeys host food bank

By CAROL PARSONS

\[ \text{Jockey} \]

MARCH 7, 2007

Citizens celebrate black history with parade

By THOMAS C. BARNES

Sabbath service, organized by the BC UAS, at Bakersfield College. Carlotta Garcia, president of the UAS, said the event was in support of the school's Black History Month observance.

Sidewalk history displayed at BC

Participants in the Black History Month observance and related activities at BC.

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President of the BC UAS, said that when she was president of the student body, her organization was called upon to help in the planning of the event.

Lack of on-campus activities for Black History Month felt

By THOMAS C. BARNES

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Downtown Bakersfield

By NICK STOCKTON

Black, white, and red is the palette of the Downtown Bakersfield Improvement Association's "City Trolley." For the past three years the free trolley has been whizzing through the downtown area, offering a new vision of Bakersfield to locals and tourists alike. The trolley ride is free and runs Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The trolley route begins at the corner of 7th and I Streets. From there, the trolley stops at the Bakersfield Museum of Art, the Bakersfield Californian building, the Kern County Museum, the Buck St. parking garage, the Downtown Tower, the University of California, Bakersfield, and finally returns to its starting point.

This year, the trolley route has been extended to include downtown Bakersfield. The trolley will stop at the intersection of 11th and I Streets, in front of the Bakersfield Californian building, and continue on to the Kern County Museum before returning to 7th and I Streets.

"The trolley is a great way to get around downtown Bakersfield," said Jane Scott, marketing director for the Downtown Bakersfield Improvement Association. "It's a fun way to see the city and learn about its history."

The trolley route is 3.5 miles long and takes about 30 minutes to complete. The trolley runs every 30 minutes, so there is always a trolley available for you to hop on and off.

For more information about the Downtown Bakersfield Improvement Association or to schedule a trolley ride, visit their website at downtownbakersfield.com or call (661) 322-1234.

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Hitting close to home: Meet the pitchers

By TAYLOR M. GOMEZ
spartanlaker.com/sports/spt6778.html

Junior Nathan Albert is a sophomore athlete for the Bakersfield College baseball team. He was drafted in June by the New York Mets in the 14th round. Albert has a past with baseball in New York City, claiming he played on the baseball field.

Albert and his teammates are working hard to prepare for the upcoming season.

In the draft, Albert was a surprise to some, as there were no reports of any Mets interest in him. However, Albert was pleased with the opportunity to play professional baseball.

Albert's father, Scott, said he was proud of his son for being drafted and hopes he will continue to play at a high level.

Albert is looking forward to the upcoming season and is excited to see what the future holds for him.
Rounding the bend at the BC Relays

Bakersfield College's Seth Freeman battles against rough conditions in the 800-meter race where he finished in 1 minute, 58 seconds at the BC Relays on March 17. For more photos and story, see page 12.

Hit-and-run accident dents squad car

■ Woman cited by police for failure to stop after hit-and-run accident. Suspect was released due to injuries to persons.

By KYLIE BALL
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A 29-year-old man was arrested on the Bakersfield College campus March 5 after a hit-and-run accident left a female colleague with a broken foot.

On March 6, Bakersfield College, located on North Street and San Fernando Road, was locked down due to a hit-and-run accident that occurred on March 5.

According to a report released by the college, the victim was hit by a vehicle while crossing the street at an unmarked crosswalk.

The incident occurred around 2:30 p.m. when the victim, who was walking to class, was struck by a vehicle.

The victim, a 22-year-old female, was taken to the hospital for treatment of a broken foot.

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Damage to the driver's door of public safety officer Sean Matthews' squad car was sustained by a vehicle that hit him.

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Firefighters practice low-visibility situations

By KATHERINE W. WHITE

Cut out from the sky?

To the crew still driving aging trucks between 1 and 2 a.m., driving down dark roads, it often seemed like a movie scene.

But then they had to remember that they were not in a movie.

According to Capt. John Green, firemen practice low-visibility situations to help them be ready for the next emergency situation.

"While there are many ways to simulate low-visibility situations, the procedure that we followed during the drill was designed to mimic what we may encounter on the road," said Green.

"We had trucks with smoke generators to create a smoke-filled area, and we had other vehicles providing a sense of low visibility," he added.

Green said that it is important for firemen to be prepared for any situation, even the most unexpected.

"This type of training helps us to be ready for anything," he said.

The drill was part of the department's ongoing efforts to improve the safety and effectiveness of its firefighters.

"We are constantly looking for ways to improve our training and to ensure that our firefighters are always ready to respond to emergencies," said Green.

