Softball season is over for BC

By TAYLOR M. GOMOS

The Renegade softball team lost its last game of the season April 17 in a 10-0 loss to LA Pierce. The team has a season record of 19-8-1.

Three open games were held at Bakersfield College in connection with the Western State Conference tournament April 14. Armenia State, L.A. Pierce and Glendale College were defeated by the BC team.

Men's golf team prepares for regional finals

By JOEL E. PARANO

The Bakersfield College golf team ended its season April 17 in Porterville, Calif. The team finished with a score of 599. They placed fourth in the regional competition.

Potential presidents want to take control of BC

By ANDREW L. WEBER

The candidates' three open sessions with on April 21 and 22, the new BC president will be picked today.

BC students can vote for next year's SGA officers April 23.

In certain areas of the campus, students will be able to vote for SGA officers beginning April 21 and 22.

Sign language professor goes to Romania

By AMBER TROUPE

The Children's Ever Deborah, who is deaf, is striving to one day compete in the NCAA.

Incident causes first Cerro Coso lockdown

By KATHERINE J. WHITNEY

Cerro Coso College recently entered in its college-wide lockdown mode after a shooting occurred in Porterville.

BC blooms for the season

The Bakersfield College Horticulture Department held its third annual Garden Festival on April 19. Davey Davis, Williams, left, and Scott of Truax's winemaker and grower in the Southern California region open the season.

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The Renegade Rip (special edition)

Mike Graffiti/Washington Times.

By WAYNE STARK

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Women’s Conference seeks to promote success

By AMBER TROUPE

The women’s conference, sponsored by the Kern County Genealogical Society, was held March 15-16 and was attended by women of all ages who are interested in genealogy. The conference provides an opportunity for women to network and learn about genealogy.

Local library helps people find their genealogy and ancestry

By OLIVER RAMIREZ

The library is a great resource for people who are interested in genealogy. The library has a variety of resources that can be used to help people find their ancestors.

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Students honored for success in formal dinner

By GABINO VEGA ROSARIO
staff writer/therip.com

One of 178 winners at a Bakersfield College Convocation dinner May 14 was chosen from the nearly 200 students, staff, faculty, advisory board members and parents attending the formal dinner.

While BC was able to celebrate students this year, the need continues to grow, according to BC President Melba Whitley.

"This is our second year of putting on this event," she said. "We are trying to do it annually. It's a wonderful event. I believe we have been able to recognize nearly 400 students, staff and faculty in two years. We have expanded the number of students, and we hope to continue to do that."

BC, which has a total enrollment of 16,000 students, received a total of 43,982 applications for the 2004-05 school year, an increase of 6.75 over last year, according to Whitley.

"Our number of applicants and the fact that we were able to increase our student enrollment by six percent shows that the studies program at Columbia is open to the public, and that it is being responded to," she said. "We have a large pool of qualified applicants, and we are able to attract more students to the program."

The dinner program included student speeches, speeches by student athletes, and recognition of college and community organizations.

"The goal of our students is to be successful in their studies and careers," said BC President Melba Whitley.

"As we continue to support our students, we will continue to be successful," she said. "We need to support our students, and we need to support our community."
OPINION

Faith does not outweigh medical need

By ELIZABETH MEKES

I am a great-great-grandson of children who suffered from the Spanish influenza, which killed my great-great-grandfather. It is a great shame that our children are suffering today due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last March, immediately after the news of the first cases of COVID-19 was announced, I saw my great-grandfather and great-grandmother. Both had recently died from the disease. I was, of course, worried about the health of my young family, who I had just met three months earlier.

The result is that the faithfulness of the human family is the only thing we can rely on. But this is not enough. We must take away the disease, which is killing our loved ones.

I believe it is the responsibility of all of us to help our brothers and sisters in the world.

Smokers treated unfairly

By KELSEY ARMSTRONG

One of the arguments used against smoking is that it causes serious lung damage. However, I believe that smokers are not treated fairly. They are often portrayed as bad people, while non-smokers are seen as good people.

I think that society should recognize the harmful effects of smoking and reduce the number of smokers. But we cannot ignore the fact that smokers are also the victims of this disease.

We need to find an alternative to cigarettes, such as e-cigarettes or nicotine replacement therapy.

Taking Bible literally causes dogmatic contradictions

By KYE BRAIN

The Bible is a great tool for understanding the world. It provides guidance on how to live a moral and ethical life. However, there are contradictions in the Bible that make it difficult to interpret.

For example, in the Bible, we are told to love our neighbors as ourselves. But at the same time, we are told to kill our enemies. These contradictions make it difficult for people to understand the Bible.

I think that a better way to understand the Bible is to study the context in which the stories were told. By doing so, we can gain a deeper understanding of the Bible's teachings.

This is why it is important to study the Bible critically and to understand its context.

CAMPUS

Join AmeriCorps to help fight poverty

By WENDY M. YOUNG

AmeriCorps is a great opportunity to make a difference in the world. I encourage everyone to consider joining AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps is a program that helps people gain valuable experience and make a positive impact on their communities. By joining AmeriCorps, you can help fight poverty and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

If you are interested in making a difference, I encourage you to consider joining AmeriCorps.

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Local band The Natural Movement moves up

By CRYSTAL ROBERTS

The Natural Movement is a local band going great guns, thanks to their impressive showmanship and original music, the group has been receiving a lot of attention lately. Lead singer Noel Michael Barnes and guitarist Jackson Canfield have beenout front of the local music scene, and their success is not likely to slow down any time soon.

The band, which includes bassist Mike Shea, drummer Yuri Ruley, and guitarist Rob Wells, have been playing on the local circuit for over two years. They have been gaining in popularity steadily, and their latest album, "A New Day," was released earlier this year.

The band's sound is a mix of rock, blues, and folk, and they have been described as having a "new wave" sound. They have been praised for their catchy hooks, tight musicianship, and engaging stage presence.

The Natural Movement has been booked to perform at several local venues, including the famous downtown club "Dome," where they will be headlining this Saturday night. The band is excited to be playing in front of a large audience and hopes to continue their upward trajectory in the music industry.

The band's success is due in large part to their hard work and dedication to their craft. They have been practicing for hours each day and are constantly writing new songs. They are also very active in the local music scene, appearing at open mic nights and other events to build their fan base.

The band's got their sights set on expanding their reach beyond the local area, and they are already making plans to tour the western United States next summer. They are looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead and are determined to continue their success in the music industry.
**FEATURES**

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By EARL PARSONS

Several weeks ago, a member of the Bakersfield Paranormal Society (BPS) claimed to have seen a ghost at the Bakersfield house where she was doing research.

The claim led to an investigation by the BPS, which resulted in the discovery of an orb-shaped object floating in the air.

The investigation also revealed that the object was able to move and change shape, and that it was not a natural phenomenon.

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