According to Green, the drill was a success and everyone worked together to ensure that the training was effective.

"The firefighters were very engaged and were able to work together to achieve the goals of the training," he said.

The drill involved realistic scenarios, which allowed the firefighters to practice their skills and prepare for real-life situations.

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**OPINIONS**

**PMS applies to not only women, but men**

By DONNY VAN SLUFTEN

March 10, 1989

I feel that men cheat.

There's no doubt in my mind that men cheat.

Cheating can be a bad thing, as we all know. Women are not the only ones who cheat. Men can cheat as well. Men cheat because they feel insecure, and they want to make their partners feel appreciated.

Cheating causes a lot of pain and suffering. Men cheat because they feel insecure, and they want to make their partners feel appreciated.

The American Heart Association estimates that 1 in 6 men over the age of 30 have had a heart attack. Men cheat because they feel insecure, and they want to make their partners feel appreciated.

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A Bit of Germany just a bit good

By CRYSTAL ROBERTS

Crystal Roberts is a student at Northern Illinois University.

Korn strips their sound down to its cob

By MARGARITA COEL

Margarita Coel is a student at Northern Illinois University.

BC Brains

John William University - School of Law

What is a Speakeasy?

By STEVEN MARTIN

Steve Martin is a student at Northern Illinois University.

REVIEW

'300' takes you back to the days of gore

By STEVEN MARTIN

Steve Martin is a student at Northern Illinois University.

REVIEWS

Balls To The Wall: Paintball

By NICK STOCKTON

Nick Stockton is a student at Northern Illinois University.

FEATURES

Title selected for city-wide reading event holds up to lofty expectations and praise

By NICK STOCKTON

Nick Stockton is a student at Northern Illinois University.
Spring fling’s charity fever

By NICK STOCKTON

Tuesdays, March 20 and 27, the Student Government Association’s Activities Board, headed by Student Government President Michael Miller, will be bringing back an event that has been creating both social and community enthusiasm for St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital in Bakersfield. The event is called “First Fridays” and is inspired by the First Fridays movement that started in downtown Bakersfield to coincide with First Fridays the downtown art events.

“First Fridays is a non-profit movement that started in downtown Bakersfield and is a way to bridge the social mixes of downtown Bakersfield,” explains Daniel Meyer, a Soil Conservationist at CSUB. “It was the first Friday events of downtown that inspired us.”

While Meyer says the event has counterparts in Bakersfield, Meyer, who has attended the event several times, notes that the event has not been as strong in Bakersfield as it has been in other cities.

“I think the event hasn’t gained the same momentum in Bakersfield as it has in other cities,” Meyer says. “It’s not as well known here as it is in other places.”

The event began in March of 2007 with the Bakersfield Police Department and is now organized by the Student Government Association (SGA). The event is open to the public and will feature music, food, and a variety of activities for all ages.

The Student Government Association is hosting the event as a way to raise awareness for the importance of giving back to the community.

“First Fridays is a way for us to give back to the community and to raise awareness for the importance of giving back,” Meyer says. “It’s a way for us to show our support for the community and for those less fortunate.”

The event will feature music, food, and a variety of activities for all ages. There will be live music, food trucks, and a variety of vendors.

For more information, please contact Student Government President Michael Miller at (661) 650-7160.
Northwest explosives with convenient stores

By MARCHAND COLE

The northwest area of Bakersfield is rich with convenient stores, with everything from 7-Eleven to gas stations being within walking distance of most homes. The area is also home to a variety of parks and recreational areas, making it a great place to live.

Northeast Park

Northeast Park is a great place to walk or bike, with several trails running through the area. The park also has a large playground and a dog park, making it a great place for families to spend time together.

Southwest Plaza

Southwest Plaza is a large shopping center with a variety of stores, including clothing, electronics, and groceries. The plaza is located near the intersection of A and 6th streets.

Central Park

Central Park is a beautiful park located in the heart of downtown Bakersfield. It features a large lake, a bike path, and a rose garden, making it a great place to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

Westside Market

Westside Market is a popular neighborhood market that offers fresh produce, meats, and cheeses. The market is located at the corner of 10th and H streets.

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FEATURES

marko is perfect in five

By CHRIS GAMA

Parkfield, CA – Apr 1, 2007 - The annual Marko tournament, held in memory of the late Marko Martin, was held at the local park in Parkfield, CA. The tournament featured five teams, each consisting of five members.

The tournament began early in the morning with a warm-up session, followed by the main event. The teams were divided into two groups, with each group consisting of two teams. The teams played against each other, with the winner of each game moving on to the next round.

After a few rounds of heated competition, the final game was played between the two remaining teams. In a close match, Team A emerged as the winner, taking home the Marko trophy.

The tournament was a huge success, with hundreds of spectators watching the matches. The event was held in memory of Marko Martin, a local legend who passed away last year.

SPORTS

Johns receives honor

Bakersfield College baseball player Johnathan Knight was named to the All-Conference team for the 2007 season. Knight had a standout season, leading the team in batting average and home runs.

Knight was one of the key players for the Bakersfield College baseball team, helping lead the team to a successful season. He was named to the All-Conference team for the second year in a row.

Eight Renegade players move on to the next level of play

By BRIAN LEE

The Bakersfield College baseball team recently had eight players selected to move on to the next level of play. The players were selected based on their performance during the season.

The players included three outfielders, two pitchers, and three infielders. The players will now focus on improving their skills at the next level and preparing for the upcoming season.

The Bakersfield College baseball team had a successful season, finishing in the top ten in the conference. The team is looking forward to the upcoming season and continuing their success.
**BC hosts athletes in track event**

By Chris Garza

The Bakersfield College men’s 400 relay team overcame a slightly slower handoff from the third leg to anchor the team in third place in the BC relays and second place in the meet.

Third leg center CJ Jones’ handoff of the 100-meter leg to anchor Calvin Lewis was a little messy, but Jones was consistent in his run. The handoff was at 10.2 sections.

Stipes holds the point in the lead of the race as he heads for the finish line, but Jones was a little slow in the handoff.

**“I was chasing her the whole time, that was the only goal I saw. I came out of the block slow”**

— Annakia Jackson, BC women’s team member

Jackson also finished first in the 200 meter flat with a time of 25.79 seconds and placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.93 seconds. According to men’s coach Frank Frickel, Stipes was the star of the meet, winning the long jump.

Jewel Lee also placed first in the long jump with a distance of 20 feet and 5 inches at 18.77 meters. Bowers also placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.75 seconds. Both women bettered their marks from last week.

**Melissa Noochester sets a stadium record of 10 feet, 7 inches in the pole vaulting event at the Bakersfield College Relays Feb. 17. Above: Hands fly away at the starting line in the men’s 100-meter race.**

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**Bakkenfield College’s Annakia Jackson finishes second at the women’s 100-meter hurdles Feb. 17.**

**High competitor a work in progress**

By Taylor Gomgos

Jacqueline Lebeck is a sopho- more tennis player for the wom- en’s tennis team. Lebeck, who is B.C. as a ranking major, was born in Corpus Christi in 1987. Lebeck attended High School High School where she played on the ten- nis team for one season. This season marks her first and only year of play­ ing tennis in college. “I just want to work, I also do it for fun, I just play more free time for the fun,” Lebeck said.

Coach Greg Lundquist says that Lebeck’s game is a work in progress. “She hasn’t been playing long, she’s in a tremendously competitive court and a real fine athlete. She quickly, re- ally, really the big hills of her in the season,” Lebeck added. “I just wanted to have fun just, do good and play tennis. I love playing tennis in a fairsport, my goals are just to have fun in the game, every match,” Lebeck said.

Lebeck’s match in the season’s opener was her first singles match against College Of Sequoia in a match. “It was a really close match because we both have

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**“I want just to win, it do work for the team.”**

— Jacqueline Lebeck, Women’s tennis player

Lebeck added. “One thing she do is well, but I wish the – the moves the hill around makes the opponent move and stays in the game.” Gradually she’s going to learn more about tactics and more about guts as we can more top­ overs on the ball and hit a harder.

Lundquist mentioned that Lebeck has an advantage. Left-handed players have an advantage over right­ handed because right­ handed aren’t that steady with the spin. When asked what player would compare Lebeck to he replied, “I would compare her to a professional player like Maria Gas­ sa, who’s a big hitter who has played in the US Open. Sampras. That’s what he does. She plays smart.”

Lebeck admitted that she doesn’t watch very much tennis, but said Andy Roddick as her favorite player. Lebeck’s favorite moment was a match at Rockefeller University. “I was feeling good, I was feeling well, I was feeling well,” she replied. It was a really close match because we both have

Breaking a total mark record with her jump of 10 feet 7 inches was Melissa Noochester of Bakersfield College. She attempted to jump 11 feet but she top the bar off three times. The pole vault was an inch lower than her new record. Bakersfield College will host the Western States Conference Champions­ ships at the end of April.

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